



Knop Law Frequently Asked Questions March 2021

Does my child have to attend school from Monday 8th March 2021?

Yes. The Government guidance now states that attendance at school is compulsory. If you are worried about something – please get in touch with us.

What are the schools protective and prevention strategies?

In line with government guidance we have implemented several systems of control. Essential measures include:

- a requirement that people who are ill stay at home
- robust hand and respiratory hygiene
- enhanced cleaning arrangements
- active engagement with NHS Test and Trace
- protective bubbles with maximum numbers of children determined according to our risk assessment
- social distancing and staff maintaining distance from pupils and other adults as much as possible

When will school be open?

We are open from 8.20am and our official start time remains as 8.30am. We would strongly recommend that children and families walk to school to enable social distancing advice to be adhered to. The car park is open and children should be dropped off from the passenger side of the car and enter school through the green gate at the bottom of the car park. To minimise the number of adults on the school site, children will be met at the main school gate by members of staff and directed straight into their classrooms.

What are the timings of the school day?

The gate will be opened at 8:20 with the school day starting at 8:30am. Pick-ups at the end of the school day are staggered, in keeping with government guidance and to minimise the number of people on site at any one time. All families will leave with their **ELDEST** sibling.

Reception will leave at **2:40pm**

KS1 and their younger siblings will leave at **2:45pm**

KS2 and their younger siblings will leave at **2:55pm if walking 3:00pm if leaving by car**

We need to avoid mass gatherings and for the foreseeable future can only allow **one adult from each family** on the school site at any one time and request that people leave the site as quickly as possible.

Can my child come to school on a bike or scooter?

Yes but this must be taken away with the parent and not parked on the school site during the day.

What should my child wear?

Children are required to wear school uniform or school outdoor PE kit.

What will the classroom look like?

Some of the furniture and other items that may be difficult to clean will have been removed. Older children will sit side by side facing the front. Windows and internal doors will be kept open to ensure better ventilation, whilst also ensuring the comfort of the children. Hand sanitiser will be available in the classroom although we are encouraging hand washing. Your child can bring their own bottles if children have allergies. Children can bring in a water bottle, which will be kept in their individual drawer throughout the day and needs to be taken home at night. Children will remain in their classroom throughout the day apart from outdoor breaks, which have been regularly timetabled. They will stay with the same group of children and staff throughout the day.

What will the curriculum be like?

The children will follow a broad and balanced curriculum, which can be viewed on our website.

Will I need to provide any equipment?

No. We will provide all learning equipment - each child will have their own resource pack. You will need to provide your child with their own water bottle and mid-morning snack. Please ensure that all food can be opened independently. **Children should not bring any personal items into school, with the exception of a mobile phone if they are walking to school independently.**

Will playtime/ lunchtimes be different?

The children will take their playtime and outdoor lunch break on the main playgrounds in a specified year group area. At playtime and lunchtime children will be allowed contact with other children in their year group but are not allowed to mix with any other year group bubbles. Children should aim to maintain social distancing where possible from all other children and adults at all times when outside.

Will systems for Toileting, First Aid and Hygiene change?

Children will be allowed regular toilet visits with no more than 1 child at a time. Hand washing will be encouraged at least hourly with hot, soapy water. Hand sanitiser will be available for use throughout the day. If children suffer a minor injury such as a small cut, they will be given wipes/plasters, etc. to apply themselves to avoid close contact with adults. As ever, if children suffer a more serious accident or illness, parents will be contacted immediately or in the case of an emergency, 999 will be called. Children who require an inhaler will need to ensure this is in school and will be kept in sterile, secure storage in the classroom.

Have the behaviour policy and school rules changed?

We have had to update our school rules around hand washing and social distancing in order to keep everyone safe. However, our Ready, Respectful and Safe behaviour expectations still remain the same. These will be explained to children and must be followed. If your child is unable to follow the rules, you will be contacted. Please ensure you discuss our Knop Law home/school agreement carefully with your children.

What arrangements are in place for lunch?

Hot lunches will be eaten in the hall in year group bubbles and packed lunches will be eaten in the classrooms. You can order lunches as normal through our school office or children can bring in their own packed lunch. Please ensure that all items can be opened independently and any cutlery necessary is provided.

Will there be breakfast and/or after school care?

Cuba Club are offering before and after school care. If you require this service please contact Vikki on 07876407182. School clubs and the toddler group on Tuesday remain suspended until further notice.

Will my child be in the same class and with the same teacher?

Children will remain in their same classrooms with the same teachers until the end of this academic year.

Will there be extra cleaning happening in school?

We will follow the [COVID-19: cleaning of non-healthcare settings guidance](#) and ensure that sufficient handwashing facilities are available. Where a sink is not nearby, we will provide hand sanitiser.

We will regularly clean surfaces that pupils are touching, such as toys, books, desks, chairs, doors, sinks, toilets, light switches, bannisters, more regularly than normal.

We will ensure that all adults and children are frequently washing their hands with soap and water for 20 seconds and dry thoroughly.

They will clean their hands on arrival at school, before and after eating, and after sneezing or coughing.

They will be encouraged not to touch their mouth, eyes and nose and use a tissue or elbow to cough or sneeze and use bins for tissue waste ('catch it, bin it, kill it')

Where possible, all spaces will be well ventilated using natural ventilation (opening windows) whilst maintaining the comfort of the children.

We will prop doors open, where safe to do so (bearing in mind fire safety and safeguarding), to limit use of door handles and aid ventilation.

What happens if someone in the class bubble is ill?

If anyone in the bubble shows signs of COVID 19 then they will be isolated and sent home immediately. They must self-isolate and get a test. Only when the result of this test shows they do not have the infection they can return to school. If the test is positive, then school will work with Public Health England as to the next steps that need to be taken.

Are there things as a parent that I must do?

A new home school agreement has been attached for you and your child to read and this must be adhered to at all times.

If you think your child has COVID 19 symptoms you must not bring them to school.

Your mobile number must be up to date and you should always be contactable.

Social distancing measures (2m) must be followed, even by close friends as the new strain of COVID 19 has a much higher transmission rate.

You cannot gather at entrance gates or on the school yards.

Please talk through and reinforce all the important routines with your child.

It is imperative that all of the Government COVID 19 restrictions in place, especially those regarding mixing of households is adhered to AT ALL TIMES. This will minimise the risk of cross contamination both at home, at school and in the community.

Are parents allowed into school? No

To ensure we can keep the risk of spreading the virus to a minimum no visitors will be allowed into the school. Communication should be via:

Email - parentinfo@knoplaw.newcastle.sch.uk

Telephone – 0191 2674453

When are the Easter holidays?

We break up for the Easter holidays on Thursday 1st April 2021. School re-opens for all children on Monday 19th April 2021.

Will there be after school clubs?

There will be no after-school clubs for the foreseeable future. We will review this next term.

Will the school be taking place in sporting competitions and events?

Government advice now states that competitions, etc. can begin again. We will keep a close eye on this and inform parents of any developments within the city.

Will school trips take place?

We continue to keep this under review, but we will not be planning any trips until for the foreseeable future.

Will the Y2 or Y6 SATs tests and phonics/times table screenings take place next year?

No, no formal assessments will take place this academic year. For Year 6 and Year 2 children the class teachers will give a 'teacher assessment', which will be based on the children's work throughout the year.