



Parent Information Sheet – frequently asked questions

<p>In the classrooms</p>	<p>How will the classroom be set up? How will social distancing work with young children?</p>	<p>Children will be put into “bubbles” of 10 to 15, with an adult. The bubbles will be kept apart so that there is little risk of cross contamination between bubbles, children and staff will not move between bubbles. Within a bubble, social distancing will be almost impossible to achieve, particularly with Reception and Year 1.</p>
<p>Grouping the children</p>	<p>Will they have their usual teacher / teaching assistant? Will this remain consistent? Will they be mixed with other years?</p>	<p>We will be operating on reduced staffing capacity as we have many staff who are shielding, self-isolating or unable to work in school for other reasons. It will not be possible for all children to come back to their familiar teachers and teaching assistants. We will do our best to make sure that the adult(s) in the bubble are familiar but this cannot be guaranteed.</p> <p>The children will be grouped according to age, friendship groups etc where possible. It will not be possible for children to be with all their friends. There may be children from more than one year group in a bubble.</p>
<p>Lunchtime</p>	<p>What will happen at lunch time? Will I still receive Free School Meals vouchers? Will the children be able to play with their friends? Will school meals be served?</p>	<p>Attending children will stop receiving the Free School Meals vouchers. Children entitled to free school meals or Infant school meals (all children in Reception and Y1) will be provided with a packed lunch in school. Meals will be eaten in the classroom with the children in the bubble. Children will go outside to play at break and lunch (weather permitting) with the children and adults in their bubble. Break and lunchtimes will be staggered so that children will not come into contact with children in other bubbles.</p>
<p>Drop off, pick up</p>	<p>How will pick up/ drop off work? Would I be able to bring other children with me to pick up the one in school?</p>	<p>Pick up and drop off times will need to be staggered at the beginning and end of the day. To safeguard our children and staff and minimise the risk of any virus transmission, we will not be allowing parents to enter the school building. Children must be brought to school by one adult only, who should wait with their child outside their designated entrance. A staff member will greet them and call them in one at a time. Markers will be placed 2 metres away from all classroom doors which parents must not cross. Your child’s teacher will be at the classroom door and will call children to leave once they have identified the person collecting.</p>



		When picking up or dropping off, please do not congregate in groups and please maintain social distancing at all times.
Communication	How can I communicate with the teacher? Will I be allowed into the classroom to settle them in the morning?	Should you need to speak to a member of school staff please do not come into school but call to prearrange a meeting. Meetings will be undertaken either by phone, online, or where it must be face-to-face, in a safe socially-distanced manner. Parents will not be allowed into classrooms.
Times of the day	What time will school start / finish? Will the school open for the full day?	Proposed Times, Entrances and Exits: Reception: Drop off between 9.10-9.25 and pick up between 3.00-3.10pm around the back at the gate near the bike/shooter shelter Year 1: Drop off between 8.35-8.50 and pick up between 3.10-3.20pm using Rowan Class door/gate on the playground Year 6: Drop off between 8.50-9.05am and pick up between 3.10-3.20pm using the door by Cherry Class cloakroom (traditional wooden door) Key worker children may arrive between 8am and Start time:8.30pm entrances to be decided or at their allocated year group time and entrance.
Testing for Covid 19	Will all staff and children be tested? What happens if someone in the school tests positive? What should I do if my child has symptoms of Covid -19?	If a member of staff or child tests positive for Covid-19 we will follow Public Health England advice and communicate with parents accordingly. Children should not be sent into nursery/school if they are unwell. Any child who presents with a cough or fever will be sent home. Should you, your child or another member of your household develop potential COVID-19 symptoms, you must self-isolate immediately and please ensure that you inform the school as soon as possible, regardless of when your child is next due to attend. The self-isolation period lasts for 7 days for the person who is unwell, 14 days for the family. All children who are attending school, and their families, will be eligible for COVID-19 testing should they develop symptoms.
Hygiene and cleaning	How will cleaning be managed? Will all children be supervised regularly washing their hands? Will hand sanitiser be available? Can my child bring in a favourite toy?	Our school is undergoing a more rigorous cleaning schedule to ensure that all high-risk areas such as door handles, handrails etc. are being cleaned and disinfected on a regular basis throughout the day.



		<p>Children's personal hygiene routines will be enforced as an integral part of their day. They will sanitise their hands as they enter the building and then frequent handwashing will take place throughout the day.</p> <p>We would encourage all parents to access the eBug learning resources to help prepare children for their return to school.</p> <p>No toys or personal items will be allowed into school.</p>
PPE	<p>Will staff wear PPE? Will the children have to wear masks?</p>	<p>Wearing a face covering or face mask is not recommended, except where a child becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus at school, in which case the supervising adult should wear PPE if they cannot maintain a 2 metre distance.</p> <p>Staff may wear PPE when providing intimate care such as nappy changing.</p> <p>Use of face masks inappropriately can increase the risk of contamination.</p> <p>The guidance specifically states that there are a number of alternative protective measures that should be taken instead which should reduce any concerns eg washing hands, cleaning surfaces, use of 'catch it, bin it, kill it' for coughs and sneezes.</p>
Uniform	<p>Will they need to wear school uniform? Will I need to wash their clothes every day?</p>	<p>Uniform would be preferred, however, we would understand that some children may have grown and their uniform no longer fits, so here will be a degree of flexibility.</p> <p>There is currently no advice stating that parents should wash children's clothes every day.</p>
Learning	<p>Will home learning resources continue? Will PE still take place?</p>	<p>We will continue to provide resources to support children who are learning at home.</p> <p>The learning activities in school are likely to mirror those set for home learning.</p> <p>There will be physical activities throughout the day however no PE kit will be required.</p>
Year 6	<p>What will the transition arrangements for Year 6 be?</p>	<p>You will be contacted by your child's secondary school with this information.</p> <p>We will work closely with the local secondary schools to support a smooth transition for all the pupils (whether they are learning in school or at home).</p>
Personal care and pastoral needs	<p>How will you comfort my child if they need it?</p>	<p>It will not always be possible to maintain social distancing at school and whilst we strive for the best, the emotional needs of children are important too.</p>
Key workers	<p>Will full time care for children of key workers continue? Will before and after school care still be in place for key workers?</p>	<p>Places for the children of key workers will continue to be prioritised.</p> <p>We will be able to provide before and after school care for the children of key workers from 8-4.30pm.</p> <p>Please let the school know if you require this wrap around care. Children who are accessing our extended hours provision will be placed with others who require</p>



		similar arrangements. This may mean that they will not be with other children in their year group/ friendship group.
	As a key worker is my child able to attend only for the days when I need child care?	Yes, in order to manage this your child may need to be working within a key worker bubble and may not be with their friends/ year group. For reasons of safety there will be set/ pre-agreed drop off and pick up times.
Attendance	What about those children with health conditions? Or family members? Will attendance be compulsory? How will things work if one of my children comes back and not the other? If I decide not to send my child back and then change my mind at a later date, will they be able to attend?	There will be no legal requirement for children to attend. Many parents will continue to feel that, during this pandemic, home is the safest place for their child. Parents who chose not to send their child back to school this term will not be fined. We will continue to provide learning and support for children at home. We will only be offering places to the priority year groups in the first instance. If the school has capacity and you are in one of the priority year groups then your child will have a place.