

How will the school operate?

All children will be taught in their class group. We will operate Year group 'bubbles' This means that children will not mix with other year groups. Whilst most teachers and teaching assistants will be allocated to a single bubble, a few members of staff – including senior leaders and those who provide cover for teachers – will need to move between bubbles.

What safety measures will be in place?

School leaders have completed a thorough risk assessment and put in place strategies to minimise risk. These include regular hand-washing, enhanced cleaning procedures and revised procedures for the use of toilets and first aid.

How will the school day be different?

Arrival and collection times will be staggered in order to minimise the number of people on site at any one time. These are recorded in the grid below:

Year group	Drop off time	Collection time
Reception	8:40	3:10
1	8:30	3:00
2	8:30	3:00
3	8:40	3:15
4	8:40	3:15
5	8:40	3:15
6	8:30	3:05

We request that parents bring their children to school as close as they can to the allocated time. Parents should not bring their children into the school building but rather hand them over to the teacher at the door. **We will be monitoring these arrangements throughout this week and if we need to make any changes will communicate these with you at the end of the week.**

The children will also have staggered lunchtimes and break times, in designated areas, to avoid mixing of bubbles. Children will eat lunch in their classrooms, except for Reception children, who will eat in one of the school halls.

What will my child's classroom look like?

Children will be doing a lot less group or partner work than they usually would. They will have their own equipment to use – for example, pencils and rulers. Desks will be facing forwards. Teachers will be minimising the amount of time that they spend giving 1:1 support or feedback to pupils within the class. If children are using the carpet area, this will also be for a limited time.

Does my child need to attend?

Yes. Attendance at school is compulsory once again this term.

What should I do if my child is unwell?

If your child is unwell, you should keep them at home as you normally would. However, if your child is showing any symptoms of Covid-19, you and your household should self-isolate and get tested for Covid-19 in accordance with government guidance.

Will my child be taught the full curriculum?

Children will be taught a broad and balanced curriculum. A range of assessments will be used at the start of the year to help teachers know what aspects they need to focus on. However, there are a few aspects of the curriculum that it will not be possible to teach within the current arrangements. These include elements of music, P.E. and D.T. School leaders will ensure that the areas missed will be covered later in the academic year when the present restrictions will hopefully have been lifted.

How will social distancing be implemented with the youngest children?

It is recognised that the youngest children in the school will not be able to keep a social distance. These children will also need to share resources. In these classes, resources will be cleaned more regularly and staff will support children to keep excellent standards of hygiene.

What PPE will staff wear?

Staff will not wear PPE in school, except for when they are carrying out first aid and intimate care (for example, changing soiled clothing).

What should my child wear?

Your child should wear their school uniform. You should clean this as often as you are able. On P.E. days, your child should come to school in P.E. kit. This should consist of sports trousers, rather than shorts and a long-sleeved top, especially in the winter months.

Class teachers will let you know this week when your children have their P.E. lessons.

Will hot meals be available in school?

At present, hot meals will not be resumed. Children should bring a packed lunch or order one from Chartwells. Children eligible for free school meals can receive a packed lunch in school.

We will be reviewing this provision over the next couple of months.

What should my child bring to school?

You child should bring their lunchbox if they are having a packed lunch and their coat. All children should bring a named water bottle which they will use throughout the day. They may also bring a snack if they wish to.

If children have finished their reading book, they should bring this in too.

We request that children do not bring in toys from home.

What will happen if a child is unwell in school?

We will take the temperature of children who say they are feeling unwell. If a child is displaying any symptoms, we will ask you to pick up your child straight away and your child must self-isolate for 7 days. You must then arrange for a test to be taken.

If the child's result is negative, the child can return to school as usual. If the test confirms the child has coronavirus, all adults and children in the confirmed case group are to go home and self-isolate for 14 days. The group's household members do not need to self-isolate unless the child they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.

Everyone will be informed if there is a confirmed case however, due to the fact that each group will be isolated, we will only close access to school for that group for the 2-week period.

Will wrap-around care be available for my child?

Breakfast club is available through River Meadow Pre-school. All information can be found on their website at:

http://www.rivermeadowpreschool.co.uk/Breakfast_Club.php.

We are not presently able to offer after school provision though we will be reviewing that in the next couple of weeks.

Can I come into school?

At present, we are not able to allow parents into the school building without an appointment. However, school leaders will be available at the start and end of the school day if you have a quick question. Similarly, you should be able to catch you child's class teacher at the beginning and end of the school day, though we request that you do not have lengthy conversations on these occasions.

If you need to speak with us at greater length, please get in touch and we will get back to you at the earliest possibility. You can do this by phoning or e-mailing the school office or through Class Dojo, a platform which we are setting up this week.