

[FAQs](#)

Please see below some of the questions that we have anticipated you may have about our reopening. We have already had one or two questions from parents which we have endeavoured to answer. We thought it would be useful to share these with you.

[Which year groups are returning to school?](#)

- Year 6 children will return on Monday 8th June
- Reception children will return on Monday June 15th
- Year 1 children will return on Wednesday June 17th

We will be opening school [Monday- Thursday only](#) .The school will have a further deep clean every Friday.

[Why aren't all the children coming back?](#)

The DfE have based this on the need to reduce the rate of transmission of the virus. This has taken account of the need to reduce numbers returning as a gradual process and smaller groupings in classes can be maintained.

[If one of my children is eligible to return can't their sibling come back too?](#)

Sadly, the answer to this is 'no'. Siblings cannot attend unless they are in another of the selected year groups or you are a key worker. This would raise the number of pupils attending the school too quickly.

[Does my child have to attend?](#)

No one with symptoms should attend for any reason. All children in the selected groups are encouraged to attend unless self-isolating or shielding.

Parents will not be fined for non-attendance at this time and schools will not be held to account for attendance levels.

I am worried that my child is vulnerable or that a family member is. Should I send them back to school?

Children and young people who are considered **extremely clinically vulnerable and shielding** should continue to shield and should not be expected to attend.

Clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable) people are those considered to be at a higher risk of severe illness from coronavirus. A minority of children will fall into this category, and parents should follow medical advice if their child is in this category.

Children and young people who live in a household with someone who is **extremely clinically vulnerable and shielding** should only attend if stringent social distancing can be adhered to and the child or young person is able to understand and follow those instructions. As we will not be able to socially distance children within their class group, it would be advisable for these children to remain at home.

Children and young people who live with someone who is clinically vulnerable (but not extremely clinically vulnerable) as defined in the **social distancing guidance** and including those who are pregnant, can attend. *DFE May 2020*

How big will the classes be?

Classes will have a maximum of 10 children in them when we return.

Will you guarantee that social distancing takes place e.g. keeping children 2m apart?

We will of course do our best to support distancing, especially with any adults in the school. We will be ensuring that each class 'bubble' does

not come into contact with other class bubbles. Children will only be able to socialise with children in their class, even at playtime.

Why can't my children (siblings) play with each other at break time?

To enable us to maintain distance from others for each class bubble, it is important that children only play with children in their bubble. This helps us to limit the number of people each bubble comes into contact with, which will aid in preventing transmission.

What hygiene measures will be in place to prevent transmission?

We will:

- use the [COVID-19: cleaning of non-healthcare settings guidance](#) to inform our school specific risk assessments.
- ensure that sufficient handwashing facilities are available. All classrooms have sinks. Hand sanitiser will be available in areas without access to soap and water.
- clean surfaces that children and young people are touching, such as toys, desks, chairs, doors, sinks, toilets, light switches, more regularly than normal
- ensure that lidded bins for tissues are emptied throughout the day
- where possible, ensure spaces are well ventilated.
- prop doors open, where safe to do so (bearing in mind fire safety and safeguarding), to limit use of door handles and aid ventilation

We will ensure that all adults and children:

- frequently wash their hands with soap and water for 20 seconds and dry thoroughly.
- clean their hands on arrival at the setting, before and after eating, and after sneezing or coughing
- are encouraged not to touch their mouth, eyes and nose
- use a tissue or elbow to cough or sneeze and use bins for tissue waste ('catch it, bin it, kill it')

- ensure that help is available for children and young people who have trouble cleaning their hands independently

We will consider how to encourage young children to learn and practise these habits through games, songs and repetition.

How will lunch time work?

Children will be provided with a packed lunch. Your child may bring in their own lunch if they wish. Children will have lunch in their classes and will have a designated play area for their class.

What measures will school be employing to help prevent transmission?

In addition to what has already been mentioned

We will:

- give children a designated classroom and group, for lessons and play, to minimise the opportunity for mixing.
- regularly clean the setting.
- not allow children to bring in their own resources such as pencil cases.
- use PPE such as gloves, aprons, masks, hand sanitiser and anti-bac wipes as identified in our Risk assessments, when it is necessary to do so and mainly for first aid.
- confine resources to rooms to minimise sharing and clean resources before transference.
- organise lunchtimes and playtimes differently, keeping children in their bubbles.
- be vigilant in identifying children with symptoms, isolate them and ask parents to collect them
- removal and/or restricting access to unnecessary items in classrooms.
- removal and/or restricting access to some soft furnishings, soft toys and toys that are hard to clean.

- not share PE equipment. All classes will have their own equipment in a box. Where it is not possible to have class resources, equipment will be cleaned between each class use.

Will my child be expected to share resources, such as pens and pencils?

Where possible, children will be given their own equipment, which they must not share with anyone else. They must not bring any equipment in from home. Children will have access to their own chromebook or ipad.

I'm a keyworker and my child has been in the childcare provision throughout. My child is in YR, Y1 or Y6. What will happen to them?

Your child will join their year group and we would encourage them to attend school everyday.

