



Guidance For Key Worker Parents

Although your child may have attended school since the start of lock down, we now need to change some of our rules and guidelines as we have more children coming back to school from Monday including more key worker children. Please could you read through the guidance below carefully and share this with your child as appropriate.

- Please ensure that your child arrives at school wearing a clean school uniform each day. There is no need to wear a tie and your child may wear trainers or pumps.
- Your child should bring a **filled water bottle**, a healthy snack and, if they are not having a school dinner, bring their own a packed lunch (preferably in a disposable plastic bag). They should not bring anything else from home—this includes a school bag.
- During times when the weather is hot and sunny, please put **sun cream on your child, prior to them coming to school** and send a hat into school to protect them when they are outside. This hat can remain in school if you wish to minimise transmission of germs.
- All Infant children and those entitled to free school meals will continue to have a school packed lunch provided for them. However, if your child is in the Juniors and you wish them to have a school dinner (which is currently a packed lunch), from next Monday 22nd these need to be ordered and paid for on Parentpay.
- Key worker children will need enter school through the **Infant gate and Infant doors** as Year 6 will be coming in through the front gate. When your child comes into the playground they should stand and wait on a red footprint. Only one adult may accompany a child. It is your responsibility to ensure you and your child maintains social distancing rules whilst waiting to enter the school
- School is open from **8.45am** for our key worker children. Please do not come into the playground before this time. Although we have previously been flexible with times of arrival, your child will need to be at school by **8.55am** at the latest as from Wednesday 24th Reception children will be coming into the playground at 9.00am.
- The children will be asked to come into school one at a time. There is now a wall mounted automatic sanitiser in place so that they can sanitise their hands before entering the building. **Please note no parents may come onto the ramp.**
- They will go straight into the hall where they will have their own work station which will have all the resources they should need including pens, pencils, rubber, glue etc. They should put their coat on their chair and sit down until they are asked to wash their hands.

- Children will be reminded to wash their hands and will be supervised to do this regularly throughout the day.
- Tissues will be available at each work station and the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach used. They will be reminded to avoid touching their faces.
- They will use the infant toilets which are cleaned regularly.
- It is strongly advised that the children have a shower or bath as soon as they return home from school and that their uniform is washed daily.

Dealing with illness

Please remember the Government's main strategy for preventing the transmission of COVID in schools is by ensuring pupils and staff with symptoms do not attend school.

- If you or your child or anyone in your family is unwell, do not bring them into school, inform the school as soon as possible and arrange a Covid-19 test immediately.
- If you discover you have come into contact with someone who has been diagnosed with Covid-19, you and your family need to self isolate and arrange for a COVID-19 test.
- If your child becomes ill during the day, they will be isolated in a separate Isolation Bubble supervised by a staff member whilst you are contacted. You must come and collect them immediately,
- If there are apparent COVID-19 symptoms you will be required to self-isolate, child for 7 days and family for 14 days. You will also be advised to take your child for a test. If the pupil's test result is negative they can return to school.
- If the pupil's test is positive the rest of the children and staff in that bubble have to self-isolate for 7 days unless they choose to take a test and it comes back negative.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and share the children's advice with your child. Even though we cannot guarantee complete protection from Covid-19, please be assured we have done everything in our power to minimise risk to staff, children and parents when returning to school.

If you wish your child to attend school, it is essential that that you agree to follow the above guidelines especially in relation to illness. If you suspect that your child or any family member has possible COVID symptoms you must not bring them into school. You are able to access a test for them <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> and we advise that you do this.

It is also essential that you and your family continue to adhere to Government advice of stay alert by keeping a 2m distance from people not in your household at all times and only meeting other people outside, not in other homes.