

Frequently Asked Questions – Full school Reopening September 2020

The School Day

Are the timings of the school day changing?

- We will be operating a staggered start/finish to the school day. We hope that this will be manageable to all parents, including those with children in multiple year groups. Please see [page 6 of the parent handbook](#), and YouTube videos for the timings of the school day and correct gates. (Videos will be available from 7th September)

What time will my child need to arrive at school?

- Children will need to arrive at school within the drop off times for their year group - please see the page 6 of the parent handbook.
- Unfortunately parents will only be allowed to enter the school buildings in exceptional circumstances - it is really important therefore that your child arrives at school on time each day.

I have children in different year groups how will drop off work for our family?

- We are operating a staggered start, each year group has between 10 and 20 minutes for drop off and collection, please see page 6, this is sufficient time to be able to take your children to the correct drop off/collection points at the start and end of the day. If any family is worried about drop off and collection please contact Mr Parkhouse directly.

Are the children going to be in school full time from September?

- Government guidance states that schools should prepare to reopen full-time from the start of the Autumn Term. For Grove Road Children this means that all year groups (except Reception) will be expected to attend school full-time from Tuesday 8th September. Reception children will follow a short part-time transition timetable and will attend full-time from 28th September.

Where are the drop off points for each Year Group?

- We are fortunate to have a number of entrances to school and these will all be used at drop off, please see page 6 of the parent handbook and also YouTube videos from the 7th September to see the relevant entrance for your child. Staff will be present by these gates every morning and it is important that you use the correct gate for each year group.

What will the end of the school day look like?

- At the end of the school day, the teacher will bring the children to the relevant collection point. Unless your child is in Year 5 or Year 6 and has permission to walk home alone, children will not be allowed to leave site without a parent/carer.

Will we be allowed to take our children to their classroom?

- Unfortunately, parents/carers will not be allowed onto the school playground or into the school buildings unless deemed an exceptional circumstance by Mr Parkhouse. This means that you will not be able to take your child to their classroom; staff will help children into school.

What time will the school office be open?

- The school office team will be available as normal from 8:30am to 4pm however parents are not allowed to come into the school building, this includes the school office. If you need to speak to a member of the office staff, please either call or email admin@groveroad.n-yorks.sch.uk.
- Payments for meals etc. should be made through ParentMail, card payments can be taken over the phone or if you would rather use cash a barcode can be printed to enable you to make payment using paypoint.

Transition/ Curriculum

Will there be reading books sent home or available online?

- Pupils will be able to bring reading books home from school. When these are returned, they will be cleaned and safely stored for 72 hours before another child is able to borrow the book. Please see page 8 of the handbook.

Will I be able to see my child in their classroom?

- Unfortunately, parents are not able to access the school building unless deemed an exceptional circumstance by Mr Parkhouse.

Will we be able to have informal chats with the teacher?

- Conversations at the school entrance should be kept to a minimum. Teachers will continue to be contactable via SeeSaw and will happily arrange telephone conversations where there particular concerns.

What will transition for the reception children look like?

- Transition packs were sent to parents at the end of the summer term, please contact school if you have not received this information.

How will the children be supported in returning to the classroom and meeting their new teachers?

- Meet the teacher sessions were held prior to the end of the summer term. Teachers will send videos introducing themselves and showing the children where to go and morning routines as well as the layout of the classrooms. Staff will be available at drop off and collection to help where needed.

How will parents evening be held?

- It is unlikely that parents evening will be able to go ahead in our usual format. Therefore, our intention is to offer phone or video consultations. These will take place towards the end of the first half term.

What do the children need to bring with them on their first day?

- Please see the essential items list on page 8 of the parent handbook.
- Children DO NOT need to bring their own stationary/equipment

Will the children be taught the standard curriculum or is it going to be relaxed due to distancing measures?

- Our focus is to support all pupils' health and wellbeing and to help them transition back into school life successfully whilst continuing to offer a broad and balanced curriculum. For more information please see the curriculum section on page 11 of the parent handbook.

Is the year 6 residential still taking place?

- Current guidance advises against any overnight trips, we will be working with Robinwood to reschedule and will update parents as soon as possible.

Play time and lunch time Arrangements

What are the arrangements for lunchtime and playtimes?

Break times:

- Reception, Rec/Y1 and AP – in own outdoor provision
- Years 1 and 2 – KS1 playground 10:15am – 10:30am
- Years 3 and 4 – KS2 playground 10:35am – 10:50am
- Years 5 and 6 – KS 2 playground 10:55am – 11.10am

The children will eat lunches within bubbles in the hall space. All three halls will be utilised for this.

Lunchtimes:

- Reception, Y1 and Y2: Eating: 11.30-12.00pm / Play: 12.00pm-12.30pm
- Years 3 and 4: Eating: 12.05pm-12.35pm / Play 12.35pm – 1.05pm
- Years 5 and 6: Eating; 12.35pm-1.05pm / Play 1.05pm -1.35pm

Children will be supervised by the midday supervisors whilst eating in the halls, support staff will supervise play provision within bubbles outside on the playground.

