



Guidance for Parents for Full Re-opening

March 2021

Schools will re-open to all pupils from Monday 8th March. We are hoping to make returning to school as normal an experience as possible, however, in order to comply with DfE guidance there will be some additional rules and requirements for us all. This is broadly similar to the September return.

The information below details the things that you and your children need to know about restarting on 8th March.

Attendance and Uniform

- All children should come to school in school uniform
- Children in Class 1 will need a pair of wellies as well as shoes to wear indoors
- We will not be changing shoes with children in Classes 2 to 4, so we are relaxing our uniform requirements around footwear. Children will need one pair of shoes or trainers to wear indoors and outdoors. Please be aware that these may get muddy, but hopefully the weather will be improving from now on.
- Normal attendance rules will apply; so children should attend every day unless they are unwell or self-isolating
- Please contact the school office via email if your child is going to be absent from school
- After-School Club will be open as normal; please book through Tom via his usual method or contact him on kidschoiceclubs@gmail.com

Children displaying symptoms

- We recommend that you check your child's temperature each day before they come to school
- **If your child has any of the symptoms of Covid-19 – continuous cough, high temperature (above 37.8°C) or loss of smell or taste – you should isolate them, and your household, at home and contact the school to let us know. You should book a test with NHS Test and Trace at <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test>**
- **If your child displays any symptoms in school, they will be isolated in school and you will be asked to come and collect them.** You will then need to isolate them and your household at home and arrange a test.
- We will inform you of any suspected cases in your child's bubble.
- In order to reduce transmission, it is essential that you act on a suspected case. Please do not send children to school and hope it will go away.

Groups (Bubbles)

- The school will continue to operate in three separate bubbles:
 - EYFS/KS1 (ie Class 1 & 2)
 - Class 3
 - Class 4
- Bubbles will not meet each other during the school day but a limited number of staff, for example, teaching assistants, Mrs Sharred and Ms Love will have contact across different bubbles. This is within the DfE guidance
- Where possible, bubbles will have their own facilities, eg their own entrance and classroom, but may need to share some others, eg toilets at KS2

Arrival

- Arrival times will be staggered by class.

Class 1	8.35am
Class 2	8.40am
Class 3	8.45am
Class 4	8.45am

- Please arrive as close to your designated arrival time as possible. Children will not be able to come into school before 8.35am.
- Siblings may come into school at the same time as their youngest brother or sister
- No doubt there will be points where a number of people arrive simultaneously. Please use the space on the Butts to socially distance
- Children should go directly to their classroom to wash their hands
 - Reception children will go around the school to the Reception outdoor play area
 - Children in Class 2 children will enter through the main blue doors
 - Children in Class 3 will enter past the office
 - Children in Class 4 will enter through the blue doors to the school hall
- No parents will be allowed onto the school playground

Departure

- Please arrive as close to your designated collection time as possible as these are staggered for different groups. You will need to wait on The Butts, appropriately spaced

Class 1	3.05pm
Class 2	3.05pm
Class 3	3.10pm
Class 4	3.10pm

- We will bring children out to the Butts – they will go to you once they have crossed the road
- No parents will be allowed onto the school playground
- Please try to keep you children with you once they have been collected.
- If you are collecting children from After-School Club, please ring the doorbell on the school gate.

School Lunch

- A full school lunch menu will be on offer from 8th March.
- School lunches will remain 'canteen' style rather than family service, with EYFS/KS1 eating at 12.00 and KS2 eating at 12.30pm.

Playtime & Lunchtime Play

- Playtimes will have a staggered start and end time between bubbles

- Children will be able to play on the Butts, but it will be divided into three separate areas. Unfortunately, this does mean that siblings/friends from different bubbles will not be able to play together for the time being.

Things my child will need

- Children will need:
 - their packed lunch box (if they are not having a school lunch)
 - a water bottle (which they will also bring home every day)
 - a sun hat, sun cream and a light waterproof coat
 - to wear their PE kit to school on PE days – I will ask class teachers to update you about these

a snack for morning break if you wish – the school fruit and vegetable scheme is continuing.
You may wish to remember that KS2 children will not eat lunch until 12.30pm
- Children may bring a small bag or carrier bag to help them manage multiple items
- Children do not need/are not allowed to bring:
 - Pencil cases, or their own pens and pencils
 - A large bag
 - Books or toys from home
 - A change of shoes (except Class 1). We have relaxed this uniform rule for the time being

Other illnesses

- We will treat other illness as we did before the period when schools have been closed

Closing Bubbles

- **Please be aware that there may be occasions when groups of children are asked to self-isolate. We shall be acting on the advice of local public health.**

School Office

- The school office will be open for people with an appointment. If you need to drop something off or collect something, please wait outside if there are already people in the entrance.
- If possible, please contact the school office via email (preferable) or telephone.
- If you need to collect children early from school, you must let us know in advance by email or phone.

Test & Trace Information from Cambridgeshire County Council

Where there is a possible case of coronavirus in school

If a child or member of staff develops symptoms of coronavirus, the individual concerned will be sent home and asked to self-isolate for 10 days. They will be asked to arrange a test at the earliest convenience (either by visiting a test centre, or by requesting a home test kit) and to share the results with the school.

The parents/carers of other children within the bubble will be sent a letter to notify them of this situation however, the individual will not be named and personally identifiable information will not be included. All other children within the bubble will be able to continue to attend school as normal whilst the test is carried out and until the result is known.

The wider school community will not receive this letter.

Where there is a confirmed case of coronavirus in school

If a child or member of staff tests positive for coronavirus, the individual concerned will be asked to self-isolate for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared.

If they have tested positive whilst not experiencing symptoms but develop symptoms during the isolation period, they should restart the 10 day isolation period from the day they develop symptoms.

Other members of their household or support bubble should self-isolate for 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms and should continue this period of isolation even if they too have been tested and have received a negative test result.

The school will work with the Health Protection Team of Public Health England to carry out a risk assessment to determine who else, if anyone, also needs to isolate.

The parents/carers of other children within the bubble will be sent a letter to notify them of this situation, and will be advised of any additional measures which are required. Again, the individual will not be named and personally identifiable information will not be included.

What you can do

If your child, a household member or a member of your support bubble develops any of the following symptoms, we would ask that you **notify the school immediately** and arrange a test by visiting <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by phoning 119.

- A high temperature
- A new and persistent cough
- A loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)