

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

These FAQs are designed to help you to understand the process of returning to school from Monday 8 June. Please use these questions to help you make informed decisions about your child returning to school.

1. How many family bubbles will there be potentially returning to school?

There are potentially 7 family bubbles of 15 children returning from Monday 8 June. We continue to be open for children of critical workers.

2. What are your plans for supporting social distancing?

The short video sent to parents before half term will be used to teach and reinforce the concept <https://www.tsatrust.org.uk/about/coronavirus/>. We have also created visual cues for all classrooms and shared areas to help children's understanding. We will use phrases such as 'you are currently too close, please move away' so that they understand when they need to remember expectations.

3. How have classrooms been organised?

The Government acknowledges in their guidance for schools that 2 metre social distancing is very challenging in primary schools. We have spaced out tables to accommodate up to 15 children. Each child will have their own table to sit at during lesson time. We have removed soft furnishings and removed access to shared resources such as Reading corners and Maths trolleys. Children will have a tray on their desk with individual resources to use - children will be expected to sit at their desk unless authorised by an adult to move.

4. Will my child be taught by a familiar adult?

Due to splitting all classes into two family bubbles, we have needed to use a range of staff from across the school. Therefore, we cannot guarantee that your child will be taught by a familiar adult.

5. What will my child be taught?

The Government does not expect schools to deliver the full broad national curriculum. We will teach a varied timetable that includes time outside, but also essentials such as Reading and Maths. As some children are unable to return to school for various reasons, we will continue to provide distance learning. Children will not be taught PE so therefore do not need their PE kit.

6. What should my child bring to school?

Children should bring a healthy snack and their own labelled water bottle. Parents can send individual equipment such as pens and pencils if they would prefer but we will also continue to provide these. We cannot send reading books/contact books home at this time.

7. Does my child need to wear school uniform?

Children are being asked to wear school uniform. However school ties are not compulsory this term.

8. What happens at lunchtime?

Bubbles have been allocated timetabled slots in the dining hall so to avoid contact with children from other bubbles. Hot dinner options are available, but we are encouraging children to bring packed lunches to school, or have a school packed lunch, as this would allow us to utilise outside space for picnics.

9. Will children have playtime?

Children will have 30 minutes for break time and 60 minutes for lunch. Children have been allocated a zone/area to play in. Children will be able to play freely with their family bubble equipment; any other equipment such as climbing frames in some playgrounds will be closed.

10. I would like to speak to the teacher, how do I contact them?

Please email the school office or continue to use Tapestry/Seesaw and a member of staff will either respond to your email or telephone you at the earliest convenience. Unfortunately, no face to face meetings are currently possible.

11. Can I drop my child off outside of the allocated drop off times?

Due to a strict timetable this will not be possible. Parents will not be permitted to drop children outside of the allocated 10-minute window provided. Any child who arrives late (after the allocated time) will need to wait, with their parent/carer, whilst social distancing, on the main playground until they can be escorted to class by staff on duty. If children arrive after the gates have closed please report to the main office.

12. Can I speak to a member of staff in the main office?

We are limiting any visitors to the school. Therefore, parents and other visitors will not be permitted to enter the office unless it is an emergency. Parents are asked to telephone the office to speak to a member of staff.

13. Why does my child need to wear a wrist band, and could my child end up in a bubble on their own?

Easy identification for pick up and drop off is key to help manage the volume of people on the site. We also need to be able to identify children within a set family quickly, staff in the bubble will also wear the wrist band. Due to the potential volume of children returning to school, family bubbles have been planned carefully to ensure children and adults are safe, therefore children could be in a very small bubble- however we would not have a bubble with only 1 child, as that child would not be able to socialise with other children. In that instance only would we consider changing a child's allocated bubble. All bubbles are now fixed and will not be changed for any other reason.

14. My child has SEND needs/medical/other needs how will staff know about these?

All staff have been informed about information for children in their family bubble. Any child with a serious medical/health need would have a Health Care Plan that will be shared with staff. Equipment related to SEND needs such as writing slopes and sit and move cushions will be with the child in their bubble.

15. How will first aid be administered if needed?

We will take a cautious common-sense approach. If a child needs first aid, we will administer the first aid to ensure that the child is comforted and supported. Where possible first aid will be administered outside as being in the open air as much as possible is advisable and thorough hand washing will take place before and after.

16. Can I refuse to send my child to school?

It is a parent's choice to send their child to school during these times and usual attendance procedures will be suspended. We will continue to provide distance learning via Tapestry/Seesaw to support learning at home where possible. We fully respect parent's decisions - however please inform the school of your decision - you can change your mind at a later date.

17. My child is attending but is unwell today (not Covid-19 related) what process should I follow?

Please telephone or email the school office as you usually would so that we are aware and know not to expect your child on site for that day. They can return as usual when they are feeling better.

18. My child has been given a course of antibiotics, but I believe they are well enough to return to school, are you able to administer the medicine?

Please notify the school and we will email you a copy of the paperwork that we will need parents to complete. Please advise the school of your intended drop off time and we will admit you to the main office to drop off the medicine. We will follow our usual procedures to ensure we provide your child with the medication as prescribed.

19. Can my child use the toilet when needed or will this be restricted?

Each family bubble either has allocated toilets within the school. We will restrict the toilet area to one child at a time to support social distancing, however if a child indicates to an adult that they would like to use the facilities, they will always be granted permission. Hand washing posters and guidance have been added to every toilet area in the school.

20. How often will classrooms be cleaned?

Areas with high usage such as door handles and stair rails will be cleaned frequently throughout the day. Individual classrooms, including toilet areas, will be deep cleaned twice a day as well as having table-top surfaces cleaned as often as necessary. E.g. a child sneezes at their table, this will be wiped over immediately. The dinner hall and other shared areas will be cleaned after every bubble has 'visited' the area and before another bubble uses the area.