

What time does my child need to arrive at school?

We have allocated the following time slots for arrival and pick up. Please stick to these as this helps us keep everyone safe

Surname	Arrival	Pick up
A-G	8.45-8.50	2.50-3.00
H-P	8.55-9.00	3.00-3.10
Q-Z	9.05-9.10	3.10-3.20

Which door does my child use to come into school?

Doors are allocated to each class, these are the same as in the Autumn Term.

Who can bring my child to school?

We ask that, where possible, **one adult** only comes to drop off/collect children and avoid bringing other children who are not attending Elliston with them we need to keep the number of people on our site to a minimum. Siblings must remain strictly under your care and must not touch or climb school property.

Can I bring my child into school?

We would like to encourage parents to send Y6 and Y5 children to school independently; this will reduce congestion. We would stress though that we support any decision you make around this if you feel it is not safe for your child to walk to and from school alone. Y3 and Y4 children can come into the school grounds independently from the gate – staff will be around in the playground until all gates are locked. All drop offs and pick up times have been reduced so you don't have to wait around.

Can I bring my child into school building itself?

Adults may come into the playground but are not allowed into the school building – please drop your child off promptly at the doors and immediately leave the site.

What if I have more than one child?

Follow the rules as much as possible and speak to a member of staff if you are not sure, we will always support you where we can.

Please note – there will be playground marking and signs are still in place

What if I am late?

Drop off and pick up times are specific to allow us to get all the children in and out in a safe timely manner. If a child arrives after the gates are locked, we may not be able to allow them in. Children should only enter their designated door – this is to minimise cross contamination of school areas.

Will I be in trouble if my child misses school?

The Government has made it very clear that there is a **legal requirement** for children to attend school as normal from March 8th.

What if I need to speak to my child's teacher?

If you wish to speak to a member of staff, please phone the office and one of the teachers from the class will ring you back as soon as possible. We are aware that being unable to speak to staff at drop off times is not easy for parents and we will endeavour to be as accommodating as we can. There may be times when you need to be patient with us, however any emergencies will be responded to ASAP.

Is the school office open?

The school office remains shut but you can come to the front door with a query. **Social distancing must be strictly adhered to however and visitors must stay on the allocated spaces while waiting.**

Can I talk to the teacher to check if my child has had a good day?

As in the morning, there cannot safely be conversations with parents at the end of the day other than a very quick word. Entries and exits need to be smart and disciplined. Teachers will ring when you get home if needed. Any first aid letters will still be passed directly to parents. All injuries that would require a red letter (typically a head/facial injury) would be discussed by phone call **before** the child goes home where possible.

Do children need to wear school uniform?

Yes – uniform should be worn as normal with BLACK shoes. No jewellery and no dyed hair.

Can my child bring a water bottle to school?

Yes – these must be washed every night

Will tuck be available?

We will provide free tuck for all children until the Easter holidays.

Will my child be able to go to the toilet as normal?

Of course! We will encourage the children to go to the toilet at set time slots to ensure 'bubbles' do not mix where possible, however children will be allowed to go to the toilet at any time if needed. Foundation Stage children have free access to the toilets. Staff will monitor for effective hand washing and toilets will be cleaned regularly throughout the day.

Where will my child eat lunch?

Children will eat in the classroom or in the hall as normal depending on the number of children having hot school lunches in a day. Children will have plenty of time to eat their lunch and will have a short time outside too.

How do I know my child's classroom will be safe and clean?

Children will always sanitise their hands on the way into the building, put their coats, bags and lunch boxes away then go to wash their hands thoroughly.

Every classroom has cleaning equipment that is safely locked away. Teachers regularly wipe down frequently touched surfaces. Each classroom has hand wash and sanitiser dispensers and extra pump bottles of sanitiser are available too. Toilets will be cleaned throughout the day.

COVID symptoms

Any child or adult showing recognised symptoms of COVID – a temperature, persistent cough or shortness of breath must go/be taken to an isolation room immediately. Parents will be expected to pick up straightaway and siblings will also be sent home.

Can my child bring anything to school?

Children may bring packed lunch, water bottles, PE kit and reading books

Toys or any other equipment or items must not be brought into school

PE kits should be brought into school on a Monday and left in school until Friday.

Scooters and bikes can be used if parents are happy with this, they must be left in the designated area at the front of school. Although the gates will be locked for the majority of the day, school cannot accept responsibility against theft or loss of scooters or bikes.

PPE

PPE will be worn by adults accompanying a child to the isolation room with any COVID symptoms.

Will breakfast club and after school clubs be available?

Breakfast club will be open to support parents with work and other commitments. We ask that you register for a place for your child before the 8th March to cover the rest of the term. Breakfast club will be 8.00am-8.40am. There will be no after school club until further notice.

We will review all arrangements that are put into place and extend provision as soon as we are safely able to do so.

Social distancing

It is your responsibility to ensure correct social distancing from staff and other parents. You should not gather in groups in the playground to talk. Be extra careful if you need to come to the school office. If necessary, wait outside until someone has come out.

Face covering

All parents and visitors **MUST** wear face coverings in the playground – these **MUST** cover nose and mouth correctly. We recognise that some of you may have medical evidence to be exempt from this but we do ask that if this applies to you, you take extra care not to engage in conversations with staff at the school doors.

Once again, a huge thank you to all our parents for the incredible support you have shown us over the past few months. We are so proud of the way children have engaged with learning during this lockdown. We are so looking forward to seeing you all soon.