



Templemoor Infant and Nursery School

Plans for a Phased Return to School

IMPORTANT

- If your child is unwell/ showing symptoms of COVID-19 (even mild symptoms) then they **MUST NOT** attend school under any circumstances.
- Any child or member of staff who displays symptoms are encouraged to be tested for COVID-19. The child/staff member will self-isolate for 7 days, with the rest of the household isolating for 14 days.
- Where a child/staff member tests **negative**, they can return to school providing they are fit and well enough, and the fellow household members can end their self-isolation. **Under no circumstance must staff or children return to school if they are still feeling unwell.**
- Where the test is **positive**, the rest of the 'bubble' will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. Household members of the bubble do not need to self-isolate unless a member subsequently develops symptoms. If this happens then school should be notified.



What is a 'Templemoor Bubble'?

- With the size of our classrooms, we cannot safely have whole classes in one room. Therefore after completing a robust risk assessment, we have come to the conclusion that there will be no more than **11** children in a 'bubble'.
- Adults and children will stay in this bubble all day, in their specified area of school.
- For Reception pupils, this bubble will be with a member of staff from the EYFS team, where possible.
- Furniture will be rearranged in classrooms to enable social distancing wherever possible. Children will be spread out in class.
- Each 'bubble' will have staggered playtimes/ lunchtimes.
- Children will be asked to stay in their bubbles at playtimes, through playing in designated parts of the playground/ field.
- Less sharing of equipment - children will be given their own zip wallet with equipment and books.
- Coats will be stored in classrooms, not cloakrooms. We ask that **no** school bags, toys or other equipment are sent to school except for water bottles, a cap and suncream (where necessary). These must be clearly labelled. These objects will stay in school and will not return home.
- We will use the outdoor space more and remove movement in the corridors and hall.
- There will be no larger gatherings of children (i.e. assemblies) or off site visits.

Will my child be socially distanced 100% of the time?

- The government has been clear: the focus is on bubbles of no more than 15 children. After completing a risk assessment, we have come to the conclusion that there will be no more than **11** children in a bubble.
- Infant children cannot be expected to remain 2 metres apart from each other and staff. It is important to be honest and open here: whilst we will do everything we can to encourage the children to social distance and wash their hands regularly, they are young children and so they will certainly touch each other, play with each other, share things and forget to keep their distance. We have to be realistic. We will of course do our best, but we **cannot guarantee** they will not come into contact with others, or where others have touched, during the school day. It is your job as parents to assess the risk for your children and make your own decisions about whether they will come into school. The focus is on:
 - Minimising contact and not mixing between bubbles.
 - Avoiding contact with anyone with symptoms.
 - Frequent hand washing (new wall mounted hand sanitisers have been purchased around the school and in every classroom) and good respiratory practices.
 - Regular cleaning of settings.

My child is in Reception, what else can you do to keep them safe?

- Children will have their own individual learning stations.
- We have removed the majority of equipment, ensuring that the equipment the children do use will be washed and disinfected thoroughly.
- Children will wash their hands more frequently and spend lots more time outdoors.

Will my Reception child come to school everyday?

Due to the fact that we have capped the number of children in a bubble to 11 - that means we are limited for classroom space. We have therefore planned for a rota system of attendance, as we feel this is best for our pupils, teachers and whole school community. We are currently planning for each Reception group to be in school for three full days each week - Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Individual start and finish times, who will be teaching your child and which room your child will be based in will be sent out separately. These plans are **provisional**. They are **subject to change** based on demand, ongoing evaluation and government and Local Authority updates.

When will my Nursery, Year 1/ Year 2 child come to school?

Trafford Council are supporting schools in adopting a methodical and gradual phased approach to school reopening. Our plan is conditional, subject to reopening Reception only on the 10th June, and whilst we hope this plan works, we must be completely transparent in stating that it could change dependent on any updates.

