

School closure January 2021



From Tuesday 6th January 2021, school is open only to vulnerable pupils and children of Key workers.

Our plans for educating the vulnerable pupils and children of Key workers as well as providing quality home education for all other pupils is below. The continually evolving situation means that many logistical issues continue to change and develop.

Arrangements for pupils attending school from Tuesday 6th January 2021

School is open to the children of keyworkers from 9am until 3pm Monday to Friday.

Learning in school

All class teachers are responsible for planning and preparing the learning for every pupil in their class. Whilst in school, the children of keyworkers will be completing the daily learning set by their class teacher on Seesaw. Each day will include a Reading, Literacy, Numeracy, Spelling and Topic lesson. Videos and Powerpoints will be used to explain and model learning to pupils, followed by activities and worksheets for children to be able to work through. Teachers will ensure learning is appropriately challenging by providing differentiated worksheets where necessary. Children will post their learning on Seesaw for their class teacher to respond to. Members of support staff who children are familiar with will facilitate pupils learning on Seesaw and will support communication with the class teacher.

System of protective measures

Initially pupils are split into three separate bubbles to carry out learning in school. We will ensure that the integrity of the bubbles is maintained throughout the school day. This will ensure that in the event of a positive case of Covid 19 in school, not all keyworker children have to isolate, just the bubble affected.

Each bubble has a set team of staff and each member of staff only works within one bubble of pupils. We endeavour to keep bubble numbers below 20 with each bubble working with two members of support staff overseen by a member of SLT. Staff work on a rota system. At present, all classroom bubbles have less than 15 pupils.

Bubble <i>Updated 21.1.2021</i>	Year groups	Playtime area
Bubble 1 – class 9	Class 1, 2 and 3	KS1 playground
Bubble 2 – class 8	Class 4 and 5	Zoned area of KS2 playground
Bubble 3 – class 10	Class 6, 7 and 8	Zoned area of KS2 playground
Bubble 4 – Class 11	Class 9, 10 and 11	Zoned area of KS2 playground

In addition to minimising contact between pupils, we also ensure that hand and respiratory hygiene practises are well established. Hand washing and sanitising is in place before and after break times and at regular times throughout the day.

Pupils have their own individual stock of stationery and regularly used items are cleaned. Resources are not shared between bubbles. We have limited the amount of items brought onto school premises to lunch bottles and water bottles only.

Frequently touched surfaces e.g. door handles are cleaned regularly throughout the day. Additionally, tables are cleaned at lunchtimes. Lidded bins are in all work spaces and are thoroughly cleaned at the end of every working day. Each bubble of children only use one classroom space so there are no shared areas. Each bubble has their own zone of the playground in which to play.

Parents as well as other external agencies are not on school premises. ITT students can continue their placement supporting remote learning.

Staff may continue to use the hall as a staff room and must employ social distancing measures around school as much as possible. Face masks are worn by all staff members in communal areas.

PPE is used in the event of administering first aid and when supervising a child with Covid 19 symptom/s. Face masks are worn by staff members briefly entering a bubble who are not based in there. Kitchen staff also wear PPE.

Any child who displays a symptom of Covid 19 will be taken to the first aid room by a member of staff who will wear PPE and keep distance from the child until the parent/carer arrives to collect them. It has been repeatedly communicated with parents and staff that anyone displaying any Covid 19 symptom should not attend school under any circumstances and should get a test.

At home time, the one-way system continues with parents entering from the side gate, collecting children from the classroom doors and leaving through the front gate.

Playtimes and lunchtimes

Each bubble will have a 30-minute break in the morning and an hour break for lunch.

At playtimes children will play outside in a designated area with pupils in their bubble. In order to maintain the integrity of the bubbles, pupils from different bubbles do not mix at break times.

Children will be encouraged to respect each other's personal space on the playground.

A member of staff first aid trained will be in attendance each day. Lunchtime staff are not in school to support vulnerable pupils and children of key workers.

School dinners

In school, we provide a hot and a cold sandwich option prepared each day by onsite kitchen staff. Pupils can also bring a packed lunch from home.

Attendance

The attendance of Vulnerable pupils is encouraged during the school closure. All parents of vulnerable children are contacted and encouraged to accept a place in school. In line with government guidance, the appropriate codes are used to indicate attendance.

All vulnerable pupils at home are contacted at least weekly. We will discuss home learning, any support school can offer in terms of devices or contact with the teacher, we may also speak with the child if it is appropriate. Records of attendance in school and contact with pupils are held.

KEY POINTS:

- Only pupils to attend are children of Keyworkers and those identified by the government as vulnerable.
- The school day lasts from 9am to 3pm for those in school.
- No ties, book bags, PE kits, or stationary are required.
- Bring a water bottle and packed lunch if needed. School is offering hot and cold sandwiches.
- Free School Meals pupils are catered for in school.
- Hand and respiratory hygiene practises are in place.
- Children will be in a bubble of no more than 20 pupils.

Arrangements for pupils accessing remote learning

A schedule for lessons via remote learning is on Seesaw between 9am until 3pm Monday – Friday. Class teachers will respond to learning throughout the day and possibly in the evening depending on their own family circumstances balancing workload accordingly.

Remote learning

All class teachers are responsible for planning and preparing the learning for every pupil in their class.

This daily timetable has been communicated with families and is followed by teaching staff to provide some structure and routine to the day for pupils able to access it. A daily message and contact with the class teacher is provided.

8:55am	Good morning message from your class teacher!
9:00 - 9:30am 	Phonics and Reading time - enjoy!
9:30 - 10:30am 	Literacy time - pencils ready!
10:30 - 11:00am 	Break time - have a drink and a snack!
11:00 - 12:00pm 	Maths time - get your brain switched on!
12:00 - 1:00pm 	Lunch time - what's for lunch today?
1:00 - 1:15pm 	Spelling time - get practising!
1:15 - 2:45pm 	Topic time - what are you learning about today?
2:45 - 2:55pm 	Story time - enjoy being read to!

Videos to model and demonstrate learning are uploaded to Seesaw alongside worksheets that are accessible to pupils. Staff are available to support children and families with any learning or technology issues.

Systems are in place to check daily upon the engagement with home learning. Parents are contacted when there is a lack of engagement to remove any barriers to home learning and support parents and children.

It is at the discretion of the class teacher to carry out remote learning from home or in school or a mix of the two. Support staff support the class teacher communicating with children on Seesaw when they are not in school working with vulnerable pupils and children of key workers.

Vulnerable pupils

All vulnerable pupils at home are contacted at least weekly. We will discuss home learning, any support school can offer in terms of devices or contact with the teacher, we may also speak with the child if it is appropriate. Records of contact with pupils and loaned iPads are held. Planned meetings and liaising with external agency by safeguarding and SEND staff to take place remotely.

Free school meal provision for pupils at home

A weekly food parcel is available for all pupils eligible for Free School Meals. Parents can collect these from school or we have arranged to deliver to houses where this is not possible. Pupils with a dairy intolerance have also been catered for.

Vulnerable pupils

Covid Catch up tutors will deliver some video lessons. This is to be arranged.

KEY POINTS:

- Daily timetable of lessons between 9am and 3pm.
- Daily morning greeting from the teacher on Seesaw.
- All learning on Seesaw.
- School iPads available to be loaned out to families without suitable devices for home learning.
- Those pupils identified as vulnerable are contacted weekly.
- Lessons all planned and prepared by class teacher.
- Class teacher responds to children's learning.
- Food parcels available for all pupils eligible for Free School Meals.