Will everyone arrive at school at the same time causing an increase in risk?

The school will organise a staggered drop off and collection time for pupils.

Only one parent or carer should accompany the child to school to minimise risk. Y6 pupils may still come to school unattended as long as they can adhere to any rules regarding distancing. Parents will not be invited to enter the building but will drop off as described above.

Latecomers will need to use the buzzer and wait outside reception. Your child will then be collected and taken to their class by a staff member.

Will the school have assembly/acts of worship?

Classes will have an opportunity for reflection within their daily session, but there will be no mass gatherings or daily acts of worship as a school for the time being.

[My child is feeling anxious about coming back to school, how can I prepare him/her?](#)

You will need to prepare your child by talking about what school was like and what it will be like now. It will be different. We will help you to prepare for this by putting pictures on our website to show what you and your child can expect, when things are ready.

Sharing social stories can be really helpful for young children and help to express the situation in a clear factual way.

It will be important to encourage your child to talk about their experiences in 'lockdown' and that this period is now ending.

[Social Stories](#)

- [Social Story older children.pdf](#)
- [Social Story for younger children.pdf](#)

[Will children go straight back into normal lessons following the National Curriculum?](#)

No, not initially.

The initial focus, for as long as we feel necessary, will be on supporting personal, social, health and emotional aspects of learning to support children's wellbeing. They have all gone through an incredible period of change and may have experienced loss on a number of different levels. This shouldn't be ignored. However, we also know that children like routine; therefore, new routines will quickly be established and when children are ready, we will continue teaching lessons as normal.

We plan to make use of our outdoor learning environment as much as possible.

We will of course ensure that skills in English and Maths continue to be developed. We are currently working hard to ensure that children, who are remaining at home, get access to similar content on our website.

How will you support my child's emotional well-being?

There will be plenty of opportunities for children to discuss their feelings, play, rebuild friendships and have 'chill out' spaces and times when they may feel overwhelmed.

Will staff and children wear masks or PPE?

The Government guidelines state, 'The majority of staff in education settings will not require PPE beyond what they would normally need for their work, even if they are not always able to maintain a distance of 2 metres from others. PPE is only needed in a very small number of cases including:

- children, young people and students whose care routinely already involves the use of PPE due to their intimate care needs should continue to receive their care in the same way
- if a child, young person or other learner becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus while in their setting and needs direct personal care until they can return home.

Will my child need to wear a school uniform?

No. Children will not have to wear school uniform. This will support parents in ensuring children wear clean clothes to school every day.

What should my child bring to school each day?

Nothing other than a bottle of water and/or a lunch box if they are packed lunches. Water bottles can also be brought into school daily. It would help greatly if they were pre-filled. They must be taken home each day and washed.

Will the breakfast club and after school club be open?

No not until September

Will extra-curricular clubs run (football club, dance club etc)?

No

Will the school office be open?

Yes, but parents and children will not be allowed into the office.

Will you continue to provide online home learning activities for children who do not return to school?

We will continue to set home learning activities during term-time, so that all children have access to provision to support their learning. These activities will, in the main, be what the children in school are accessing. With school reopening to a greater number, parents will need to be mindful that teaching staff will not be as responsive to parent messages and portfolio uploads.

What will happen if a child in the class shows symptoms?

We will follow the Government guidelines set out below.

If anyone becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature in an education or childcare setting, they must be sent home and advised to follow the [COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection guidance](#).

If a child is awaiting collection, they should be moved, if possible, to a room where they can be isolated behind a closed door, depending on the age of the child and with appropriate adult supervision if required. Ideally, a window should be opened for ventilation. If it is not possible to isolate them, move them to an area which is at least 2 metres away from other people.

What happens if there is a confirmed case of coronavirus in school?

We will follow the Government guidance set out below.

When a child, young person or staff member develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus, they should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 7 days. Their fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days. All staff and students who are attending an education or childcare setting will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus, and are encouraged to get tested in this scenario.

Where the child, young person or staff member tests negative, they can return to their setting and the fellow household members can end their self-isolation.

Where the child, young person or staff member tests positive, the rest of their class or group within their childcare or education setting should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of that wider class or group do not need to self-isolate unless the child, young person or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.

As part of the national test and trace programme, if other cases are detected within the cohort or in the wider setting, Public Health England's local health protection teams will conduct a rapid investigation and will advise schools and other settings on the most appropriate action to take. In some cases a larger number of other children, young people may be asked to self-isolate at home as a precautionary measure – perhaps the whole class, site or year group. Where settings are observing guidance on infection prevention and control, which will reduce risk of transmission, closure of the whole setting will not generally be necessary.

Will the school take my child's temperature every day?

No, but we may use a non-invasive thermometer which points to the forehead if we suspect a child of having symptoms.

Will there be any trips once school opens?

No. There are no plans to take the children out of the school grounds until further notice.

How can I speak to the class teacher if we are not allowed into school?

You can phone or email the office who will then pass the message on.

Where can I find more information about returning to school?

The Government information is provided here

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>