

# Parent's Guide for your child returning to school

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we are now just a week away from welcoming **all** pupils back to school from the 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2021. We are aware some of you may be feeling anxious but want to reassure you that we have followed government guidelines and the safety of your children is as always our main priority. Parents are encouraged to visit [gov.uk/backtoschool](https://www.gov.uk/backtoschool) for information and guidance. Please see the school website for our up to date Covid safety risk assessment.

## Who needs to attend school in September?

- **All Children** must attend school from 8<sup>th</sup> March. Each class will form a self-contained bubble. FS will remain in FS area except for PE and accessing hot lunches in the hall. Each class bubble will have an allocated area to play outside and an allocated member of lunchtime staff.
- We will continue to monitor pupil attendance and respond as per our attendance policy.

## What are the arrangements for the start and the end of school?

- Children in each year groups will start and finish at different times of the day to minimize parent contact.
- Parents will not be allowed inside school unless they have an appointment.
- Only one parent should bring your child to school where possible.
- All adults must wear a face mask for drop and collection of children.
- Year 5 and 6 children should enter and exit the school grounds on their own.
- Please say good-bye to your children promptly, adhering to maximum social distancing with other households.
- **FS** – FS children should arrive at the foundation stage playground between 8.45- 9am and be collected at 3:10pm from FS playground.
- **Y1** –Y1 children should arrive at the KS1 cloakroom door between 8:50- 9am and be collected at 3:15 from the same door.
- **Y2**- Y2 children should arrive at the classroom fire exit door between 8:50-9am and be collected from the hall door at 3:15
- **Y3**- Y3 children to enter the school site via the main school gate and use the footpath to the Y3 classroom fire exit door between 8:45-8:55 and leave the same way at 3:20
- **Y4**- Y4 children to enter the school site via the main school gate and use the footpath to the Y4 classroom fire exit door between 8:45-8:55 and leave the same way at 3:20
- **Y5**- Y5 to enter the school site independently via the classroom fire exit between 9- 9:10 and will leave at 3:25
- **Y6** - Y6 to enter the school site independently via classroom fire exit between 9-9:10 and will leave at 3:25

- Please make sure your children are only coming to school within their allocated time slot to avoid congestion and reduce the amount of people accessing entrance to the school at any one time.

## How will we minimise contact with others in the classrooms, around school and at unstructured times?

- The government recommendation is for schools to create bubbles of children. We will be keeping our children in class size bubbles at all times.
- FS children will remain in the Foundation stage area for learning, with the exception of use of the hall for hot dinners and PE.
- All children in years 1-6 will have an allocated seat that only they will sit at.
- They will always use the same room and will have break times with their key group and as far as possible at different times from the other groups.
- Each child will be given a place to sit at and separate stationery and technology, which only they will use. Foundation children will have their own allocated space to sit for snack and listening to stories etc.
- Toilets, surfaces and contact points will be cleaned throughout the day.
- Children will wash/sanitise their hands regularly during the school day.
- They will not mix with children from other year groups.
- Playtimes will be staggered for KS1 and KS2; children will play in their class bubbles in their allocated zone on the playground.
- Children stay in their own classroom if they are having a packed lunch.
- Dinnertime will need to be staggered to ensure the children remain separate, in the dining room. Children eating hot lunches will be sat in an area of the hall for their bubble.
- Children will sit at their allocated lunch seat and a lunchtime supervisor will bring them their pre-ordered lunch and serve them with drinks. Once they have finished their lunch, it will be cleared away by staff and the children will return to the classroom.
- Each class bubble will have half an hour playtime after eating lunch on their allocated zone on the playground.

**We are aware that children find social distancing extremely difficult!**

**We will constantly promote guidelines for pupils to encourage maximum social distancing and support them with these each day.**



## What will my child need to bring to wear and bring to school?

- All children should return to school in full school uniform. Please see our website for details.
- Children will need a coat if it is cold or wet.
- Children will need to have their full school PE kit in school at all times, these will be kept in the cloakroom.
- Children need to bring a fresh, named water bottle in to school each day
- Children can bring a small book bag with them to carry their reading book to and from school. Please note there is no space for large backpacks and ruck sacs in school and there will be limited access to lockers.

## What will happen if someone becomes ill?

- We will not be taking temperatures during the school day.
- If a child becomes ill with symptoms of COVID-19, they will be moved to a room with one member of staff, who will wear PPE at that time. Parents will be contacted to collect their child.
- Anybody with Symptoms will be asked to self-isolate at home and it's recommended that they get tested.
- Any pupils or staff members that test positive should inform the school as soon as possible and they and their class bubble will need to self-isolate.
- All staff members are being tested twice a week for Covid -19
- We ask that if any staff or pupils have been notified by the NHS track and trace service that you let us know immediately and follow the current guidance.
- If your child needs first aid PPE will be worn by the supervising adult.
- The government advice is that school staff members do not need wear masks in classrooms, nor do primary children.

I hope that by re-reading this information you now feel confident in sending your children back to school and are reassured that The Enquire Learning Trust and Keelby staff have worked closely together, following guidelines, to ensure everyone is as safe as possible when school re-opens.

Yours Sincerely



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