There will be a rota for how the halls are used allowing appropriate time for additional cleaning.

Will hot meals be available?

- Yes, the full menu will be available from the 8th September. We will be sending information regarding pre ordering meals week commencing 31st August.
- Meals will be delivered to the children in their relevant hall instead of a queuing system.

Can my child bring a packed lunch from home?

- Yes, it would be helpful if packed lunches could be provided in a paper bag so all items can be disposed of/recycled at school. If this is not possible, then please ensure that you provide a named packed lunch box that can be thoroughly cleaned each day.

Before and After School Care

How will breakfast and afterschool club work with potentially children from different bubbles

- Breakfast and afterschool club will move from the house into the middle school hall. Each bubble will have a designated space and resources. There will be two members of staff available for each session, breakfast/grab bag food will be provided by the school caterers. Drop off and collection should be via the front of school. Please ring the bell and the children will be brought to you by a member of staff.

Will childcare be provided from 7:30am to 6:00pm

- Breakfast club will open at 7:30am until the start of school
- Afterschool club will run until 5:30pm. Please note this is a change to previous years and will be reviewed at the start of the spring term.
- It is essential that all sessions for both breakfast and afterschool club are booked in advance. Booking can be made through ParentMail and will open on 1st September. All sessions must be booked 72 hours in advance.

Will breakfast club run on the first day back?

- Yes, please see above, booking must be made in advance

Will there be clubs other than Sammy's Den running in the autumn term?

- Unfortunately, we will not be running any other extracurricular clubs initially in the autumn term. This will be reviewed at the end October.

PE Lessons

Will there be PE lessons?

- Yes, PE lessons will continue to ensure pupils get the exercise they need; however, activities within these lessons will be strictly non-contact and pupils will remain in small, consistent groups with other pupils from their bubble throughout the term. PE lessons will take place outside whenever possible.

Will children change for PE?

- No, initially children will only be required to change their footwear. This will be kept under review by Mr Parkhouse. Please provide suitable footwear in a named bag. Where possible, this should be kept in school.

Confirmed cases of Covid-19

What will happen if there is a confirmed case of Covid-19 in the school

- Please see detailed information in the parent handbook on page 8

If there is a case in the school community will the whole school be notified or only the relevant bubble

- Please refer to the detailed information and procedures that we will follow outlined in the parent handbook on page 8.
- School will follow all relevant guidelines and will implement any updated guidance.

Bubbles/Social Distancing/Hygiene measures

Do the children have to social distance, will they be told off if they are not social distancing?

- To reduce the risk of transmitting the coronavirus in our school, social distancing measures will be implemented. We expect pupils to follow these rules; however, we understand that some pupils may be unable to fully understand social distancing principles, e.g. because of their age or needs/disabilities. Staff will work with all pupils to ensure their safety and positively reinforce good social distancing behaviour.
- Please see detailed information on page 4 onwards of the parent handbook we will add our social distancing policy to the school website once agreed by the governing body.

What will happen if a child hurts themselves will they be comforted?

- School will be operating as normal as far as possible, guidelines and procedures will be adhered to whilst appropriately supporting children's social and emotional wellbeing.

How will first aid be administered?

- First aid will be administered by trained members of staff using appropriate PPE equipment.

What will the arrangements for bubbles be in school?

- Children will be predominantly grouped into class bubbles, however there are some exceptions, e.g. phase bubbles for outdoor play. Please see the full details on page 4 onwards of the parent handbook.

How will it work with part time teachers who work across many classes as they will be working across the different bubbles?

- We will be following the government guidelines, which enables adults to work across more than one class, provided that they adhere to social distancing measures and hygiene procedures.

How will the children be monitored with hand washing?

- Staff will support the children to wash hands effectively at numerous points during the school day. Please see the infection control section on page 7 of the parent handbook.

Will my child need a facemask?

- At present current guidance from Public health England states that children under the age of 11 do not need facemasks. Please see infection control section of the parents handbook on page 7.

Will you have hand soap more suitable to a child's skin? Will they be able to bring their own if not?

- School purchases gentle hand soap however, if your child needs an alternative product, e.g. a medicated soap, this can be bought in from home, please notify school.

How will parents be reminded about social distancing at drop off and collection?

- Social distancing markers will be clearly painted on the floor at all entrances.

Will there be assemblies?

- Yes, there will assemblies however, these will be held in class groups and online celebration assembly will continue.

Questions from the children

Where will I hang my coat?

- You will be able to hang your coat on your peg.

Will I be able to bring my school/book bag and PE kit?

- Yes, you can bring you book bag, you only need to bring PE trainers.

What happens if I am poorly?

- If you are poorly, an adult in school will look after you and they will wear a facemask and gloves to help keep everyone safe. Someone from home will be contacted by school to come and collect you if can't stay at school.
- You will need to stay at home until an adult tells you that you can go back to school.