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ANDOVERSFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Recovery Plan: FAQ

Why are children in that order instead of coming back all at once?

We have been asked to prioritise some year groups by the Department for Education. The order that children will be returning to Andoversford Primary School follows the order that has been set by the DfE. We are not bringing all of the key year groups back at the same time as we want to make sure that each group is settled and understands the new routines. We can also check that our plan is effective for a small group and make any changes if necessary.

When will children in Year 2, 3, 4, and 5 come back?

At the moment the maximum number of pupils allowed in any group is 15. We have carefully planned how to use the available staff and space in school to ensure that children are kept in small groups. We hope to invite children in Year 5 back on a rota basis from the 15th June. Children in Year 2, 3, and 4 will be invited back into school from the 22nd June on a rota basis. These dates are subject to change and will only go ahead if we are confident it is the right decision for pupils at Andoversford.

What if I have children in different year groups?

We can only welcome children from the priority year groups at the moment unless you are a key worker or your child is vulnerable.

How will I drop off/collect my child?

One adult should bring your child/children to the front entrance and up to the gate by the side of the playground. A one way system will be in operation, so that you can walk up the path and down the car park. Mrs Bradley-McKay will be at the wooden gate to greet all children. At the end of the day, one adult should come to the same gate where Mrs Bradley-McKay will dismiss the children. Parents should form a queue using the floor markings to ensure that 2m distance is left between adults.

You must drop off and collect your child at your allocated time and leave the school site promptly so that we can avoid congestion.

How will I know which time to come?

Children have been allocated a staggered start and finish time according to their surname. We will send a text to every parent to confirm which group your child is in.

Group	Surname	Drop Off	Collection	Friday Collection
1	A to D	8:40	2:30	12:30
2	E to Han	8:50	2:40	12:40
3	Har to Je	9:00	2:50	12:50
4	Jo to Re	9:10	3:00	1:00
5	Ri to W	9:20	3:10	1:10

Is school open every day?

Yes, but we will close earlier on a Friday so that we do not need to introduce an additional adult to the bubble when staff have their PPA time.

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Why do children have to wear uniform?

Children thrive with routine and familiarity. Wearing their uniform to school will help them to feel more settled. School uniform, particularly summer the summer option, is easy to wash and dry.

Will my child be with their friends?

Children from the same year group will be taught in the same bubble, however they will not be able to mix with children in other bubbles. Children of keyworkers and children who are vulnerable will be in the same class that they are usually in.

Will it be back to normal?

We will try to keep the school experience as normal as possible for children, but it will not be what they are used to. Children will not be able to share resources and will not be able to work in groups in the same way that we usually do. We will be doing lots of additional PSHCE lessons to help children to understand and deal with the changes that the Covid-19 pandemic has caused both in school and in their lives outside school.

If my child is still at home, what will they do?

We will still set activities for remote learning. These will only be set once per week and Miss Thomas will be available to support pupils across the school with their home learning.

Will there be assemblies?

At the moment we will not be having assemblies as each bubble must be kept separate. We will not be using the hall to bring everybody together until it is safe to do so.

Who will be teaching my child?

- Ash Class = Ms Hood and Mrs Beaton
- Oak Class (across 2 separate bubbles) = Mrs Warren, Mrs Wyeth and Miss Harding
- Beech Class (across 2 separate bubbles) = Miss Packer, Mrs Barnes and Mrs Bowers
- Willow Class (Y6 and Key workers) = Miss Davis Butler

Where will children be?

Most children will all be taught in their usual classrooms. However as we need more space than we usually would Oak Class will be split across the two classrooms they ordinarily use to create two separate bubbles. Beech Class will be split into two separate bubbles, with one group in the hall and one group in their ordinary classroom.

Will my child be safe?

We will do everything we possibly can to make sure the school environment is as safe as it can be. However we cannot make any 100% guarantees, we never can.

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Do I have to bring my child back to school?

No, if you feel that your child is not ready to return yet, then you can make the choice to stay at home. Parents will not be fined or prosecuted for non-attendance at this time. Please email the office to let us know if your child will not be at school, just as you ordinarily would.

What if I decide not to send my child back, then change my mind?

That's fine. Just send us an email to keep us updated on your situation. However, we do need **at least 2 weeks notice** to make any changes.

What if I am a key worker?

If you are a key worker or your child is classed as vulnerable you can bring them into school. We encourage parents to take up the school places every day to lessen the disruption. Children of key workers are now eligible to come in full-time, not just when parents are working in their critical role.

How can I let my child's teacher know important information?

Please email admin@andoversford.gloucs.sch.uk so that information can be passed to teachers. We encourage you to email so that we can keep the positive home/school links that we have developed over many years.

Will children/adults need to wear masks?

No. 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.

What if someone gets coronavirus?

While we hope that it remains an unlikely situation, but if anyone falls ill and is showing the symptoms of Covid-19, they will be kept in a separate location and their parents will be contacted to collect them immediately. School staff and children are eligible for testing, which is advised within 3 days of showing symptoms. If a positive test result is recorded for any pupil or adult working in school, the whole bubble they have been exposed to will be required to isolate for 14 days.

Will there be clubs?

No. Children would not be able to stay in their bubbles if we were running clubs. The Ark will not be able to offer breakfast or After-school provision as they would not be able to keep children separated into their bubbles.

Where can I get more information?

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

What if I still have a question?

We hope that we have provided you with all the information you might need, but if you still have a question or want to discuss the procedures we will happily do that. Please email via the school office: admin@andoversford.gloucs.sch.uk