



# What We Are Doing To Make School As Safe As Possible For More Children & Staff To Return



**Site team hours have changed.** This means a member of the team is always at school so that we can increase the frequency of cleaning throughout the school day.

**Every Wednesday, school will be shut** to all children and staff. This means a **deep clean** can take place, making the school safer for children and staff.



Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 have been assigned to a **BUBBLE**.

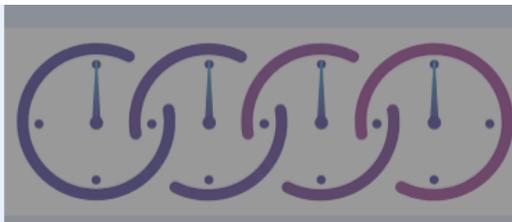
**The size of each BUBBLE is limited** - there will **NEVER** be more than 15 children in a BUBBLE.



**There is a dedicated member of staff** allocated to each BUBBLE.

**BUBBLES are unique** - staff and children will remain in the same BUBBLE until the government relaxes social distancing rules further.

**Because children find it tricky to socially distance, BUBBLES will help us to create unique social groups to minimise the chances of cross-infection.**



**We have made changes to the timetable by introducing staggered start and finish times, and break and lunch times.**

**Each Bubble will have a set:**

- **Entrance & Exit**
- **Start & finish time**

to minimise contact and protect our community. We will be cleaning entrances between bubbles to maximise safe spaces.



**Follow the 'Drop Off & Pick Up Etiquette':**

- Be kind and polite and patient
- Only use your child's designated entrance / exit (you will be redirected if you are not doing so)
- Arrive promptly (you will be asked to return home if you are late)
- Avoid groups and clusters by observing the social distancing signage and markers.

We are following current government guidance: **parents / carers cannot enter the school site until social distancing rules are relaxed.**

If you need to speak to your child's class teacher, Miss Stockley, Miss Rees or Mrs Luciani, please schedule an appointment on Whereby or contact the admin team.



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Remember, children find it tricky to socially distance! We have taken lots of action to support social distancing in school - our BUBBLES are part of our strategy to reduce the risk of cross-infection.



We are fortunate to have such a range of outside spaces at our school. Staggered breaks and lunches mean that **each BUBBLE will have sole access to a dedicated outside space for playtime and lunchtime.**

**BUBBLES will NEVER have to share an outside space with another BUBBLE simultaneously.**

**BUBBLES will ALWAYS use the same outside space.**

Having 2 halls means that we can stagger lunches well.

- **Each Year 1 and Year 6 BUBBLE has access to a dedicated dining space.**
- **BUBBLES will ALWAYS use the same dining space.**
- Tables are spaced 2m apart, with 1 chair per table to support social distancing.
- Chairs face in opposite directions to help children talk to each other during what is traditionally a very social time in school.
- Children will be encouraged to sit at the same table every day.



**We have put in place lots of measures to help children follow social distancing in school.** These include but are not limited to:

- Floor markings (inside & out),
- Signage,
- Reorganised classroom layouts



**Reception and Nursery children will eat lunch in their discrete BUBBLE in their designated classroom.**

To maintain strict hygiene protocols at lunchtime:

- Children will wash their hands properly before entering the lunch hall
- Individually wrapped cutlery will be on tables, ready for the children
- Kitchen staff will serve all food. There will be **NO** self-service salad bar, bread or fruit
- Children should have their own, named water bottle
- Packed lunches must be in disposable bags so that they can be thrown away immediately after eating.





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Promoting excellent hygiene routines and increasing cleaning frequency will help to make school safer for children and staff by reducing the risk of infection.



**Hand-sanitiser will be available:**

- In every classroom
- At entrances and exits to school
- In all common areas



**Frequent and regular handwashing will be explicit on each BUBBLE's timetable.**

We will teach the children

- how to wash their hands using the correct technique
- why this is important



**In line with Health & Safety advice, we have:**

- turned off electric hand-dryers and replaced them with paper towel dispensers
- installed pedal bins in all classrooms to catch dirty tissues etc
- removed curtains & blinds that cannot be kept open



**These steps will help to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in washrooms, classrooms and common areas.**

Doors and windows will remain open whenever possible to ensure excellent ventilation and airflow around the school.



Each child will have an individual stationery set for their sole use.



Our 'Tidy Desk' policy will make it easier to clean surfaces effectively throughout the day.



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**We know that children and adults might be anxious about coming back into school.**

For at least the first couple of weeks, we will prioritise:

- Personal
- Social &
- Emotional

learning, to help reforge relationships, build trust and confidence.

**We understand that everyone's experiences of lockdown will be different.**

We will use the time purposefully to help children:

- Catch up on core learning
- Deal with any feelings of loss or bereavement
- Rebuild confidence in themselves as learners.



**We know that children will have lots and lots of questions about coming back to school:**

- Where is my classroom?
- Who will my teacher be?
- Where will I eat?
- Will I be able to play with my friends?



To help answer these, each adult with responsibility for a BUBBLE will post a video on the Home Learning page of the website for you to watch with your child and prepare them for coming back into school. We will include a 'Who's Who?' game in PPE as well!

**We understand that you might be worried about staff wearing PPE. Why are they doing this?**

Staff will only wear PPE when necessary to help them keep safe. This might include:

- Drop off and pick up times as they will come into contact with people outside their BUBBLE
- When close physical contact is essential, eg. Intimate care, administering first aid
- Cleaning



**We understand that this is a period of transition for everybody and will treat it as such.**

We will explicitly teach:

- Behaviours
- Routines
- New ways of interacting

To help everyone succeed in the **NEW NORMAL**.

