

Guidance for Returning to School: Reception Parents 9.00am – 3.00pm

School will look and feel different when we return and probably for sometime to come. There will be new rules and routines to get used to but these will be shared and explained in the guidance below and in our continued communication.

Please take the time to talk to your child about coming back to school using the child friendly version of this guidance. As I have previously mentioned, to reduce the amount of time taken off the school day we are using some different entrances. Therefore, to avoid confusion and to provide reassurance to your child we will also be putting a video onto the school website .

- 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). Reception will have a school packed lunch provided for them which will be a packed lunch. 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.
- Please bring your child to school at 9.00am, no earlier. Government guidelines state that should be accompanied by only one adult. Please come into the playground through the **Infant gates** and stand on a set of red footprints. It is your responsibility to ensure you and your child maintain social distancing rules whilst waiting to enter the school.
- Mrs Culshaw will be there to greet your child and will ask them one at a time to go through the green area into the Reception classroom, sanitising their hands using a unit on the way in.
- Government guidelines state that parents must maintain social distancing at all times and may not chat at or outside the gates.
- To minimise contact within our school community your child will be within a Learning Bubble with just 3 staff Mrs Culshaw, Miss Comerford and Mrs Chandler. The bubble will not exceed 12 children in total. Your child will remain within their Learning Bubble for all activities throughout the day.

- 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. The children will be reminded to avoid touching their faces.
- Please come to collect your child at 3.00pm from the Infant playground via the Infant gate and stand on a red footstep. As your child comes to join you leave via the Infant gate.
- 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.
- School will be closed to all children but key worker group for deep cleaning on Friday.

Dealing with illness

Please remember the Government's main strategy for preventing the transmission of COVID-19 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.

Please feel free to contact me if you require clarification on any of the above points.