

Return to school - Pre-Reception

Dear parents,

As you are aware, schools must follow the government guidance for social distancing and we have therefore made the following arrangements for the pupils:

Morning drop off and after school collection

- Children from the Garden Room will wait outside the Pre-Reception back garden gate and children from the Orchard Room will wait by the steps outside the Orchard Room on the small playground. They will be collected from the same place at the end of their session/day.
- Orchard Room and Garden Room children will remain in their class 'bubble' and neither children nor staff will move between the two groups.
- Parents of Kindergarten children (including Pre-Reception) are to park on the playground and make their way to their drop off/collection point.
- Parents have a responsibility to let the member of staff on the gate know of any symptoms that their child has displayed in order for us to make an informed decision regarding their health.
- Breakfast and After School Clubs will recommence for Pre-Reception children only. Garden Room and Orchard Room bubbles will be maintained.
- No parents will be allowed to enter the Kindergarten building at this time.
- Children should come to school in their usual school shorts, polo shirts or tracksuits depending on weather. We advise that clothing is washed/changed each day to avoid possible spread of contamination.
- If Pre-Reception parents also have older children in the other Kindergarten year groups or the Juniors, they are asked to return to their cars after collecting their Pre-Reception children and to wait for the older children to be released at the end of the day.

Classroom arrangements

- The children will be in their usual classrooms which have been cleared of excess furniture and equipment, tables have been spread out and a more limited range of toys will be available, which can be easily cleaned.
- Children should bring as little as possible in with them. They will need a water bottle, sun cap and a snack/lunch box if required. Sun cream should be applied in the morning before the child comes to school.
- Reading books (for the older children), contact books and book bags will be sent home daily.
- Adults will remain with their group of children throughout the day to minimise cross contact.

- Appropriate PPE will be available to staff during nappy changes for our younger children.
- Individual named bedding is always used for children who need to have a sleep during the day and bed mats are always thoroughly disinfected and cleaned after each use.

Break and Lunchtimes

- Playground equipment will be limited to anything that is able to be cleaned and outside play times will be staggered.
- In the event of first aid being required, PPE is available so that staff can quickly and safely administer first aid.
- The children will have the option of bringing in their own snacks and lunches or having a hot lunch provided by the school. These will be eaten in the classroom.
- Water and milk will be available, as always.

In case of illness during the school day

- If a child becomes ill during the school day with suspected symptoms of coronavirus, they will be isolated to a classroom with a Learning Support Assistant until a parent is able to collect them.
- They will not be permitted to mix with the other children in their group.
- Should the child test positive, they will be asked to self-isolate for ten days before returning to school. The rest of the household should self-isolate for fourteen days.

Other arrangements

- Hand wash, hand sanitiser and tissues will be available in each classroom and the children will be required to wash their hands for 20 seconds at regular intervals, including but not limited to, arrival at school, before and after break and lunch, and before leaving. This will be done at the classroom sinks in the toilet area.
- Children will be reminded of the 'catch-it, bin-it, kill-it' motto with regards to coughs and sneezes, and will need to wash their hands or use sanitiser (if outside) following coughs or sneezes etc.
- The cleaners/site staff will be working throughout the day to sanitise the school, especially high traffic areas, such as door handles, toilets and taps.
- The government has advised against the use of PPE in primary schools and nurseries and as a result, we are not expecting our staff to wear masks or gloves. If you prefer your child to come to school wearing a mask, that is your choice. However, it will be the child's responsibility to keep it on. PPE will be provided to staff for first aid, cleaning and nappy changing purposes only.

Kind regards

Mrs Revill, Head of Kindergarten