



We have prepared the following information about the potential school re-opening. Please be mindful we are still in the early stages of planning for this. May I remind you that the safety of our children and staff is always our priority. If we cannot open safely, based on advice from the government and our interpretation of it, we will not.

We have tried to address as many concerns below to support you in making an informed choice about whether you feel sending your child to school is the right thing for them and for your family.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 6 we will be contacting you by phone on Monday. We would like you to tell us whether your child will be returning to school on June 2nd. This decision is up to you and we will support you with whichever decision you make. We will not be chasing attendance and neither will the government.

Please read the information below before Monday 18th May.

1. How will the school try to ensure pupils don't come into contact with each other?

Government guidance acknowledges that social distancing cannot happen in school setting, particularly primary schools. We will be taking steps to ensure contact is kept to a minimum but this will not guarantee that social distancing is in place.

Children will be allocated to groups of no more than 15 pupils. They will have a maximum of two teachers, who will remain the same and possibly alternate weekly. They will use 1 room for their learning, have their own equipment (as far as possible) and take breaks and lunches within this same group. There will be no whole school congregation such as assembly or lunchtime.

Each group will have their own entrance and exit route.

2. How will the school manage children coming to and from school each day?

We will make changes to the start and end times for each year group, use different gates and allocate specific areas to drop-off and collect pupils. Each year group will have a different entrance into the school building. We will communicate this to you closer to June 2nd once we have a clearer understanding of the number of children returning to us.

To ensure as few parents/ guardians are on the premises at any one time we are asking that only **one adult** collects your child/ children from school. Please maintain social distancing when collecting and dropping off.

3. Why are you only opening to Reception, Year 1 and Year 6?

These year groups have been identified as priority year groups by the Government.

4. Why are we not opening on June 1st?

This is to allow us to adequately prepare staff and classrooms after the half term break and in light of any additional Government guidance released over half term.

At this moment in time we are looking to be open on June 2nd to R, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils. However this is dependent on the availability of staff. If we do not have enough staff we may need to open for limited year groups. This is the main reason we are contacting so we can see what the numbers of children returning will be and plan accordingly. We will keep in contact with you throughout the planning process.

5. Why is the school not doing hot meals?

By doing packed lunches we can deliver these to year group areas and thus minimize social mixing. We will not be using the halls to eat lunches.

6. What do we do about uniform?

We will not be expecting children to wear uniform, but would expect children to wear different or cleaned clothes each day. This is to maintain hygiene, as advised by government guidelines. Staff will also be following this rule.

7. What measures have been taken to keep hygiene levels high?

The school has had a deep clean since we closed in March for lockdown. There will be another deep clean of Lansdowne over half term as this has been the school we have been using to support the children of keyworkers.

Both schools have hand sanitising pumps throughout the building. As usual children will be asked to apply the gel on entry into school and at regular intervals throughout the day. The class teacher will monitor this.

Additional cleaning materials have been ordered to ensure that toilets can be cleaned hourly. The cleaning of all surfaces, including all door handles, will be increased throughout the day. Equipment that children share will be sanitised before and after use.

9. What will happen if my child doesn't go to school?

It is up to parents to decide whether they choose to send their child into school or not. The Government have informed us that no one will be penalised for non-attendance.

10. Will my child still get work if they are not in school?

We will continue to provide work for children not attending school in the same way that we have in the past month. Staff will continue to support children through class dojo. This may not always be your child's class teacher depending on the pattern of work for the staff in school.

11. Will before and after school provisions still run?

It will not be possible to offer before and after school provision. This would interfere with the isolation groups that children have been placed in for increased social distancing.

12. Will my child need hand sanitiser?

We will provide hand sanitiser for the children within school.

13. What if my child is displaying symptoms while they are at school?

You will be contacted and your child must be taken home. They will be kept separately from the other children and looked after by a member of the senior leadership team or a first aider until you arrive. PPE will be provided and worn by the staff member caring for your child.

14. What if I have issues at home such as shielding or illness?

Please consult the government guidance regarding the safety of your child attending school in this situation. Please also inform us. If a member of the household is exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms the whole household must follow the government guidance and self isolate for 14 days. After this period if your child is symptom free they may return to school. Please call and discuss this with us.

15. What happens if my child has an appointment during school time?

We need you to tell us about an appointment before it happens so we can plan for it. Your child will be brought to the reception and you can collect from there at the appropriate time.

16. What if I wish to speak to a senior leader or my child's class teacher?

Unfortunately we will not be able to maintain our open door policy at this time. This is to maintain social distancing and keep both your child and our staff safe. You must make an appointment or contact us by telephone. Office staff will not be able to let you into the building without prior arrangement.

Kindest regards

Mrs Phillips