



## Full Re-opening of school to all children (FAQs)

When children return to school, they will be in a class with all of the children from their year group to form a whole class 'bubble'. Contact with other year groups will be minimised. There will be no gatherings with more than one year group such as assemblies, liturgies or Masses. Older children in school will be encouraged to keep their distance within these groups. Movement around school will be kept to a minimum.

### What are the arrangements at the beginning and end of the school day?

School start and finish times will vary from year group to year group and will continue to be reviewed. We are staggering the start and finish times to keep different groups apart and to reduce congestion and traffic at the start and end of the day. We have made start times with a 10-minute flexibility for each year group to limit gatherings even further. The start and finish times for each year group can be found below:

<b>Reception:</b>	Start: 8:30am – 8:40am	Finish 2:50pm-3:00pm
<b>Year 1:</b>	Start: 8:40am – 8:50am	Finish 3:00pm-3:10pm
<b>Year 2:</b>	Start: 8:30am – 8:40am	Finish 2:50pm-3:00pm
<b>Year 3:</b>	Start: 8:40am – 8:50am	Finish 3:00pm-3:10pm
<b>Year 4:</b>	Start: 8:30am – 8:40am	Finish 2:50pm-3:00pm
<b>Year 5:</b>	Start: 8:40am – 8:50am	Finish 3:00pm-3:10pm
<b>Year 6:</b>	Start: 8:30am – 8:40am	Finish 2:50pm-3:00pm

**Please do not arrive at school earlier than your allocated time slot as this will lead to mixed groups and congregating.**

We recommend that face coverings should be worn by all adults when dropping off and collecting children at the beginning and end of each day unless they are exempt to do so.

Please wait with your child until they have entered the school (children should not play with other children on the playground or in any area around school while waiting to enter or when leaving the premises).

All children and parents should leave the school site as soon as possible after drop-off and at the end of the school day.

To reduce the number of people on site, only one parent/carer should drop-off/pick-up.

Dogs should not be brought onto the school grounds at drop-off and pick-up, even when being carried. This can result in small groups of children gathering in close proximity to see or stroke them which during these times when social distancing is so important, may result in unnecessary close contact.

### Which entrance should children use to come in to school?

This will be the same as before Christmas.

With the exception of Year 1 and Year 2, each year group will have their own entrance/exit to the building to reduce the amount of congestion in corridors and at drop-off and pick-up times.

Reception will enter via the Reception classroom door from the KS1 yard.

Year 1 & Year 2 will enter via the KS1 entrance from the KS1 yard (but at different times).

Year 3, Year 4 & Year 5 will enter via the classroom door from the KS2 yard.

Year 6 will enter via the KS2 entrance.

There are markings on the playground to help parents and children to adhere to social distancing.

**All children should enter and exit the school grounds via the main school gate off Hartford Road to minimise contact with families from Broadway East and Gosforth Park First Schools.**

### **What should children bring to school?**

Children should only bring essential items into school with them. This includes a water bottle, bag, coat, hat, books and a packed lunch box.

**Children are not to bring their own pencil cases or stationery into school as they will be provided with their own which will not be shared.**

### **What can children take home?**

Children can take reading books home but this should be limited and will be cleaned on return to school and left unused for a period of 48 hours. Spellings and the majority of homework will be online tasks e.g. Oxford Reading Buddy, Mathletics & Times Table Rockstar.

### **What does school look like?**

Social distancing markings have been placed around school to help children adhere to guidelines. We do not anticipate children needing to access the corridors in school that often (other than to use the toilets) but markers have been placed on the floor to guide them as well as in the outdoor areas. Visual aids reminding children to wash their hands and maintain a safe distance are clearly visible throughout the school.

### **What will the children be learning?**

We will continue to teach an ambitious and broad curriculum in all subjects.

We will allocate time to cover the content that has been missed or needs consolidation. Teaching time will be prioritised to address significant gaps in knowledge.

### **What will break times be like?**

Break times will be staggered for different year groups throughout the day. Playgrounds and the school field will be divided into zones. More than one year group may access outdoor provision at the same time but will be kept in separate zones and be unable to mix.

Children will be asked to wash/sanitise their hands before and after playing outside.

Each year group will be allocated a limited amount of equipment to play with which will only be used by them and cleaned regularly.