If other year groups do return in the coming weeks, then the plan at the moment will be like Reception. Children will attend in bubbles of 11 on alternate days. Whilst we appreciate that this will be frustrating for those of you wanting your children to return to school, we can only take year groups when our risk assessment supports this as being safe. Weekly Home Learning will continue to be set and you can still contact teachers using the year group email addresses.

As a parent, how can I help?

- Ensure that your child has washed their hands thoroughly before leaving the house for school.
- Prepare your child for what coming to school might be like.
- Work with school to reinforce the 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' message.
- Be on time and stick to your time for the staggered start and end to the school day (see below). **We cannot accept children who are late.**
- Socially distance from the teacher and other adults.
- **One parent per family 'drop and go'**. Please keep moving and do not stop to chat in the playground or outside the gates.
- Send any messages to teachers via the admin email address/ school office phone.
- Use the usual entrance gate for entry and the large car park gate for exit.
- **Do not send your child to school if they are unwell**, even with mild symptoms. Utilise the Covid-19 testing on offer for pupils aged 5+ and please keep us informed of the outcome.

Staggered starts and ends to the day (Reception Only)

- Surnames A-G arrive at 8:45am, collect at 2:45pm
- Surnames H - O arrive at 9am, collect at 3:00pm
- Surnames P - Z arrive at 9:15am, collect at 3:15pm

What will happen if I choose not to send my child into school?

If any Reception parents choose not to take the offer of a place in school that is absolutely fine. It will be your choice and we will support you, whatever your decision. You will not face fines or sanctions, if you choose to keep your child at home. Home Learning will continue to be set for the children who remain at home. However we do need to explain clearly, at this point, that we will be making further staffing and provision decisions based on the information you provide. If you choose not to take up a place at this time and later change your mind, whilst we would want to accommodate your child in school, for a number of safety and staffing reasons that may not be possible.

What will my child be learning?

For all children returning, our primary aim first and foremost is to support mental wellbeing, especially given the reality that so many of the children will have missed friends and staff, and will find themselves returning to a very different school experience from that which they remember. Initially, we will spend time doing lots of activities to support well-being. As children settle into school, we feel it is important to provide routine and structure within their day, and normalise being back in school as much as possible. At this point, children will receive structured teaching sessions. We have no intention of putting children under pressure to cram or catch up on missed learning. We will be planning in multiple learning opportunities which utilise the school grounds so that our children are spending as much time as possible outside.

Will my child get to see and play with their friends in school?

Children will be placed in a bubble of 11, dependent on the number of pupils who return. This means that they could have some of their friends with them, but not all. This bubble will play together throughout the day, but they will not mix with other bubbles. Given the level of planning and organisation currently needed to reopen safely, school do not have the capacity to organise bubbles by way of friendship groups. Logistically, we cannot personalise each bubble. Health and safety must be a priority as we reopen and we apologise that we cannot do more here.

What should my child wear to school?

School uniform will not be worn. In the interest of safety and ease for you as parents, we ask that that children come to school in a fresh/clean set of clothes each day, rather than their uniform which would be difficult to wash every day. We ask that children wear comfortable PE style clothes and sensible trainer style footwear for multipurpose activities. This means that there will be no need to change during the day for outdoor activities and prevents the need for PE kits (extra bags) in school. PE kits must not be brought to school.

School Meals and bringing in things from home

Mellor's catering will be providing a packed lunch for all the children, as we want to limit what the children bring in from home. The kitchen prepared packed lunches will be taken to the children in their classrooms. Children will not access the school hall at all. Children may bring in their own soap if needed (if they have a skin allergy), a labelled water bottle, cap and suncream (if necessary). These object will remain in school. Book bags will not be allowed to be brought in to school. Reading books will not be sent home.

Can face coverings/masks be worn by pupils or staff?

Face coverings are not recommended in the government guidelines.

