

FAQ's for Returning to School

What does my child need to bring to school?

- A named water bottle. We have no communal drinking fountains.
- A clearly named lunch box if they are not having a school meal.
- A warm and waterproof coat as our classroom doors and windows will be open.
- Books to return on Monday drop off for isolation.
- No other items will be allowed into school unless agreed by our SENCo
- Wearing PE kit on PE days.
- Wellies if yours have been taken home.

Can my Year 5 and 6 child walk to and from school on their own?

If you wish your child to travel to and from school by themselves, please ensure you have completed our [permission to walk home form](#).

Can my child bring their scooter or bike?

Yes, however adults and children still need to maintain physical distancing when leaving bikes and scooters. The bikes and scooters must be left in the bike sheds and scooter ark by the school office. Please note that this area is not cleaned.

I am late to drop off or collect my child. What should I do?

It is crucial that children are on time for school and that they are collected promptly. If, in exceptional circumstances, you are late you must telephone the school office. You may have to wait to drop off your child or collect them.

What happens if my child is distressed and does not want to come into school?

Although we will do our best to encourage your child and ensure they are happy, we will follow social distancing guidelines. We ask that you prepare your child for the start of the school day.

Will my child have a school dinner?

Normal school dinners will be available for all children. Please see [our website for menus](#). All children in Puffin, Swift and Wren classes are entitled to a free school meal.

Can my child have a packed lunch?

Yes, your child can bring a packed lunch. This will be stored in their classrooms. Please clean the lunchbox thoroughly each night.

Will the children have PE lessons?

Yes. Teachers will be promoting physical activity each day. Physical Education lessons will always take place outdoors weather permitting.

Can my child change their reading book?

Yes, children will be provided with reading books and a reading record. All books will be quarantined for the appropriate time before being passed on to another child.

Will the children still have milk?

Our provider, [Cool Milk](#) will begin again and you will be credited for any milk you have paid for but has not been used. Milk is free for children under the age of 5.

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Will my child have access to fruit and water during the day?

All children need to bring in a named water bottle. These can be left in school during the week and refilled during the day as necessary. Children in Key Stage 2 may bring fruit in a plastic container/bag. All younger children will be provided fruit as usual.

Will staff be wearing PPE?

Staff can wear PPE if they choose to at the beginning and end of the day. When a child requires first aid that needs adult intervention, or when intimate care is needed, staff member will wear PPE as usual.

Will hand washing take place?

Yes, children will wash their hands thoroughly on entry to the school, before and after breaks/lunch and before leaving.

Is Lookout Club available to children returning to school?

Yes, booking is now open via your MCAS account. Please email any changes to your bookings to lookout@meldreth.cambs.sch.uk.

My child has been diagnosed with a new medical condition over the lockdown and needs to take regular medication. What should I do?

Please download our [agreement to administer medication form](#) and contact the school office as soon as possible.

I have forgotten to give my child their glasses, coat, lunchbox, etc. What should I do? Please ensure that your child has all of the items they require for the school day. It is not possible for items to be dropped off later in the day.

If my child has an EHCP, will their provision remain the same?

Where a child has an EHCP, reasonable adaptations may be made to the provision outlined in their plans, to ensure the safety of the children and staff. These adaptations will ensure that the key skills and targets can continue to be worked on whilst following health and guidelines.

What are my child's PE days?

Puffin – Thursdays and Fridays with appropriate coats for Nature Detectives on Tuesdays please

Swift – Tuesdays and Thursdays

Wren – Monday and Friday don't forget your wellies for gardening Fridays

Osprey - Tuesdays and Thursdays

Kite – Mondays and Wednesdays

Kestrel – Wednesdays and Thursdays

Hawk - Tuesdays and Wednesdays





Can I go to the school office?

Due to health and safety guidelines, you will need to phone or email the school office. You can only attend in person if you have a pre-arranged appointment.

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COVID-19 A Quick guide for parents/carers

You may also find [this diagram](#) about actions to take if someone in your household develops COVID-19 symptoms helpful.

| WHAT TO DO IF... | ACTION NEEDED | BACK TO SCHOOL... |
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|  <p>...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child must not come to school. • Child should get a test. • Whole household isolates while waiting for the results • Inform school immediately | <p>... if a child's test result is negative and they have been symptom free for 48 hours.</p> |
|  <p>...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child must not come to school. • Child and whole household isolates for 10 days from when symptoms started. • Inform school immediately | <p>... after 10 days if they are feeling better and have not had a fever for 48 hours</p> |
|  <p>...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child must not come to school. • Whole household isolates for 10 days from when symptoms started. • Inform school immediately | <p>... if the household member's test is negative and the child does not have symptoms.</p> |
|  <p>...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child must not come to school. • Whole household isolates for 10 days from when symptoms started. • Inform school immediately | <p>... after 10 days of isolation</p> |