

Dear Parents/Carers

1 September 2020

I hope you and your family are safe and well and have enjoyed the summer break.

As we prepare for the new academic year we continue to work closely with our Trust (Thinking Schools Academy Trust) and to follow the Government advice to ensure we give the safest welcome for our pupils.

The Government's guidance for opening to all Year groups from September is the cornerstone to our plans and we have been working to reflect this and ensure a safe welcome back for all children in the new academic year.



In addition to this letter, information here <https://www.tsatrust.org.uk/about/coronavirus/> will help you understand how the return-to-school based learning will happen and answer questions you may have.

As throughout the return to school based learning during Term 6, we will be continuing to work to our belief that Child First = Child Safe = Adult Safe. This has been the key principle that has guided our planning since lockdown began and we are pleased with how well it worked and was understood by everyone in our school community.

How will we achieve Child Safe?

At the heart of our strategy to keep everyone safe will be the concept of the Year Group Bubble. Each child will be part of a consistent bubble made up of their Year Group. There will be no mixing of children between these bubbles.

I have outlined below the top five considerations and principles that will be in operation in time for all of our children's return.

1. Managing Sickness and Reporting

Please remember that you must not send your child to school if they are unwell or displaying any symptoms of Covid-19.

- New continuous cough.
- High temperature.
- Loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).



We are going beyond the Government advice regarding Track and Trace to ensure the highest safety for our community. Therefore, any member of our school community that is displaying symptoms must self-isolate and be tested.

In the event of a positive test result, we will inform Public Health England (PHE) and follow their advice.

2. Arrangements for the Start of Term

We will provide a full time education provision for all children 5 days a week. The Government expect all children to return in September and we have planned carefully to ensure that we are able to welcome them all back safely.

To support our children and families to return to school we are operating a staggered return to start the new academic year.

Children in Years 1 - 6 are due back to school on Friday 4 September. EYFS children (Nursery and Reception classes) will not return until Monday 7 September.

Reception Class Schedule:

Mon 7 Sept – Fri 11 Sept	Please book 2 Stay and Play sessions for you and your child via MYEd or email office@allfaithschildrensacademy.org.uk Sessions available 9am – 10am or 12pm – 1pm.
Mon 14 Sept – Fri 18 Sept	8.30 – 11.30am. Parents/carers do not stay.
Mon 21 Sept – Fri 25 Sept	8.30 – 12.30pm. All children stay to lunch.
From Mon 28 Sept	8.30 – 3.00pm. All children stay all day.

Nursery Class Schedule:

Mon 7 Sept – Fri 11 Sept	Please book 2 Stay and Play sessions for you and your child via MYEd or email office@allfaithschildrensacademy.org.uk Morning session 9am – 10 am. Afternoon session 12.00 – 1pm.
Mon 14 Sept – Fri 25 Sept	Morning session 8.30 – 10.00am. Afternoon session 12.00 – 1.30pm. Parents/carers do not stay.
From Mon 28 Sept	Morning session 8.30 – 11.30am. Afternoon session 12.00 – 3.00pm.

3. Arrangements for the School Day

To keep the day as uninterrupted and smooth-running as possible we have implemented a new approach to the school day.

Year group	Morning drop off time	Afternoon pick up time
Nursery, Yr 1, Yr 3, Yr 5	8:30 start (8:25-30 drop)	14:55-15:00
Reception, Yr 2, Yr 4, Yr 6	8:45 start (8:40-45 drop)	15:10-15:15
Treetops	8:20	15:00
Nurture	8:30	15:00

Each class will be a separate bubble and we are planning to use coloured bands for the first few weeks of term to support the children's understanding of our bubble model. Your child will be given their coloured band in class.

We will be opening the Glanville Road gate between 8:20 and 8:45 each day for Term 1. This will start on Friday 4 September.

In accordance with Government guidance, it is essential that parents/carers do not gather in groups before or after school and ensure that they abide by their child's drop off and pick up times. If you have a child due in at 8:30 and another child due in at 8:45, we suggest dropping off both children at 8:35. Similarly if you are collecting children at different times - aim to collect the first child at 15:05, before moving on to collect children from later bubbles.

Parents/carers will not be allowed in to the school buildings unless absolutely necessary, please message via MYEd, email office@allfaithschildrensacademy.org.uk or telephone 03333 602100 if you need to speak to a member of staff (if necessary, please leave a message on the answer phone and someone will return your call).

Break and lunchtimes will be staggered so that the Year Group bubbles do not mix. Please provide your child with a healthy snack for morning break time. We hope to be able to offer break time fruit to all children from Tuesday 8 September.

We will be offering a hot meal option through our usual Chartwells meal provider, alternatively please provide your child with a healthy packed lunch. If you would like your child to have either a school hot lunch or packed lunch please book this via MYEd/+Pay. If your child's lunch is not booked, you will have to provide them with a packed lunch.

Breakfast Club will resume on Friday 4 September at 7.45am. Please book in advance via MYEd/+Pay. Please wait outside the main Reception area doors with your child until the Breakfast Club staff let your child in. Children will sit at a table with others from their class bubble and will not be allowed to mix with children outside of their bubble.

After School Club Please contact JJs Afterschool Club direct 01634 717585 or 07845 979519 about their return/collection procedures.

4. School Rules:

We expect all children to return in full school uniform as well as bringing their PE kit. Wearing the correct uniform is important to our identity and school community and we recognise the importance of establishing our school as a family of learners together and uniform is integral to this.

There will be no whole school assemblies or external school visits taking place throughout the Autumn Term to ensure that we do not have large gatherings, however we will be working to use any technology available to us to come together and 'visit' places virtually.

All normal school rules will apply as well as additional expectations around behaviour in corridors and the maintenance of social distancing – these are shown on additional signage throughout the school. If children choose to ignore these expectations then the normal range of sanctions will be applied.



5. Safety & Cleaning:

Ensuring that our school is kept clean is a key part of our plan. This means regular deep cleaning of all shared spaces including classrooms, corridors, IT suites and toilets.

Hand washing will be the principle means of securing hand hygiene and will be easily accessible throughout school.

The latest Government guidance is that wearing a face covering or face mask in primary schools is not recommended and will not be required, therefore children will not be permitted to wear masks or face coverings.

As a result of these measures we believe we will be able to provide a safe learning environment for your children and we look forward to welcoming you all back.

Please ensure that we have your current contact details in case we need to talk to you in an emergency - please message via MYEd, email office@allfaithschildrensacademy.org.uk or telephone 03333 602100 – giving both yours and your child's name.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our children, parents/carers, staff and governors for their support over the last term and indeed, since the pandemic impacted on our usual ways of teaching and learning.

Together we have overcome some great challenges and we are proud of what we have achieved. Should there be any further changes to the Government guidance before we return, or during the new academic year we will respond as fast and as best we can.

Further information will be published on the school site as and when it occurs.

Yours sincerely



Mr C Murphy
Headteacher