

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **When will our school be open?**

If your child is in Year 6 children can return to school from the 8<sup>th</sup> June. Key worker children will continue as normal, these eligible have already been attending since March, will also continue to be able to come to school.

### **What if I have another child in a different year group, other than Year 6 can they come to school too?**

No, only the priority groups as listed above are able to return.

### **Has the list of eligible children changed?**

At present the critical worker/key worker list from the Government has not been updated and therefore there is no change. **If my child is in one of the year groups that is eligible to go to school but I have told you that I do not want them to come, am I able to change my mind at a later date?**

If you decide that you would like your child to start attending school, if you let us know by Wednesday then your child will be able to start back at school on the following Monday.

### **Will my child need to come in uniform?**

Yes, please. We understand that some children may have grown out of their school shoes so they may wear trainers if there is no other option.

### **Can my child wear PPE?**

The latest government guidance is that young children should not wear face mask under any circumstances.

### **What PPE can we expect staff to be using near/around my child?**

Gloves, face mask and aprons will only be worn for specific circumstances (such as intimate care/first aid). Handwashing and hygiene routines remain the most effective strategy for controlling the virus.

### **Will I need to provide any equipment?**

Each child will be given their own resource pack by the school, so no learning equipment will be required. You will need to provide your child with their own named water bottle, sun hat and please apply suntan cream before school.

### **Will the start and finish times of the school day be the same?**

No. We will operate a staggered start and finish - this is to reduce contact across groups and to control social distancing expectations. Most times slots will be 15 minutes long, therefore it is absolutely necessary that children are not late as we do not have the staff to take your child to their room.

### **How do I contact the office or get messages to the staff?**

The school office will be closed to all parents/carers and visitors. If you need to speak to a member of staff then please email or phone the office, a telephone appointment will be made for you if necessary, but

otherwise entry into the school will not be permitted.

**Can my child come to school with a runny nose or if they are feeling under the weather?**

We want to keep all children in our care safe and well, so we are asking that if your child feels even slightly under the weather they do not attend school until they are better. Please call the school office to inform them of your child's absence. If we believe that your child is unwell whilst they are at school, we will contact you to ask you to collect them.

**Will my child be taught by their original teacher?**

We will do our best to try and have a familiar face in the classroom but this cannot be guaranteed due to staffing levels.

**Will my child get to play and work with their friends?**

Only if they are in the same bubble.

**Will my child still have break times and play times?**

Yes of course. They will remain in their bubbles and will have designated times slots and areas for their bubble. Staff are working on the types of activities that we can provide for the children, whilst adhering to social distancing rules. We will be using a range of resources that are allocated to their bubble.

**How will you keep the areas clean?**

Working with the cleaners, there will be a greater level of cleaning, with regular deep cleaning across all the school. In every classroom, there will be antibacterial sprays and wipes, gloves, tissues and staff will clean desks and door handles throughout the day.

**How will you keep the desks clean?**

Children will have access to their own desk and chair - no other child will use them. These desks/spaces will be 2 metres apart. Staff will regularly spray/wipe the desks and chairs down.

**Will home learning still be offered to those year groups not attending school?**

Yes, this will continue but will be slightly different due to the teachers now being in school teaching different year groups. We also encourage the children to access the National Oak Academy and BBC online resources as much as possible.

**How will you support my child's return to school in September prepare them for transition to the next year?**

In July we will be communicating with pupils about who their new class teacher will be and which classroom they will be in.

**My child has been receiving Free School Meal vouchers, will this continue?**

Yes, as children will need to bring a packed lunch into school