



Guidance for Parents/Carers for Children in Year 6 potentially returning to school from 1st June

The Government has set five criteria that if met will mean they deem it safe for limited pupils to potentially begin returning to school from 1st June and have decided that schools should take in year 6 pupils in the first instance. We will be endeavouring to follow their guidelines to ensure that the pupils are as safe as possible and will be putting procedures into place to maximise this and these are spelt out in this guidance. It is up to parents to decide if they feel it is safe for their child to return to school under these circumstances. Whilst you are encouraged to take up the place offered there will be no fines for non-attendance and schools are not being held to account for low attendance. The government is clear in the guidance that we cannot be expected to maintain a social distance of 2m at all times with pupils but we will be working through a hierarchy of measures that include:

- **Avoiding contact with anyone with symptoms – any child displaying any symptoms at home must not be sent into school and any child with symptoms in school will be isolated and sent straight home**
- **Frequent hand cleaning and good respiratory hygiene practice**
- **Regular cleaning of settings**
- **Minimising contact and mixing**

It is hoped that the following guidance enables you to make up your mind as to whether you deem it safe to send them back. We will be surveying parents next week to elicit your response so we can plan further and to confirm you are happy with the measures that we are able to put in place.

Class Sizes

Pupils will be taught in classes no bigger than 15 pupils. To facilitate this the Year group will be split into two halves A and B. **So up to half of the year group will be in at any one time.** They will be taught in the same classroom throughout the week and will stay with the same group of pupils. Desks will be spaced out and they will have their own space which will remain the same throughout the week. Classrooms will be fully cleaned at the end of each day.

All bags and belongings will be kept in the classroom by their desk, we will not be using cloakroom areas.

Teaching Structure

Pupils will have contact with no more than 4 teachers in the classroom (including teaching assistants) and they will be instructed to wash and/or sanitise their hands at regular intervals.

We aim to focus on core subject in lessons in the mornings (Maths, English and Science) with a wider variety of subjects by the same teachers in the afternoon, although this may change depending on how we can facilitate the timetable. Pupils will have at least two PE sessions outdoors during the week, as long as the weather allows. On the days they have PE pupils will come to school in their PE kit and will not change in the changing rooms.

Learning will look different. Pupils will have teacher led lessons but will use only one book for all lessons which won't be marked. Feedback will be as a whole group guided by the teacher from the front of the classroom. There will be no homework set.

Pupils need to bring their own equipment/pencil case which they can store in the tray by their desk.

Break time

Break times will be staggered through the morning. We will assign groups an area in which they will have their break and they must abide by that.

Lunchtimes

Lunchtimes will be staggered with the same groups as break time. Pupils will eat lunch in their normal group and then be directed to their designated outside area.

Catering

School dinners will not be available. Packed lunches will available for children who are normally entitled to Free School Meals and so children will need to bring a packed lunch.

There will be no break time service from the canteen. Pupils will need to bring their own snack which they will store in their classroom.

Uniform

Pupils will not be expected to wear school uniform. Guidelines encourage people to change clothes as soon as they get in and place them straight in the wash so a change of clothes is necessary each day. Pupils will need to be dressed ready to participate in PE activities, there will be no access to changing rooms.

Entry and Exit

These will both be staggered to allow as low a number of people as possible to be entering and exiting school at the same time. Further information on timings for each group and which entrance Watt Close or Sanders Park is to be used. will be provided as soon as all planning is complete.

No parents will be allowed on site at any time and therefore will be unable to drop off items for their child at the school office . Any communication with school needs to via email or phone calls to the school office. There are no after school clubs this term.

Transport to and from School

Where possible pupils should walk or cycle to school. Parents are encouraged to use their own cars to transport pupils to school where it is not possible for them to walk or cycle. The safest place to park to drop off and pick up children is the car park at Sanders Park.

Movement around School

This will be kept to a minimum. Each corridor and stairwell will be one way to limit the amount of contact and pupils mixing. There will be markers on the floors every 2 metres to help remind children of social distancing.

Cleaning

As prior to closing, there will be continual cleaning of all touch points, i.e. handles, taps, toilets, doors etc. Each classroom used and all communal areas will be thoroughly cleaned each evening.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including face coverings and face masks

Wearing a face covering or face mask in schools or other education settings is **not recommended**. Face coverings may be beneficial for short periods indoors where there is a risk of close social contact with people you do not usually meet and where social distancing and other measures cannot be maintained, for example on public transport or in some shops. This does not apply to schools or other education settings.

Shielded and Clinically Vulnerable Children

For the vast majority of children and young people, coronavirus is a mild illness. Children and young people (0 to 18 years of age) who have been classed as clinically extremely vulnerable due to pre-existing medical conditions have been advised to shield. We do not expect these children to be attending school or college, and they should continue to be supported at home as much as possible. Clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable) people are those considered to be at a higher risk of severe illness from coronavirus. A small minority of children will fall into this category, and parents should follow medical advice if their child is in this category.

If a child, young person or a member of staff lives with someone who is clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable), including those who are pregnant, they can attend their education or childcare setting.

If a child, young person or staff member lives in a household with someone who is extremely clinically vulnerable, as set out in the COVID-19: guidance on shielding and protecting people defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable guidance, it is advised they only attend an education or childcare setting if stringent social distancing can be adhered to and, in the case of children, they are able to understand and follow those instructions. This may not be

possible for very young children and older children without the capacity to adhere to the instructions on social distancing. If stringent social distancing cannot be adhered to, we do not expect those individuals to attend. They should be supported to learn or work at home.

Government Guidance

There is a set of additional questions with answers such as *what happens if someone becomes unwell at an educational or childcare setting?* in the guidance on the link below entitled Coronavirus (COVID-19): implementing protective measures in education settings:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings>

The link to the government guidance for parents/carers is:

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

It is important to note that the plans for school opening may change as close as 48 hours before the 1st June dependent upon government guidance and infection rates.

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