



Returning to School

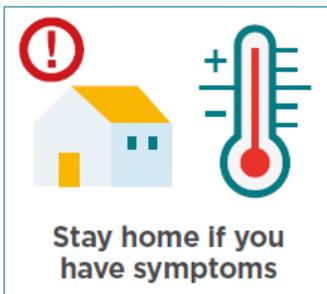
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Message from David, Headteacher

It's true that when you lose something, you realise how much you value it. For many of our children, they have 'lost' out on experiences, development, friendships, community, learning, culture, activity and a sense of achievement while it has not been possible for them to come to school. In amongst the tsunami of government guidance and updates published over the past four months, there has been time to reflect on what school is for and the experience children have here. It's hard to quantify or measure, because it's a feeling of safety, fun and enjoyment, where you are nurtured and challenged so that you can discover new interests and talents, feel inspired and thrive. As children return in the autumn, that's what we will strive to give them. Yes, some things will need to be different and we have to accept the loss of things the way they used to be, at least for now. But there is so much more that we can and should offer, and I want every child to have the chance to take it. For that to be possible, we have planned out a system of controls that will be in place for everyone's safety. This leaflet has a summary of them, and more information is on our website. It will be an anxious time for us all when children return, but these measures should ensure it is a happy time too, when every child in school returns and reclaims what was lost, and more.

To prevent the spread of infection:



If your child, or anyone in their household, has coronavirus symptoms they must stay at home and not come to school. You will not be penalised for attendance for this, and you can still access learning from school. If anyone in school becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of or change of their normal sense of taste or smell, we must send them home to isolate.

You need to book a test for Covid-19 immediately and inform us at school.

The symptoms of COVID-19 are:



A high temperature



A new continuous cough



A change to or loss of your sense of taste and smell.

If you have ANY symptoms of COVID-19 you should follow these steps

- 1 Start isolating at home**
You for 7 days and your household for 14 days



- 2 Book a test**
[NHS.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) or call 119



We will ensure pupils clean their hands regularly, including when they arrive at school, when they return from breaks, when they change rooms and before and after eating. All children will be regularly taught and reminded how to wash their hands, and younger children will be supervised to do this. Handwashing will be part of the timetable for each class.



There will be extra cleaning throughout the school day of frequently touched surfaces in classrooms, communal areas, toilets and the dining room. Children will have access to additional tissues and we can all teach them to:



CATCH IT.



BIN IT.



KILL IT.

Minimising contact between individuals through 'bubble' groupings:



To minimise contact between individuals, our main emphasis will be on separating groups from each other as much as practically possible by creating 'bubbles' within the school. Within their groups, children will not be expected to keep distant from each other. 'Bubbles' will help to minimise contact whilst also ensuring children have a broad and balanced school curriculum.

Fieldmice and Squirrels class will make up one bubble. This will allow children to play together, form groups for phonics and other activities, and for teaching staff to move between the two classrooms.

Foxes, Owls and Hedgehogs class will make up a second bubble. Within this group, contacts between lower and upper key stage two will be minimised, but children will still have their break and lunch together, as well as some learning groups.



Each bubble group will have its own drop off and pick up time, break time, lunchtime, Collective Worship etc. One-way systems will be in operation, and equipment will not be able to be shared between groups.

You will get all the information you need about the timetable just before the start of term.

Responding to any infection:

You need to be ready and willing to book a test if you or your child develops any of the symptoms, and provide details of anyone you have been in close contact with if you test positive.

Parents or staff must inform the school immediately of the results of a test. If it is positive, we will contact Public Health and, with them, carry out a rapid risk assessment of who has been in close contact with that person so they can self-isolate. Parents will be informed if there is a suspected or confirmed positive case in their child's group.



Test and Trace