

FAQ for parents. May 2020

Hello everyone. Understandably we are being inundated with questions about the children returning. We have tried to accumulate them here to save us some time in replying individually. We hope you appreciate we are extremely busy responding to Government requests but we want you to feel you have enough information. We greatly value your ongoing support.

Additional documents to look out for – New Home School Agreement for Covid 19 period

Will my child be with at least 1 friend?

We will do our best and plan to keep children with their year group and class as much as we can – due to criteria we are following from Government we cannot guarantee this but would obviously want children to be as comfortable as possible returning to school.

What will happen with first aid? How will my child be cared for?

First aid will continue to be administered as normal. This will be in classrooms initially for minor bumps etc. as each class will have their own first aid pack. If the ailment is more serious a trained paediatric first aider within school will be called for, again this is normal practice. Should the child be displaying any symptom of Covid 19, the first aider will put on protective equipment and the child will be isolated in a separate room until parents can come and collect

What will happen at playtime?

The playground will be sectioned in areas and each 'bubble' will have their own section so there will be no mixing with other bubbles. Playtimes will be staggered so children will have enough space. We will be reminding the children about distancing and showing games they can play with friends safely. We will stay as safe as possible.

How will you comfort children? My child is nervous about coming back.

Clearly we have to socially distance as much as possible to protect staff and children. Our staff are very nurturing and by only having a maximum of 10 children we hope this will help children to feel secure. We will be doing PSHE daily focusing on feelings and worries so we can share and help each other.

What teaching will be happening?

There will be PSHE, Maths, English and phonics daily. The afternoons will be more topic based and a chance for children to take part in more creative tasks plus opportunities to be outside. (see next question for more info)

Will home school happen for those that are not returning?

We have 3 teachers unable to return to the school currently. They will be taking the lead on planning for the year groups in school and sending the same offer home for remote learning. So if your child is at home you will be sent the same work that is happening in school for that year group.

What if we don't send our child into school in June when will they return?

Currently we do not know so it will depend on Government guidelines and staffing levels. We will of course keep you informed as we have always aimed to do.

Will we know who is in my child's group?

We have a social story to help children prepare for returning. It explains their class teacher and the first names only (For GDPR reasons) of children in their group. Once we know the children who are returning we will do our best to keep year groups and classes together as much as we can.

What will happen if my child need the toilet?

If your child is in Moles or Hedgehog class room they will have a toilet block each to use and the teacher will send one at a time. The other classes have a block to share so there will be markers where children can queue and use the toilets one at a time so they can still socially distance.

What will the classrooms look like?

We have tried to strip classrooms back to allow as much space as possible. Desks are separated and each child will have their own special tray under their desk with their own whiteboard/pen/pencil/labelling pencils/sharpener in for them, and only them, to use.

How will hand washing work?

Children will be using hand sanitiser on entry into playground. They will then line up with their teacher and go into class. Handwashing will take place regularly throughout the day and before and after consuming any food

What does my child need to bring to school?

A lunchbox if they are not having a school packed lunch and a water bottle. We do not want anything else bought in so no book bags or equipment please. Children's water bottles will be placed in their own tray under their desk

Does my child need to wear a uniform?

No it will be non-uniform but we request that clean clothes are worn every day. Children will be doing physical activities in these clothes too so please ensure they wear something comfortable that they can easily move in. We appreciate that some of your children are also outgrowing their uniforms and we don't want you to have any extra expense.

Can the groups be changed?

No – once the group is set the group will stay as it is to avoid mixing and reduce the likelihood of spreading any germs. This is all done following government guidelines.

What if there is a case of Covid 19 in school?

Please see additional document - *Summary for suspected and confirmed cases...*