

General information for parents/carers

We will open our schools to more children when we are confident risks have been minimised to an acceptable level.

Our priorities for more children to come to school

We will always try to provide places for vulnerable children, children with Educational Health Care Plans, children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and children of workers critical to the Covid-19 response. Others will be accommodated providing we have staff and space within our schools – individual schools will advise.

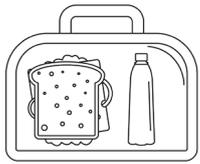
Pre-admission questionnaire



The pre-admission procedure checklist must be completed before your child can return to school. This

enables us to safely welcome your child to school and makes you aware of what's happening. Individual schools may supplement this information with specific guidelines.

What about lunch?



In most cases, schools will ask you to provide a healthy packed lunch for your child each

day. Your child will eat their lunch with other members of their 'bubble'.

- If you have been receiving FSM (Free School Meal) vouchers you will not receive the vouchers on days the children are in school. School will provide them with a school packed lunch.
- School packed lunches can be provided for children in Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 as this is part of the Universal Free School Meal offer from the government for Key Stage 1 children. They will have to be booked in advance.
- Don't forget to provide your own cutlery if the packed lunches you prepare require them – for example, a spoon for yoghurt.



- Your child will need to bring their own water bottle with them, with a lid on it and preferably labelled with their name.

Clean clothes every day



Every day children must come to school in clean clothes. These need to be comfortable,

appropriate to changes in the weather and suitable for a range of indoor and outdoor activities. If necessary, please apply sun protection, sunglasses and a hat. It will not be possible for school staff to apply sun protection to pupils.

Keeping germs at bay



Clothes should be washed regularly, ideally at 60-degrees C so as to be sure to remove as many germs as possible.

Laundry should not be left in the washing machine after a cycle has finished, as any remaining germs can multiply rapidly.

Leave pencil cases at home



There is no requirement to bring personal equipment into school – we

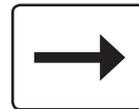
will provide pens, pencils and all resources. Please remind your child not to share the resources we will be handing out at school.

Children's first aid



Inevitably there will still be the occasional scratches and grazes, but staff will not be able to soothe poorly knees and elbows. Children will be asked to do modest first aid themselves, under supervision.

Moving around school



Your individual school will provide detailed advice, but be prepared for different entrances and exits and possibly one way systems. New signage will guide parents/carers and children where they need to be and how to get there.

Drop off and pick-up timings



Your individual school will provide detailed advice, but be aware there may be changes to the times you drop off and pick-up your child. Please try and be prompt to minimise the number of people on school premises and maintain 2 metres social distancing.

Reminder about symptoms



The symptoms of Covid-19 are usually mild, but some people can become very unwell. The main symptoms are:

- High temperature: you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- New, continuous cough: this means coughing a lot, or 3 or more coughing episodes in a day (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- Loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms. If you or your family suspect you may have the virus, you can arrange to be tested – see government website for details. Do not send your child to school.