

Frequently Asked Questions about potential school reopening on March 8th

1. Will assemblies still be taking place?

Pupils will still have assemblies but these will be in their class groupings

2. Will you be staggering start and finish times?

Yes – see the table below: Staff will be present at start and the end of day to direct you. **You must enter the school site via the main entrance and leave via the Kent road alleyway. Please arrive at the time given to help keep everyone safe. Lessons will start based on the drop off times. If your child is late they will miss out on learning.**

Year group	Start time	Finish time
R	8.45	3.00
1	8.35	2.50
2	8.55	3.10
3	8.55	3.10
4	8.35	2.50
5	8.45	3.00
6	8.45	3.00

3. What system will be in place when dropping off and picking up children to ensure social distancing?

Only one adult should drop off or pick up children. There will be a one-way system on the school site. Parents and pupils will only be allowed onto the site via the main entrance on Violet Hill Road keeping two metres apart. After drop off parents will leave the school site through the Kent Road Alley. This will mean parents needing to walk a bit further but avoids a bottleneck on Violet Hill Road where there is only a pavement on one side and it is difficult to safely distance.

4. Can I access the school office?

The office will be manned, but parents will not be able to access it in person. However, the phone line and email will be operational to take any questions or pass messages on.

5. What if I have an urgent message, I would normally pass on at drop off or pick up times?

To allow for social distancing all messages should be sent through the school's email office@chilton.suffolk.sch.uk or by phone 01449 612928.

6. If the office is shut, how do I pay for after school club or school dinners?

All payments must be paid online through Arbor. We are unable to accept cash. If you are unable to log in to Arbor, please contact the office.

7. Will my child need their PE kit?

Yes, please get your child to bring their PE kit and leave it on their peg.

8. Does my child have to wear school uniform?

Pupils should wear school uniform including school shoes.

9. Should my child tie their hair up?
All children with long hair should wear tie their hair back to try to avoid them touching their face.
10. Will breakfast or after school club be taking place?
Yes. Breakfast club will operate from 8am and after school club will run until 4.30pm.
11. Do I have to send my child into school?
Yes, from 8th March it is a legal requirement that all children, except those who have a letter from their GP advising them to shield, will have to attend school. Parents who choose not to send their child/ren in should contact the school to discuss their concerns or they risk being fined.
12. Will the school provide school meals?
School meals will be available and will operate as normal.
13. Will trips be taking place?
There will be no trips operating. Government guidance says not to run them at this time.
14. Should my child bring their reading books and their power maths books (only years 1 – 6)?
Yes, please get your child to bring back their Power Maths book and library books.
15. Will children have reading books to take home?
Yes.
16. I have heard the children aren't allowed outside at break or lunch. Is this the case?
No, Children are allowed out, weather permitting, at break and lunchtimes. They are kept strictly within their bubbles. Balls and other toys are permitted but are not shared. Football is allowed, but children are told not to pick the ball up. Every class bubble is supervised by an adult throughout break and lunchtime.
17. Will my child get homework?
When we first return on March 8th we will be sending reading books home but not homework to begin with. This will be revised at the end of the spring term.
18. Can my child bring their mobile phone to school?
We are not able to collect mobile phones in as normal due to Covid 19. Therefore, we would ask pupils not to bring mobile phones onto the school site. Pupils who bring in phones risk having them confiscated.
19. Are the schools rules the same for pupils?
The school rules for pupils are published in the schools behaviour policy on the school website.
20. What do I do if my child is absent?
Parents must call the school office to notify of any absence, whether this is due to COVID or any other reason. Please see <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/> for further information outlining the symptoms of COVID 19 and what you should do if you have them.