

JUNE OPENING – QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Why isn't my child's school opening on 1st June?

The 1st June is reserved for essential health and safety staff COVID-19 training for new routines, protocols and policies. We must ensure the premises and classrooms are fully prepared and safe for the return of children on 2nd June.

Why does it state in my letter that the allocation is until 10th July?

We hope to allow our Year 6 pupils two weeks in school so they can say goodbye to staff and friends and be ready and confident for starting secondary school in September. However, this is subject to review and we keep you all informed.

Does my keyworker child need to attend every day?

If you are a key worker, then no. Your child only needs to be in on the days that you work.

Does my child in YR, Y1 or Y6 need to attend every day?

Yes. As your child has a confirmed place, we will expect them in school as normal. You should notify us through a phone call as per the normal procedure if your child is unable to attend due to sickness/medical etc. Parents will not be fined for non-attendance at this time.

Does my child have to wear school uniform?

Yes. We strongly encourage all children to wear school uniform, as this will help them to feel school is open again. It also allows you to separate uniform worn in school from home clothes, helping to minimise any possible spread of infection.

I want my child to come back to school but I didn't get a place. Can I have a place at a later date?

We cannot guarantee there will be a place for your child. As the term progresses, we will keep in touch with all our parents and if spaces do become available, within the government's specified year groups, we will be in contact.

What happens if I become a keyworker after being furloughed?

There will not automatically be a place for you. This is because all staff and rooms have been allocated. You will need to contact your school. If there is available space this will be offered to you, but we cannot guarantee this.

If I am a key worker, can I collect my child early?

NO. Your child needs to come for the whole day. This is to reduce movement of staff and children around school.

My child has a place but is really scared about coming back to school.

We will be delivering an emotionally rich curriculum, which means that a lot of time will be spent ensuring that your child feels safe within the school environment again.

We understand that children will be feeling scared and nervous and great care will be placed on their happiness and wellbeing while they are in school.

Will my child miss out on learning and education if they haven't got a place at school?

No. Some of the curriculum in school will be based on the comprehensive home learning programme.

One of my children has a place, the other one hasn't, do I still have to send the one who has?

No, you don't. If you would be happier for all your children to remain at home following the home learning programme that is your decision. You will not be fined for non-attendance this term, but we would ask you to please notify the school immediately so that place may be re-allocated.

Will the home learning differ to the current offer? Will there be more teacher interaction?

For children not attending school, home learning packs and opportunities for online learning will continue and it is expected for children to engage with this. For children attending school, some of the curriculum will be based on the home-learning packs and there will also be an emphasis on continuing to support children in school emotionally, so they feel happy as they have done hopefully at home.

Adult interaction will be limited to those staff assigned to a 'pod' of children, the children in school will learn, play and eat together as per health & safety guidance.

Can I access wraparound care for my child?

No. In line with guidance and to minimise the risk of infection, there will be no wrap around care or after school clubs. For Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils, we will be operating staggered drop off and collection times according to surname initials – as outlined in your confirmation letter. The school day for keyworkers will run from 8.30am until 3.30pm.

What happens if I decide not to send my child back to school after all - will I be fined?

No, you will not be fined for non-attendance this summer term and home learning should continue as normal. However, if your child takes up an allocated place and you then decide to pull them out at a later date, please ensure you notify us immediately by email or telephone.

My child is in Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5, will they be able to return to school before the summer break?

No. The government has not requested this. For the remainder of the summer term, the government has prioritised keyworker, vulnerable and ECHP children, as well as Nursery, Reception and Year 1. If the government requests wider opening, we will inform you of our next steps.