

School return – Information and Guidance Sheet for Parents

Below are the measures schools are required to take upon re-opening:

Minimising Contact and Mixing

- Timetable altered so that there are staggered arrival times, collection times, break times, lunch times and bathroom visits. Arrival and collection times must be strictly adhered to.
- Only one parent should drop off and collect a pupil(s).
- Parents cannot gather at entrance gates or doors or enter the school (unless there is a pre-arranged appointment).
- Pupils on school lunches will be provided with a packed lunch. All lunches will eaten in classrooms.
- Prevent the sharing of stationary and other equipment where possible. Pupils from the same year group will share certain equipment i.e. playground equipment.
- Any shared materials and surfaces to be cleaned and disinfected more frequently.
- Classes to be no more than 15 pupils (we are splitting classes into two 'pods').
- Pupils will play outdoors in their pods.
- Classroom layouts have been altered to maintain distancing while children are working. As stated by the government it is unrealistic to expect primary age pupils to socially distance.
- Parents, children and staff made aware of the recommendations on transport – seek to walk or cycle where possible. If using public transport, avoid peak times and wear face masks.

Minimising contact with individuals who are unwell

- Any pupil or staff member who has Coronavirus symptoms, or has someone in their household who does, does not attend school.
- Guidance regarding self-isolating to be followed by all individuals, current guidance (May 2020) requires: if you have symptoms of coronavirus, you need to self-isolate for 7 days. If you live with someone who has symptoms you need to self-isolate for 14 days.
- We require parents to take their son or daughter's temperature daily before leaving for school. School will not accept Calpol for children who are presenting as unwell whilst at home. These children will not be permitted to come in to school and will need to isolate as above.
- Suppliers (or visitors) asked not to enter the school grounds if they are displaying any symptoms of coronavirus.

Utilising Outdoor Space

- We will be using outdoor space as much as possible.

Increased Cleaning of Hands

- We will be encouraging staff and pupils to wash their hands more often than normal.
- Teachers will ask pupils to wash their hands: before leaving home, on arrival at school, after breaks, before and after eating, after using the toilet and after sneezing and coughing.

Increased Cleaning

- We will be cleaning frequently touched surfaces throughout the day; these include toys, books, desks, chairs, doors, sinks, toilets, light switches and bannisters.
- The Covid-19 cleaning in non-healthcare settings guidance is being followed by the maintenance managers and cleaning staff.