"Wearing a face covering or face mask in schools or other education settings is not recommended. Face coverings may be beneficial for short periods indoors where there is a risk of close social contact with people you do not usually meet and where social distancing and other measures cannot be maintained, for example on public transport or in some shops. This does not apply to schools or other education settings. Schools and other education or childcare settings should therefore not require staff, children and learners to wear face coverings. Changing habits, cleaning and hygiene are effective measures in controlling the spread of the virus. Face coverings (or any form of medical mask where instructed to be used for specific clinical reasons) should not be worn in any circumstance by those who may not be able to handle them as directed (for example, young children, or those with special educational needs or disabilities) as it may inadvertently increase the risk of transmission".

Face coverings will not be permitted to be worn by pupils at Templemoor.

Will the temperature of pupils be taken upon their arrival at school?

Government guidelines do not promote taking the temperature of pupils on arrival at school, as undertaken in other countries. Templemoor will not be taking the temperature of staff or pupils.

What happens if I am a key worker but my child is in the year group returning to school?

Any children that have been on the key worker list will still be able to come to school but they will remain in a key worker bubble and will not mix with any other bubbles of children. However, if you want your child to join their Reception group bubble, we can only accommodate this on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday to minimise cross-contamination.

What protective measures will be put in place?

A wide range of protective measures will be put in place:

- Daily health and safety check of the building and grounds.
- Frequent cleaning of touched surfaces, equipment, door handles and toilets.
- Frequent hand cleaning and good respiratory hygiene practices.
- Soap and water and sanitisers in all classrooms and toilets.
- Sanitisers located around the school.
- Lidded pedal bins in all classrooms. Key locations for the disposal of tissues.
- Disposable tissues in all classrooms. Implement/reinforce 'catch it, bin it, kill it.'
- Double bagging and regular emptying of bins.
- Posters reinforcing protective measures in classrooms and around school.
- Minimal movement around school. All groups will have allocated internal rooms and outdoor play spaces.
- Access to rooms via external doors.
- Resources minimised.
- Individuals to have their own allocated desk space and equipment (e.g. pencils and crayons etc).
- Children to have as few teachers or teaching assistants in contact with them.
- Allocated midday staff will remain with the same pupils over lunchtime.
- Staff will use PPE where necessary (in the event of a child becoming sick). Face masks will not be worn by either staff or pupils.
- The school Behaviour Policy will be updated to reflect new rules and routines. The changes will proactively be taught to staff, pupils and parents/carers. Expectations of behaviour will be reinforced throughout the day.
- Staggered start and end times will be implemented to reduce volume of traffic.

Shielded and extremely clinically vulnerable families

Children classed as extremely clinically vulnerable due to pre-existing medical conditions are not expected to return to school. Those classed as clinically vulnerable should follow medical advice as to whether a return to school at this time is possible. If your child lives with an extremely clinically vulnerable adult then they should only attend 'if stringent social distancing can be adhered to'. As a school we cannot guarantee that, therefore your child will need to stay at home.

Ventilation

In order to provide maximum ventilation inside, classroom windows will be kept open and (if possible) doors to playgrounds - will be kept open during the school day. Internal doors will be kept open. The children will spend large periods of time outdoors wherever possible.

How do I communicate with the school office?

- Due to the small capacity of the school entrance area, visitors will not be permitted to enter the school building.
- For the safety of our office staff, we ask that you communicate with the office via email and phone, even if you are on the premises.
- All items required for the day (i.e. coats) should enter school with the child. Forgotten items should not be brought in and will not be accepted.

Will safeguarding still be a priority?

Our key priority is always the care and safeguarding of children. We are in regular contact with many families and pupils but, if you have a non-urgent safeguarding issue, please call school or email admin@templemoor.trafford.sch.uk and ask for either Mr Hodgson, Mrs Brown or Mrs Cundick to contact you. If something is urgent, you can contact the Children's First Response Team on 0161 912 5125, or the police on 999.