

It is vital that no child must attend school with any [symptoms of Covid](#): a new, continuous cough, a raised temperature, a loss of the sense of taste or smell. If any members of your household have these symptoms, keep your child at home and seek a test for the affected person. Check the [government guidelines for isolation times](#). Children who have symptoms in school will be kept away from others and sent home. If any pupil or member of staff tests positive for Covid19, we will contact the health protection team, who will advise us which children and staff must be asked to self-isolate.

When do the children come back?

All children from Year 1 to Year 6 return on Wednesday 2nd September. Our Nursery and new Reception children have their own transition and start dates.

What does my child wear?

Year 1 to year 6 children: school uniform. Reception children start wearing uniform on Monday 28th September.

What is the start time?

For at least the first half of the term, we will use a 'soft opening' arrangement to minimise the number of people on the school grounds and avoid crowding. Children will not line up, but will go straight into the school at the times given. It does not matter what time you bring your child or pick them up, as long as it is within the time given below. For older children, there is a specific pick-up time. Members of staff will be there to direct you on the first day.

Class	Door	Time In	Time Out
Oak from 14 th September	Classroom door	8.40 – 9.10 a.m.	2.45 – 3.15 p.m.
Elm from 14 th September	Classroom door	8.40 – 9.10 a.m.	2.45 – 3.15 p.m.
1F	Classroom door	8.40 – 9.10 a.m.	2.45 – 3.15 p.m.
1BC	Classroom door	8.40 – 9.10 a.m.	2.45 – 3.15 p.m.
2MH	Classroom door	8.40 – 9.10 a.m.	2.45 – 3.15 p.m.
2CH	Classroom door	8.40 – 9.10 a.m.	2.45 – 3.15 p.m.
3B	Fire door at front of school	8.40 – 9.10 a.m.	3.00 p.m.
3N	Fire door at front of school	8.40 – 9.10 a.m.	3.00 p.m.
4C	Playground door at back of school	8.40 – 9.10 a.m.	3.00 p.m.
4SW	Playground door at back of school	8.40 – 9.10 a.m.	3.00 p.m.
5B	Front door – main entrance	8.40 – 9.10 a.m.	3.15 p.m.
5F	Music room door at back of school	8.40 – 9.10 a.m.	3.15 p.m.
6H	Music room door at back of school	8.40 – 9.10 a.m.	3.15 p.m.
6T	Music room door at back of school	8.40 – 9.10 a.m.	3.15 p.m.

How many other children will my child mix with?

Children will be in year-group 'bubbles' of around 60 children, plus school adults. They will only mix with children in that year group. This includes breaktimes and lunch times. There won't be any school assemblies.

How is the school cleaned?

Staff have access to cleaning products throughout the day and tables will be cleaned after eating. Our cleaning company clean floors, surfaces and contact points every day. Bins are emptied daily and toilets and basins are cleaned each day. Different groups of children will not share toilets or basins.

What about first aid?

Staff will wear PPE if administering first aid or looking after children who have had toilet accidents.

Will my child have a school lunch?

Caterlink will provide school meals, which can be ordered as usual. We will send out the menu when we receive it.

How will the classrooms look?

For year 2 and above, the classes will be set up with front-facing desks. Children can use their lockers, but will have their pens and pencils on their table. You can send in stationery such as a pencil case, but it needs to stay in school and not be taken back and forth between school and home. PE will be taught outside only at first and kit must be washed each weekend.

What will the curriculum be like?

We will teach the full curriculum, going over basic skills so that the teachers can quickly plug any knowledge gaps and move the children's learning on. We have transition units planned to support their well-being.

How will reading work?

It's very important to the children's reading progress that we continue to teach reading and you continue to read with them at least four times each week. We will send home books as usual and when they are returned, they will go into a 'quarantine' box for a few days before being used by another child.

Where do I park?

The school gates are no longer open. Please walk, or use The Waterside car park. Do not drop off your child on the zig-zag lines, block residents' drives or garages, or park on their verges. Contact the school office if you have a disability parking badge and we will make arrangements for you.

What about hygiene?

Children will be told to wash their hands several times a day, as this is one of the most important ways to prevent Covid19 being passed on. We have been directed to do this by Public Health England. If your child has sensitive skin, please send in unscented liquid soap or hand cream, labelled with their name, for their personal use.

Should I send in a mask?

"Public Health England does not (based on current evidence) recommend the use of face coverings in schools. This evidence will be kept under review. They are not required in schools as pupils and staff are mixing in consistent groups, and because misuse may inadvertently increase the risk of transmission." Source: DfE guidance for schools July 2020

Can I come into school?

Parents and carers can come into school by appointment only. We have a new post box next to the front door, and a box where you can put questions, or ask for an appointment. The safest thing to do is to call, or email the school office and someone will contact you.

What about open evenings and plays?

The current guidance is that we cannot have gatherings in school. There will be no performances or meetings arranged for the first term, although we will review this closer to the time if the guidance changes.

Will after-school clubs take place?

Not at first. We aren't able to mix year groups for sporting activities, so we won't plan for any after-school activity clubs to take place in September, but we will review this if the guidance changes.

I need to use the extended day provision, will this re-open?

Yes, we are allowed to plan for breakfast and after-school club, with 'small, consistent groups'. Collection will be different, as you will have to wait outside. More details will be sent out at the end of this week.