# School Reopening June 2020

## Frequently asked questions

Springfield Primary School will be reopening on 1 June 2020 for EYFS and Year 1 pupils. Year 6 will be able to return on 8 June 2020. School is going to look very different and we know many of you have lots of questions. We hope this set of FAQs is helpful but please do call the school office to talk through any concerns you may have.

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| Is school attendance compulsory? | At the current time it remains the choice of parents and carers. You will not be penalised for choosing to keep your child at home. We will support whichever decision you make. |
| If I send my child to school can I withdraw them at a later date?  | Yes. If children do not settle with the new environment or your circumstances change, you can choose to return to home learning but please let us know. |
| Will children be in school full time? | Due to the space and staffing requirements outlined in the Government guidelines, we will initially be offering two days per week. We will continually review this and will look to increasing our provision as soon as we are able. |
| Does my child need to wear school uniform? | No, although please wear suitable clothes and shoes for both indoor and outdoor learning. Children need to wear fresh, clean clothes each day please. |
| Does my child have to come every day? | If you choose to send your child back to school, they must attend on their allocated days.  |
| If we choose not to send our children back to school will work still be set as it is now on Dojo? | Yes, Dojo including White Rose Maths resources will continue. The work posted for home learning will also be followed by those attending school. As staff are required to spend more days teaching in school, we’d appreciate your understanding when awaiting responses from them on Dojo. |
| Will key worker children in EYFS, Y1 and Y6 stay in key worker group or join their year group? | Key worker children will stay in a group separate from other children in school. This is because Government guidelines require us to provide full time provision for these children. They are unable to move to a different bubble, so must stay with the same group for the whole week. |
| What time should my child come to school? | To limit the number of people on site at one time, each year group will have the following pick up and drop off times:EYFS 9.30 - 3.10Y1 8.40 - 2.45Y6 9.00 - 3.00 (from 8 June 2020) |
| How will social distancing be implemented? | Children will be allocated a ‘bubble’. There are will be a maximum of 6 children in one bubble and adults will only have contact with one bubble. Bubbles will not mix. **Children are unlikely to be in their usual classroom and are unlikely to be taught by their usual teacher.**Each classroom has 6 tables arranged to ensure 2m clearance. Children will work at their own desks with their own stationery. Playtimes will be socially distanced by giving children individual sets of equipment to play with.  |
| Can children wear facemasks in school? | Guidance to schools is that face masks or PPE should not be worn in school apart from adults providing first aid. The advice is that face masks do not protect children and become more of an issue when regularly touched and therefore children will not be able to wear a mask.  |
| Will each bubble have a separate toilet and sink? | Where possible yes. Each classroom has its own sink and washing facilities but we do not have enough toilets to have one per bubble. We are setting up systems to ensure social distancing, regular cleaning and sensible practice to ensure children can use the facilities safely. |
| Do you have anti-bac and soap in school? | Yes, we currently have a supply of both, although children may also bring their own in. If they do this, they must not share with any of the peers.Children will be asked to anti-bac their hands on entering school. We have a two types of anti-bac, one of which contains alcohol.  |
| Will my EYFS, Y1 and Y6 children be offered a place in school on the same two days? | Yes, as far as possible we will allocate families to the same days in school to help with arrangements for parents. |

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| Will my child be given a reading book? | The advice is that paper and card may hold the virus for up to 12 hours and cannot be easily cleaned therefore reading books will not be issued or used in schools. We will be using our online books to teach reading. |
| Will my child still receive a phone call from their teacher? | We will endeavour to continue to call children who are not in school. Whilst we establish our new working routines this may not be as regular as previously, so please bear with us. |
| Will breakfast and after school clubs be open? | At the current time we are unable to provide this.  |
| Will there be school lunches? | School dinners will be provided free of charge for EYFS and Y1 children. Dinner will be available on our usual ordering system for Y6 but we would encourage the older children to bring their own packed lunch if possible. |
| Can my child bring a pencil case and book bag? | No, children may only bring a water bottle and lunch box which will stay on or under their allotted desk. In school, children will have their own individual equipment to use.  |
| Will food vouchers still be provided for those children entitled to free school meals not attending school? | Yes, but only for the days they do not attend school. If they are attending school they will be given the option of a hot lunch and will be provided with vouchers for the remaining days that they spend at home. |
| What happens if a child is ill at school? | Children must not come to school if they are showing any symptoms related to Covid-19. If a child develops symptoms at school, they will be sent home and we may need to close their bubble and send the other children home too. We will be erring on the side of caution with all first aid and medical related issues. |
| Should a child attend school if someone in their household is shielding? | Government guidance is that if someone in their household is extremely clinically vulnerable (shielded), they should only attend if stringent social distancing can be adhered to, and the child is able to understand and follow those instructions. Whilst we are doing everything we can to make school as safe as possible, but ultimately sending a child to school is a decision for parents and carers to make. |