



## Keeping Safe at School: A Parent's Guide to the Temporary Changes

The staff and governors have been busy making changes to the school site and systems to ensure the safest possible return to school for your child, you and the adults who work with your child. Please read the following summary of temporary changes carefully and visit the school website for more information.

### The Symptoms of Coronavirus:

A reminder of the symptoms of coronavirus can be found here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>

If a child displays these symptoms, they should self-isolate for 7 full days, and the rest of the household should isolate for 14 days. It is essential that all parents / carers are responsible and do not send their child to school if they, or anyone in the household, has the symptoms.

### Attendance

We encourage all children in Pre-school, Reception and Year 1 to return when the school reopens. The decision to return your child to school is yours and we will support whatever decision you choose to make. For consistency of learning, children who return to school will be expected to attend every day, unless they are unwell.

### Changes for Parents / Carers:



It will be essential that you know and adhere to all of the changes.

**Children will have staggered start / finish times.** Your child's start and finish time will be:

#### **Start:**

- 8.45am – Priority Group (children of key workers and vulnerable children, including pre-school children)
- 9.00am – Year 1
- 9.15am – Reception
- 9.30am – Pre-School

#### **Finish:**

- 2.45pm – Year 1
- 3.00pm – Reception
- 3.15pm – Priority Group (children of key workers and vulnerable children, including pre-school children)
- 1.00pm – Pre-School

#### **You must arrive at the correct time.**

As you walk in, you must keep a safe distance from the family in front. Your child's room and teacher will be included on an email sent individually to you. Your child must go to the correct room, via the external door.

If you need to speak to a member of staff, or the office, we encourage you to **phone or email**; don't visit.

When collecting at the end of the day, please keep your distance from other parents and **leave the site immediately**, once you have your child.

### **Changes for Children:**

We encourage all parents / carers to share our "Returning to School" social story with their child on a daily basis BEFORE school restarts. It can be found here:

<http://hcschool.org.uk/getting-ready-for-school/>

Every day, the children will be taught in small groups (no more than 15 children) by the same teacher and in the same classroom. Each group will be separate from all of the other groups in school – during lesson time, play time and lunchtime.

Children will have their own desk and their own resources on their desk.

Children should only bring a water bottle, coat and packed lunch box (if they are not having a school packed lunch).

Children should **not** bring a bag.

Children will be allowed to wear school uniform or PE kit.

Children will not be allowed to bring home a reading book and should not bring in books from home.

Children will wash their hands on a regular basis. The NHS has produced a short video / song to help children to learn to wash their hands properly. It would be helpful if you used this song at home before your child returns. It can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9VjeIWLnEg>

Children will be encouraged to keep a safe distance from each other.

### **Changes for School Lunches:**

During this period, we will not be serving hot meals at lunch time. Children from Reception and Year 1 can be provided a school packed lunch. However; if your child would prefer a home packed lunch then this is allowed too.

*It is our understanding that Free School Meal vouchers and food parcels will continue to be provided to entitled children.*

### **Daily Home Learning:**

We will continue to provide daily home learning, during term time and more information will be provided about this.

### **Other Changes:**

Due to the nature of the phased return, the following temporary changes will also be in place:

- Home from Home (out of care provision) will not be open for the remainder of the summer term.
- There will be no parent / carer events (e.g. Sports Day or class assemblies) this term.

**We know that you want your child back in school, learning – but we must all stick to the new temporary rules so that we can do it safely.**

Please remember that more information on the temporary changes is available on the school website.

**Thank you!**