### **What will lunchtime be like?**

Children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 will eat lunch in the Dining Hall in separate sittings while the children in KS2 will have lunch in their classroom at their desks. All children who have school dinners will be given the option of a

hot lunch or a choice of sandwich. Free school meals will be provided for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and to those in other classes who are eligible for them.

### **What should children wear?**

Children should wear their school uniform to attend school as normal. On the days that children have PE, they will be asked to come into school in their PE kits which they will stay in all day - this will avoid children getting changed in close proximity, mixing up clothes and having to move to a different part of school (where boys and girls get changed separately). Information regarding which days your child will have PE will be sent separately.

### **What measures are in place to prevent the spread of the virus?**

Children who have Coronavirus symptoms or who have someone in their family who has, should not attend school.

Children will be encouraged to wash hands more regularly and thoroughly than usual.

The 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach will be followed.

Enhanced cleaning will take place in and around school.

Year groups will be kept apart and social distancing will be maintained where possible.

PPE will be used by staff in very limited circumstances.

**A full description of the measures being taken in school can be viewed in our Risk Assessment on the school website which will be updated ahead of school re-opening on the 8<sup>th</sup> March.**

### **Does my child have to attend school?**

Yes. School attendance will be mandatory from the 8<sup>th</sup> March. The usual rules on school attendance will apply and children will be expected to attend.

### **Can children attend wrap around provision?**

Yes. Such provision is important to support working families but will be challenging for childcare providers who offer support across year groups. If it is not possible to maintain the 'bubbles' being used during the day, providers should use small, consistent groups of children.

**Parents should limit the number of different wraparound providers they access, as far as possible.**

**Parents should seek assurance that the childcare providers they use are carefully considering their own protective measures, and only use those providers that can demonstrate this.**

### **Can supply teachers and peripatetic teachers attend school?**

Yes. Supply teachers and peripatetic teachers such as sports coaches and music teachers can continue to operate in schools but they will be expected to comply with the school's arrangements for managing and minimising risk, including taking particular care to maintain distance from other staff and pupils. School will aim to only work with a regular, consistent number of these staff.

### **How will school be cleaned?**

School will be guided by the [COVID-19: Cleaning of non-healthcare settings guidance](#) and ensure that stringent measures are in place. Cleaning staff will now be working additional hours to meet demand and surfaces that are regularly touched will be cleaned throughout the day with toilets cleaned every hour. Antibacterial wipes and sprays will be made available in all areas of school, including every classroom, for staff to use when necessary.

### **Are parents allowed into school?**

To ensure we keep the risk of spreading the virus to a minimum, no visitors will be allowed into the school without prior arrangement. Only **essential** communication with staff can happen from a distance on the school yard. All other messages should be communicated with school via phone call or email.

### **What about using public transport?**

Travel on public transport should, if possible, be kept to a minimum. Parents, staff and children are encouraged to walk or cycle to school where possible. If travelling by car, ideally, children from different families should not travel together.

### **Are face coverings to be worn in school?**

It is now recommended that staff and visitors in Primary schools wear face coverings when social distancing between adults is not possible (for example, when moving around in corridors and communal areas). Children in Primary schools do not need to wear a face covering.

### **What are the expectations around the NHS Test and Trace process?**

**Staff and parents/carers will need to be ready and willing to:**

- [book a test](#) if they are displaying symptoms. Staff and pupils must not come into the school if they have symptoms, and must be sent home to self-isolate if they develop them in school. All children can be tested, including children under 5, but children aged 11 and under will need to be helped by their parents/carers if using a home testing kit.
- provide details of anyone they have been in close contact with if they were to test positive for coronavirus or if asked by NHS Test and Trace.
- [self-isolate](#) if they have been in close contact with someone who develops coronavirus symptoms or someone who tests positive for coronavirus.

**Anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus can and should get a test.**

Parents should inform school immediately of the results of a test:

- if someone tests negative, if they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus they can stop self-isolating. They could still have another virus, such as a cold or flu – in which case it is still best to avoid contact with other people until they are better. Other members of their household can stop self-isolating.
- if someone tests positive, they should follow the [‘stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection’](#) and must continue to self-isolate for at least **10 days** from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. **The 10-day period starts from the day when they first became ill.** If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal.

**I hope this information has been useful. If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact school at any time.**

**This, and other information, can be found in the COVID-19 section of the school website.**

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