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Covid-19 – Reopening - Questions and Answers

Thank you to all of those people who took the time to email/message us to express their concerns, ask questions and express a view. Please find below our responses to these. Obviously if you have any further questions please feel free to get in touch, or phone the school.

There will be more specific guidance for returning year groups to follow.

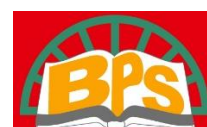
- Q – Can you **guarantee the safety** of my child?
- A – If you decide to send your child back to school, it needs to be done with the knowledge that we cannot guarantee your child's safety from Covid-19. We can assure you that we will take every precaution we can to avoid the spread of the virus (see below), but children (particularly young ones) will not adhere to 2m social distancing.

- Q - Will I be able to **drop off my child at school**?
- A - *The guidance allows for 1 parent to accompany their child to and from school. There will be further instructions for specific year groups, with information on where and the potential of staggered times. We obviously expect to see the usual level of physical distancing.*

- Q - Will **parents be allowed in to the school buildings**?
- A – *No. Unfortunately we cannot allow parents into the building but you can say goodbye at the door.*

- Q - What happens when a child **doesn't settle or is upset**?
- A - *As in normal situations, staff will do their best to settle the children in what must feel like very confusing times. If your child will not settle, the office will make a call home and discuss where to collect them.*

- Q - How will schools go about **social distancing**? Will the children be split into smaller groups? Who will be the member of staff?
- A – *The government guidance acknowledges that social distancing measures are difficult to follow with younger children. This is why class sizes have been reduced to a maximum of 15 children. Where possible, their usual class teacher or teaching assistant will be taking the group. Teachers will design activities that spread children out, but will be aware of not making a completely foreign environment for the children. The children will be kept separate from other groups as much as possible. During break times children will be encouraged to play games that have a degree of distancing, but with the knowledge that children are children and this will not be the strict 2m that adults are being asked to adhere to.*



- Q - How will schools help children especially young ones, cope with the change to the school environment?
- A - *Miss Croft, as the school's Mental Health Lead, will be advising staff on supporting our children. The curriculum provided will have an emphasis on wellbeing and mental health. Staff will make sure children are happy and safe. We will provide information in a child friendly way that you can share with your child prior to them returning.*
- Q - Will there still be **snack time**?
- A - *We advise that children bring their own snack in to school. Teachers will decide on the best location for snack although we will be aiming for it to be eaten outside weather permitting.*
- Q - How will leaders ensure that the **school is thoroughly cleaned**?
- A - *A full risk assessment and cleaning plan is in place. School has allowed for increased cleaning to help reduce risk. This will run parallel to the work we are doing regarding personal hygiene with the children.*
- Q Will **children be required to wear face masks**?
- A - *No.*
- Q - Will staff be wearing **PPE**?
- A - *In the event of a child becoming unwell during the day, staff who sit with that child will be required to wear mask and gloves. As part of our current Intimate Care Policy, staff are already advised to use PPE.*
- Q - If I was to decide it is not the right time to allow my children back to school irrespective of the Government plans, **will there be a penalty**?
- A - *The government have stated there are no plans to fine parents and school will respect parent's decisions during this difficult time.*
- Q - What will happen in the event of a **child displaying symptoms of Covid-19**?
- A - *It is essential that if your child displays any symptoms as stated by Public Health England that they do not come on to the site. If a child becomes unwell during the course of the day, we will isolate the child with a member of staff until they can be collected by a parent. If a member of staff shows symptoms, they will be sent home immediately. In both cases, they are entitled to a Covid-19 test and should remain off until the result comes through. School will require to know the results of the test whether negative or positive.
If a child or member of staff has a positive test result, guidance states that the children in that 'bubble' plus staff members isolate for 14 days. School will be deep cleaned.*
- Q - What are the **lunch time** arrangements?
- A - *All parents are advised to send their child with a packed lunch and their own drink and snacks. In the event that this is not possible or they are a FSM child, school will provide a cooked lunch. Those who have a cooked lunch will be in the hall, socially distanced away from other children. All those that have packed lunches will eat either in the classroom or outside if the weather is nice.*
- Q - If I decide to keep my **child at home will work be provided** for them?



- A - Yes work will still be provided via Class Dojo, Seesaw, etc. However, teachers of classes who are on site will not be responding at the same level to work submitted?
- Q - What will my children be **learning at school**?
- A - The learning happening at school will closely resemble the work completed at home however there will be additional activities your child will do at school that aren't possible at home.
- Q – Will the children be in their **usual classroom with their usual teacher**?
- A – We will try and ensure that children are in their own classroom with their normal teacher, however if we do end up with larger groups that we have to split, this will not be possible. We will make sure whatever classroom they are in is appropriate for their age and stage of development and that the adult they are with is someone they are familiar with. If a child has SEN and receives designated (HLN, EHCP, etc) support from a teaching assistant this will continue.
- Q - What happens if my **child hurts themselves at school**?
- A - Staff will of course deal with children in the same caring and compassionate manner. As we would usually, staff will wear gloves if fluids are involved.
- Q - What **hygiene procedures** are in place to help reduce the spread of the virus?
- A - As the guidance states, hand washing is the best way of preventing the spread. As we did with the children before schools closed, children will wash their hands at many different points during the day. When they come into school, before consuming food, after the toilet, after having been outside, etc. Doors (which are not fire doors) will be propped open to avoid excessive touching. See earlier answers about cleaning and distancing. Hand washing will be a regular feature of the school day and hand sanitisers will be accessible to all children across the school.
- Q - Where will **drink bottles** be stored?
- A – Younger children's bottles will be out of reach, but children will be given the opportunity to have a drink regularly. For older children all drink bottles will be accessible but monitored.
- Q – Will children be **temperature checked**?
- A – No. Please follow national advice for the symptoms to look out for.
- Q – Will children be expected to **wear school uniform**?
- A – Children can wear their own clothes (not school uniform) as we would expect them to have a complete set of clean clothes on a daily basis when attending school.

