

Parents' Questions

General and frequently asked questions by parents' during our consultation on wider school opening*



<i>Question</i>	<i>Response</i>
How will my child be comforted if upset?	Although staff will endeavour to follow social distancing guidelines where possible for the protection of the children and themselves, if a child is hurt or upset, we will treat them as we would always have done, although this may mean the adult wearing PPE. Children's mental health and well-being is as important to us as their physical health; we would never ignore an upset child.
Can I change my mind and remove my child from school if s/he is upset or distressed by the safety measures and changes in place? Will there be any penalties or fines if I do?	Yes. We totally understand that you don't want your children to be upset by school or for them to become scared of school, but please speak to us first. There will be no fines during this period.
Do children need their book bags?	No. Books will be provided for each child in school but they will remain here. Children will only need to bring with them their lunchboxes if required, a water bottle and their cardigan/jacket. Book bags, pencil cases etc. must not be brought into school.
Will all children from the same class be in the same bubble?	Not necessarily. This will be dependent on a number of factors. Some children will remain/be placed in the Key Worker bubble, if appropriate. Depending on numbers, classes may be split across two rooms, forming two separate bubbles.
Do children need to wear school uniform?	Yes, as we want to ensure that basic school structures and expectations remain as normal as possible. However, children can wear trainers/pumps instead of school shoes so that they can do physical activities without changing. As it is summer term, summer uniform is encouraged and as we plan to work outdoors a lot, sun hats and pre-applied sun cream will be required by all.
Does my child have to attend every day and for the full hours?	Unless your child is in the key worker bubble, which is more flexible, then the expectation is that your child attends daily and does the full timetabled day. If your child is not coming into school then normal procedures for reporting absence apply.
Will my child be following the usual curriculum?	No. Due to the low numbers, and various other factors, our usual curriculum coverage will not be possible. Children will however, do age-appropriate activities linked to the curriculum requirements for their year group and be closely matched where possible to the home learning.
Will children need to bring their own soap and towels?	No. Currently we have plenty of supplies in school. If this changes we will let you know.
What is happening with regards to transition arrangements for Y6?	Mrs Rees and Mrs Whyatt have made contact with local secondary schools with varying degrees of success, having had online meetings with some and not others. At this time we have no information for you regarding this but we will continue to make contact and will let you have information as soon as we get it.
Will Breakfast Club be available?	Unfortunately not at this time.
Are there any more plans for opening to the rest of the year groups?	Not as it currently stands. At the moment we know as much as you do but will keep you updated with any changes.

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Will social distancing measures be in place?	We will endeavour to adhere to social distancing guidelines as much as possible but cannot guarantee this within a bubble. Within their bubbles, children will be spaced out when appropriate and reminded regularly about safety, but realistically it is not possible, especially with our youngest children. Bubbles will not come into contact with each other.
Will I need to provide a packed lunch for my child?	This is quite complicated! If your child is in Reception or Y1 (or Y2 for key workers) then your child will be provided with a grab bag but these need to be ordered in the usual way using School Money. Children in KS2 entitled to income-based free school meals will also be provided with a grab bag, but again these need to be ordered by parents on School Money. Parents wishing to purchase a grab bag may do so in the usual way, or you may send a packed lunch. There will be no cooked meals available.
Will I still receive my child's free school meal voucher?	If they are attending school then no (they will receive a grab bag – see above). Children staying at home every day will continue to receive their vouchers. Children receiving <i>income-based</i> free school meals can order a grab bag for collection for days they are not in school (currently Reception and Y6 who will not be in on Wednesdays). They will bring these home on Tuesdays.
What happens if someone in my child's bubble becomes sick with suspected COVID-19?	Clear procedures are in place for dealing with this should a child or adult become ill in school time. In the event that we suspect that there may coronavirus within a bubble, all parents in that bubble will be notified and it will be at your discretion to send your child into school or keep them off until test results are back (assuming we have adequate staffing to remain open to the bubble). Staff WILL be tested if they show symptoms, and the parent of the ill child is expected to take the child for a test. In the event that a case is confirmed, all children and adults in the affected bubble will need to self-isolate for 14 days.

An information book for parents, providing full details relating to wider school opening, will be sent out next week.

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