



Welcoming Children back to school in March 2021 (Parents version)

All children must return to school on March 2021. In order to keep our school community safe, we will adopt the system of controls as set out below.

PREVENTION	
1	Minimise contact with individuals who are required to self-isolate by ensuring they do not attend the school.
2	Ensure face coverings are used in recommended circumstances.
3	Ensure everyone is advised to clean their hands thoroughly and more often than usual
4	Ensure good respiratory hygiene for everyone by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
5	Maintain enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents.
6	Consider how to minimise contact across the site and maintain social distancing wherever possible
7	Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
IN SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES	
8	Ensure individuals wear the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) where necessary. 9)
9	Promote and engage in asymptomatic testing, where available.
RESPONSE TO INFECTION	
10	Promote and engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.
11	Manage confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community.
12	Contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice.

What does this mean for you and your family?

Pupils, staff and other adults must not come into the school if:

- they have one or more coronavirus ([COVID-19 symptoms](#))
- a member of their household (including someone in their support bubble or childcare bubble if they have one) has coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms
- they are required to quarantine having recently visited countries outside the Common Travel Area
- they have had a positive test

They must immediately cease to attend and not attend for at least 10 days from the day after:

- the start of their symptoms
- the test date if they did not have any symptoms but have had a positive test (whether this was a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) or Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test)

Anyone told to isolate by NHS Test and Trace or by their public health protection team has a legal obligation to self-isolate, but you may leave home to avoid injury or illness or to escape risk of harm. More information can be found on [NHS Test and Trace: how it works.](#)

Face Coverings

Parents should wear a face mask when on school premises. Children are not required to wear them.

Risk Assessment

The MAT will revise the COVID-19 risk assessment in preparation for re-opening. The risk assessment will be available on the school website.

Groups

- Children will be grouped in year groups and will be kept apart from other groups where possible.
- Older children should be encouraged to keep their distance within groups.
- We recognise that younger children will not be able to maintain social distancing, and it is acceptable for them not to distance within their group.
- Staff movement between groups will be kept to a minimum but there will be some movement to facilitate the delivery of the school timetable and PPA cover.
- There may be two groups in the dining room or the playground at the same time but they will be separated.

Measures within the classroom

- Ideally, adults will maintain 2 metre distance from each other, and from children. We know that this is not always possible, particularly when working with younger children, but if adults will do this where circumstances allow. They will avoid close face to face contact and minimise time spent within 1 metre of anyone.
- Older children, where possible, will be supported to maintain distance and not touch staff and their peers. This will not be possible for the youngest children and it is not feasible.
- Where space allows, pupils will sit side by side and facing forwards, rather than face to face or side on.
- Year 1 will access continuous provision and will follow EYFS guidance.

Measures elsewhere

- Groups will, where possible, be kept apart, therefore there will be no whole school gatherings such as assembly. These will take place remotely through Microsoft TEAMS and within groups.
- Movement around the school site will be kept to a minimum. Timetables will be arranged to avoid busy corridors, entrances and exits.
- There will be staggered break times and lunch times

Measures for arriving at and leaving school

- Please see staggered timetable for guidance.

Equipment

- Pupils should limit the amount of equipment they bring into school each day, including essentials such as: lunch boxes; hats and coats; books and stationery.
- Bags are allowed.
- Pupils and teachers can take books and other shared resources home, although unnecessary sharing should be avoided.

Attendance

School attendance will be mandatory for all pupils from March 8th. The usual rules on school attendance will apply, including:

- parents' duty to secure that their child attends regularly at school where the child is a registered pupil at school and they are of compulsory school age;
- the availability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct.

Pupils who are shielding

- The advice for pupils who have been confirmed as clinically extremely vulnerable is to shield and stay at home as much as possible until further notice. They are advised not to attend school while shielding advice applies nationally.
- Where the above is the case, requests will be made to parents for a copy of the shielding letter to confirm that they are advised not to attend school or other educational settings whilst shielding guidance is in place.
- Where a pupil is unable to attend school because they are complying with clinical and/or public health advice, they will be offered remote education. Where children can't attend school as parents are following clinical and/or public health advice, absence will not be penalised. A medical letter will be required to confirm this.

School Lunches/Packed lunches

- School meals will be offered for all children in school. Key stage 1 meals will be free under the Universal Free School Meals scheme and Key Stage 2 to be paid for by Parent Pay as usual.
- If children are bringing their own lunches they need to be able to open all items themselves to allow for safe distancing.

School uniform

- Children will need to wear uniforms apart from on PE days where they can wear PE kits.
- Uniforms do not need to be cleaned any more often than usual, nor do they need to be cleaned using methods which are different from normal.
- Children should wear clothes and shoes that they don't need assistance with to allow safe-distancing from staff.

Remote education support

- Where a class, group or small number of pupils need to self-isolate, or there is a local lockdown requiring pupils to remain at home, we will offer remote education in line with the government's new guidelines.

(The above is based on: [Dfe's - Schools coronavirus \(Covid19\) operational guidance](#))