

# Guidance for parents and pupils to support returning to school: COVID-19

**To help keep you, your child and everyone else safe, the following measures have been put into place.**

*Please bring your own packed lunch, where possible.*

*Where possible, lunch will be eaten in the classrooms.*

*Lunch will be provided for all children who receive 'free school meals'.*

*Keep your coat, bag and packed lunch under your desk.*

*Bring in labelled coats and shoes that you can easily do up yourselves. Grown-ups in school will not be able to help you.*

*Bring your own, labelled water bottle, already full with water.*

*Your own pencils and resources will be given to you, and they are not to be shared with anyone else.*

*We will try and give you time outside as much as possible, to play and to learn. You will still need to stay away from other people, when you are outside.*

*Desks will be kept as far away as possible, and you need to stay at your desk at all times, unless told otherwise by a grown-up in school.*

*Movement around the school is restricted and you must ask your grown-up before moving away from your desk.*

*You may not all be taught by your class teacher.*

*Ensure you regularly and carefully wash your hands, for 20 seconds, following the signs. You must wash your hands whenever you are asked to do so.*

*Break times will be staggered throughout the day and you may be asked to stay in a specific part of the playground.*

*Teachers and other adults will have their own marked off space, which you are to stay out of. This is to help keep them safe.*

*Only 1 child at a time will be allowed to go to the toilet.*

*If you need to see a grown-up in school on your own, or if you are hurt, they may sometimes wear a mask and have gloves on. This is ok and it is to keep you both safe.*

*School may feel a little different to normal, and your grown-up in school will talk to you about this when you come back.*

*There will be some new rules about handwashing and social distancing. These are just as important as your other school rules, and you must do your best to follow them.*



## **Younger Children**

- In Nursery and Reception, you will be given a place for your belongings which will be spaced out from your friends.
- Snack will be provided in a special box and you can keep your drink (and any rubbish) in there too. You may be asked to bring in your own snack.
- We will not be able to keep young children socially distanced from each other. We will make sure that they are spread out both inside and outside, and kept in small groups.

## **Parents/Carers**

- Start and end times will be staggered in slots. Please respect other parents, staff and children when entering the site and stay 2 metres apart.
- Parents must supervise their own children, keeping them with them at all times.
- Parents should arrange for only one adult to bring their child to school. Where possible, please avoid bringing other siblings.
- Only children in the designated year groups can return to school, unless you fall into the key worker or vulnerable category. We will ensure that siblings in eligible year groups attend school on the same days. However, we cannot make provision for other siblings who are in other year groups.
- All communication should continue to be through phone or email. School offices will only be open for deliveries.
- Ensure sun cream is applied before the children come to school in the morning.
- Please talk to your children about what returning to school means for them. If you or they have any anxieties, please let us know and we will talk to them about this.
- If your child has a temperature, new or persistent cough or any other symptoms that may be associated with COVID-19, DO NOT send them to school.

## **Ready to Return Checklist:**

- Check which days your child is in school
- Check the start and end times for your child
- Check which entrance/exit your child should be taken to and collected from
- Read through the school's social distancing measures and discuss with your children
- Have a clearly labelled water bottle and, if possible, a packed lunch box
- Have coats and shoes that they can dress themselves. Help your child practise being independent
- Update the teacher on anything important that has changed since lockdown began. This can be done via email to the school
- Talk to your children around how they feel about returning to school