

Frequently Asked Questions

When will the school be open again?

Since March we have been closed until further notice, for the majority of children. The groups of children we have been open for are those in vulnerable or key worker families.

On Monday 7th September, we will be open again for **all** children.

What has changed with regards to 'bubbles'?

Previously 'bubbles' were small groups of children who stayed together and did not mix with other bubbles, in order to limit the spread of the virus.

When we reopen, we will be operating bubbles but they will be far bigger, as large as year groups or key stages. These large groups will run on staggered days (see below) and stay as separate as practically possible during the day.

What will be different in classrooms?

We are aiming to reduce the spread of infection by limiting the amount of shared resources and resources which are more difficult to clean thoroughly, like soft furnishings. Therefore, for example, older children will have packs of books and resources which only they can use.

In most classes, desks will be facing forward. The very young children will not be expected to sit at individual desks but we will encourage social distancing sensitively.

What are coronavirus symptoms?

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss or change to your sense of smell

What do I do if my child is displaying symptoms of COVID-19?

You must not send them to school and you must isolate for 14 days.

What happens if someone from my child's bubble falls ill?

The child or adult will be sent home immediately.

The adult or child will be encouraged to get a test if they have any of the above symptoms, to confirm whether the illness is the virus or not.

If the test comes back negative, the adult and child can return to school.

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If it is another illness and there are no symptoms of COVID-19, then please send children back when they are well again. It is still school policy that with any cases of vomiting and/or diarrhoea, children are kept off school for at least 48 hours.

What happens if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 in school?

You will receive a letter (via email) to inform you.

What happens if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 in my child's bubble?

You will receive a letter (via email) to inform you.

In this case your child will be asked to self-isolate for 14 days.

In addition, the bubble will be asked to isolate as well.

If there is a confirmed case in my household, do we all have to isolate?

Yes.

Those with symptoms must stay at home for at least 10 days.

All other household members who stay well must stay at home for at least 14 days.

If symptoms appear in any of the other household members, this triggers a 10 day isolation.

What times should I bring my child to school and what time should I collect them?

We are not operating normal school hours. The school day is different depending on what year group your child is in:

Nursery: 08:30/9.00 - 11:30 / 12:00 - 15:00

Sycamore: 08:45 - 14:45

Rowan: 09:00 - 15:00

Year One: 08:45 - 14:45

Year Two: 09:00 - 15:00

Year Three: 09:15 - 15:15

Year Four: 09:15 - 15:15

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*Please note, our two Reception classes, Rowan and Sycamore, will run slightly different days, as above.

Please try to arrive at school as close to these times as possible. This helps greatly with social distancing.

Will the times above be slightly different in the transition weeks for EYFS?

Yes. Please follow the arrangements made as normal. After the transition period, you will settle into these times.

What happens if I have multiple children in different year groups?

We realise it will cause inconvenience to wait to drop off and collect your children at multiple different times.

Arrange with your child's class teachers to drop off and collect at the same time. You can do this via this [form](#). (Most families have done this already and you do not need to fill it out again.)

In most cases, run with your youngest child's day but we can accommodate what works best for you.

What about if I have children attending different schools and I want to arrange a different drop off and pick up time?

This is fine. Just let your child's class teacher which times suit you best and we can accommodate this, as long as it operates from 08:45 – 15:15.

Will the allowance for siblings mean that lots of learning is missed?

No. Teachers have agreed to run the same activities at the beginning and at the end of the day. For example, guided reading sessions might top and tail the days so that there is no wasted learning time.

Where should I drop my children off at school?

Breakfast and After School Club: Main Gate

Year One, Two, Three and Four: Main Gate

Reception: Far Gate

Nursery: Very Far Gate (Coachmaker Way)

Who can drop my child off at school?

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Only members of a single household should travel together to and from school, by any means, and only one adult from the household should bring the children to the school gate.

We appreciate that you may have organised a childminding service to drop children. This is fine.

Will children be expected to wear school uniform?

Yes. Children will need to come to school in full uniform. Details of the uniform can be found on our website.

What about supporting reading at home?

As much as possible, we are trying to limit the transference of physical resources between home and school, in order to limit the spread of the coronavirus.

However, we do see the great value in your important work with reading at home. Therefore, we have carefully set up systems in classes where returned reading books can be left in boxes for 72 hours before going back into general use.

This will look different depending on the class and some older readers may elect to have one book for school and one book for home. Class teachers will manage this separately but we will agree to send books home.

Of course, if you would not like books sent from school, please let your class teacher know.

What about other homework?

In the first instance, we will not be setting homework but if you would like ideas on how to support learning at home, please see the home learning section of our website.

As we get into routines, we will develop, as classes, homework which is primarily online. Details of this will follow during the autumn half-term.

Are PE sessions still running?

We will be running up to two PE sessions, during the week.

On these days, children should come to school in their PE kits and they will go home in their kits too.

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What kit will be needed for my child?

- White T-Shirt
- Plain shorts: black or navy
- Plain tracksuit bottoms, preferably black or navy
- Trainers* or plimsolls (to come to school in)
- A spare pair of trainers* suitable for physical activity in muddy weather

*There is no stipulation on the colour of the trainers

What about wellington boots?

In the first instance we will not be using the school field for outdoor activity, as the grass grows.

Eventually, we will use this and wellies will be needed to get muddy safely!

Is Reception's *Stay and Play* still operating?

These sessions are going ahead but they will be running slightly differently because of enhanced risk management measures. You should refer to the second letter sent to you which outlines different arrangements.

Is Breakfast and After School Club available?

Yes. This is available again after extensive work on risk management measures.

The entrance and exit is via the main gate, where a member of staff will be there to meet you.

If there is a local lockdown, what are the contingency plans for home learning?

We would like to offer a similar approach as last time, with *Challenge Planners* provided each week. However, we would seek to supplement this with more video conferencing.

Our offer, of course, depends entirely on the climate at the time and the staff we have available.

Extra-curricular activities?

At the moment, we are looking into running outdoor activities but it is not yet safe to run the usual clubs that we ordinarily offer.

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