



Welcome Back to School!

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A guide for children, parents and carers.

Please read this together.



What to expect

We will all be returning to school on Monday 8th 2021 and can't wait to see you!

We know it's going to feel very strange after so many weeks at home but your teachers understand that some people will be feeling excited whilst others will be feeling very anxious (or maybe a bit of both)! We are going to make a big effort to make sure everyone feels safe and will do lots of activities through our recovery curriculum to help you to settle back into school. We will have a big focus on wellbeing.

We will have the same arrangements in place that you were used to, so here is a reminder:

Home Learning

First of all, we are very, very proud of all the home learning that many of you have taken part in but don't worry if you didn't manage to do very much. We'll work out how to help you catch up.

When you arrive

You will see that we will continue to have our one-way system around the outside of the school building. Try to keep 2 metres apart from other people as you walk to your classrooms.

Parents, if you have children in Years 4, 5 and 6, who are confident to walk to their classrooms on their own, then please leave them at the gate so we have less people around the school. You can of course accompany them if you want to!

Also, please remember that all adults must wear a face mask on school site (unless medically exempt).

We will still have staggered start times and home times so that everyone doesn't arrive and leave at the same time:

Year Group	Start Time	Home Time
Years 5 and 6	9.10am	3.25pm
Years 3 and 4	9.00am	3.15pm
Years 1/2	8.50am	3.05pm
Year R	8.45am	3:00pm

As before, when you arrive in school your teacher will be ready to greet you at the classroom door.

Please be on time but do not arrive early, as it is essential that unaccompanied children are not waiting on the playground, as you could mix with children from other year groups.

However, if you have siblings with different start and finish times, the older child can come into school at the earlier time of the younger child, and at home time the younger sibling can wait in the classroom until the older sibling's home time.

All children MUST be accompanied if they do not arrive at their specified time to prevent children mixing with other year groups.

Parents, please remember to drop your children at their classroom doors and then move on swiftly to limit the number of people on the playground. Thank you!

Home time

If you are waiting to collect your child please ensure that you socially distance outside the classroom. If you are meeting a Year 6 child, please wait at the front of the school or at an agreed meeting place, to avoid congestion outside Year 6. Please ensure that your children stay close to you and are not running around, mixing with others or playing on school equipment. Please do not congregate at the school gate and always follow the one-way system.

Bubbles

We will still have our bubbles! This means that you will only mix with children who are in the same bubble as you.

Year 6	These children will be a bubble.
Year 5	These children will be a bubble.
Year 3 and Year 4	These are both very small year groups and will be separate bubbles for the majority of the day. They may cross paths briefly at playtime or lunch time and when entering or exiting the toilets.
Year 1/2	These children will be a bubble.
Reception	These children will be a bubble.

Moving around inside school

Children will still not be allowed to walk around the school on their own. This is to continue to make sure we keep the bubbles separate. The only time you will walk through the corridors will be to go to the Hall or Studio for lunch or for P.E. Your teacher will always be with you. We will have a barrier between Year 4 and Year 5 to keep the corridors on either side of the school separate.

Breaktime

Every year group will still have a different time to go outside at breaktime so you will have lots of space on the playground! Some of the adults in your year group will come out with you. This is because we need to keep you in your own bubble!

Lunchtime

Lunchtimes will continue to be 45 minutes instead of an hour. This is because we are going to have more sittings for lunch to keep the bubbles separate.

Toilets

Each bubble will use a separate set of toilets. Your teacher will remind you about which toilets to use.

Remember, even if you need to come inside at lunchtime to go to the toilet, you must use your own bubble's toilet. You will have to come into school through your classroom door because no-one is allowed to wander around the corridors, to make sure you don't mix with anyone in another bubble.

Handwashing

Your teacher will still be asking you to wash your hands regularly throughout the day. We will also have hand gel for you to use. When you come into the classroom in the morning you will need to use the hand gel that will be by the door. We will also still have hand gel dispensers out-side the Hall and Studio for you to use when your class go to have lunch.

Classroom Bins

If children sneeze or blow their noses, we will remind them to '*Catch it, Bin it, Kill it*'. There are labelled bins in classroom for this purpose.

Assemblies

We still can't have assemblies as we can't have bubbles mixing with each other.

P.E.

Children will have indoor and outdoor P.E. lessons but there will be no contact sports taking place.

Clubs

There will be no before or after school clubs in Term 4. (With the exception of Breakfast Club.) We will review the situation during Term 4 and hope to run clubs during summer 1, if possible.

Face masks

Face coverings will be worn by staff and adult visitors "in situations where social distancing between adults is not possible (for example, when moving around in corridors and communal areas)". But children in primary school "do not need to wear a face covering" - (Government directive).

Uniform

Children should come to school in school uniform (including footwear). There will be no need to wash this more frequently than usual. Children will need to bring their P.E. kit to school on a P.E. day and get changed at school.

Cleaning

Additional cleaning will still take place during the school day.

Attendance

Please remember that school attendance is now compulsory, as specified by the Government, and there are fines for non-attenders.

If you have concerns about your child returning to school please contact us to discuss this.

Test and Trace

We will of course be following the test and trace protocol and will inform you if there are any cases in school and the action you need to follow.

Your teacher will remind you of all of this and tell you exactly what to do when you are back in school, so don't worry.

The first day back is Monday 8th March 2021.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL!