



## Return of all pupils to school during Covid-19 pandemic – September 2020

### Parent Fact Sheet – FAQs

In the classrooms	How will the classroom be set up? How will social distancing work with young children?	Within a class, social distancing will be almost impossible to achieve, particularly with Foundation and Year 1 pupils. Where possible tables/desks will be in rows facing the front of the classroom – rather than in groups. The bubbles will be kept apart where possible so that there is little risk of cross contamination between groups.																								
Grouping the children	Will they have their usual teacher / teaching assistant? Will this remain consistent? Will they be mixed with other years?	We are expecting all staff to be back in school in September. Children will be working in their normal year group. To reduce the number of adults working with each group, their teacher will teach all subjects rather than other specialist staff throughout the school.																								
Times of the day	What time will school start / finish? Will the school open for the full day? Where will my child enter the school?	<p>Pick up and drop off times will need to be staggered at the beginning and end of the day. To safeguard our children and staff and minimise the risk of any virus transmission, we will only invite parents into the school in exceptional circumstances.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Class</th><th>Start / end time</th><th>Entrance/exit to the school</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>YF</td><td>8.55am – 3.10pm</td><td>YF door from the playground</td></tr> <tr> <td>Y1</td><td>9.05am – 3.20pm</td><td>Y1 door from the playground</td></tr> <tr> <td>Y2</td><td>9.15am – 3.30pm</td><td>Y1 door from the playground</td></tr> <tr> <td>Y3</td><td>9.00am – 3.20pm</td><td>Drop off by disabled parking Pathway by gate next to the right of the hall (past the shed), then straight to Y3 Pick up from main playground</td></tr> <tr> <td>Y4</td><td>9.10am – 3.30pm</td><td>Drop off by disabled parking Pathway by gate next to the right of the hall (past Pick up from main playground – outside Y4 back door</td></tr> <tr> <td>Y5</td><td>9.05am – 3.25pm</td><td>Drop off by disabled parking Main door to Victorian building Pick up by disabled parking area</td></tr> <tr> <td>Y6</td><td>8.55am – 3.15pm</td><td>Drop off by disabled parking Back door to Victorian building Pick up by disabled parking area</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Class	Start / end time	Entrance/exit to the school	YF	8.55am – 3.10pm	YF door from the playground	Y1	9.05am – 3.20pm	Y1 door from the playground	Y2	9.15am – 3.30pm	Y1 door from the playground	Y3	9.00am – 3.20pm	Drop off by disabled parking Pathway by gate next to the right of the hall (past the shed), then straight to Y3 Pick up from main playground	Y4	9.10am – 3.30pm	Drop off by disabled parking Pathway by gate next to the right of the hall (past Pick up from main playground – outside Y4 back door	Y5	9.05am – 3.25pm	Drop off by disabled parking Main door to Victorian building Pick up by disabled parking area	Y6	8.55am – 3.15pm	Drop off by disabled parking Back door to Victorian building Pick up by disabled parking area
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Drop off, pick up	How will pick up/ drop off work? Would I be able to bring other children with me to pick up the one in school? Will children be able to play outside on the playground before going into their classroom or after school?	<p>Please bring your child at their allocated time – not before.</p> <p>YF, 1, 2 children must be brought to (and collected from school) by <b>one adult only</b>, who should wait with their child outside their designated entrance. A staff member will greet them and call them in one at a time. If you need to bring a younger child at the same time, please ensure they are strapped in a buggy or are holding on to you, and ensure that any other children stay close to you all the time – and that they don't run around the playground.</p> <p>Children are only permitted to walk home alone if parents write to confirm this. They will need to maintain social distancing from other people on their way home. Otherwise parents will need to collect their children at the end of each day.</p> <p>Markers will be placed 2 metres away from all classroom doors which parents must not cross. Your child's adult will be at the classroom door and will call children to leave once they have identified the person collecting.</p> <p>When picking up or dropping off, please do not congregate in groups and please maintain social distancing at all times.</p> <p>Children must remain beside their adult at all times. They may not play on any of the outside equipment while waiting to come in to or leaving school.</p>
Picking up more than one child	How will I manage if I have several children in different classes who all need dropping off or picking up at different times?	<p>If you have two pick ups at the same time, prioritise the younger child (but let the older one know you might be a moment or two late to pick them up).</p> <p>If there is a gap between your pick-ups, please go back round the school (rather than waiting in the playground for too long) and if possible wait in your car until the second child's pick-up time. Please do not let your children play on the playground.</p> <p>We understand that this may cause difficulties for a small number of families who walk to school, particularly on a wet day. It may be that we can open up the school hall on a wet day for a few parents to stand and wait</p>
Communication	How can I communicate with the teacher? Will I be allowed into the classroom to settle them in the morning?	<p>Should you need to speak to a member of school staff please do not come into school but call or e-mail the school office to prearrange a meeting. Meetings will be undertaken either by phone, online, or where it must be face-to-face, in a safe socially-distanced manner.</p> <p>Parents will not be allowed into the school except in exceptional circumstances.</p>



Lunchtime / breaktime	What will happen at lunch time? Will I still receive Free School Meals vouchers? Will the children be able to play with their friends? Will school meals be served?	Breaks/lunches will be staggered to avoid different groups of children coming into contact with each other. Hot meals will be provided by the school kitchen (Autograph) Free meal vouchers will no longer be provided by the government. Children entitled to a free school meal will have a hot meal cooked by the school kitchen. Lunches will be eaten in the hall. Pupils will be spaced out – with fewer children at a table and fewer year groups in the hall at once. Tables/chair backs will be wiped down between different groups of children. Children will go outside to play at break and lunch (weather permitting) with the children in their class.
Personal care and pastoral needs	How will you comfort my child if they need it?	It will not always be possible to maintain social distancing at school and whilst we strive for the best, the emotional needs of children are important too. Appropriate comfort will be given to children where necessary.
Emotional support	How will pupils be supported emotionally? How will you support my child if a member of our family has died from Covid-19? What happens if my child is upset about coming in to school?	During the first few weeks (and longer if necessary), time will be spent supporting children with their social and emotional well-being. This will include breathing and yoga activities as well as opportunities to talk – sometimes in a small group situation. We will keep in close contact with parents of children who seem to be particularly anxious. We will support children suffering from bereavement using a range of support materials, particularly from Penhaligon's Friends. We will keep in close contact with the family during this time. If your child is anxious about coming into the school, their class teacher or another adult working in their class will talk to them and try and persuade them inside. Children will not be permitted to bring in a toy from home, but each teacher will keep a small stock of toys (which will be sanitised and not available for general use) for use by one child as a means of comfort.
Learning	Will normal lessons take place? Will PE still take place? Will children need to change into PE kit?	All subjects will be taught and normal lessons will take place – all taught by the class teacher or one other adult. Subject specialist teaching by other members of staff from across the school will not take place. There will be physical activities throughout the day Children will only need to change into PE shoes – they will not require full PE kit. PE shoes must be brought to school in a PE bag clearly labelled with your child's name



Academic progress	How will my child catch up on work they have missed while the school has been closed for the past few months.	<p>We will spend time re-establishing boundaries and the school routine, as well as acknowledging this period of unrest. The past few months have been exceptionally challenging for everyone. This will be taken into account by all staff and there will be a lot of focus on the social and emotional aspect of learning, getting the children 'ready to learn'.</p> <p>Most children are resilient and we will make every effort to support them with their academic learning. Staff timetables for the autumn term will enable booster groups and catch up work to take place.</p>
School bags / resources	Will my child be able to bring their school bag and other equipment to school? Can my child bring their favourite toy?	<p>It is recommended that pupils limit the amount of equipment they bring to school in their school bag to essentials such as lunch boxes, water bottles, hats, coats. We will provide stationery and each child will be provided with an individual pack. <b>Children do not need to bring a pencil case.</b> It would be helpful if their school bag is not too big. Children should not bring any toys to school.</p>
Reading books and other learning resources	Will my child be able to have a reading book? Will they be able to bring their reading book home?	<p>Reading books and other equipment can be used within their class. Items which are shared between children will be cleaned regularly or will be left in 'quarantine' for 48 hours (72 hours for plastics) before use by other children or groups. Reading books may be taken home – and will be quarantined for 48 upon return before being used by anyone else.</p>
Testing for Covid 19	<p>Will all staff and children be tested?</p> <p>What happens if someone in the school tests positive?</p> <p>What should I do if my child has symptoms of Covid -19?</p>	<p>If a member of staff or child tests positive for Covid-19 we will follow Public Health England advice and communicate with parents accordingly.  <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/">https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/</a></p> <p>Children should not be sent into school if they are unwell. Any child who presents with a cough or temperature or who complains of loss of taste or smell will be sent home. Should you, your child or another member of your household develop potential COVID-19 symptoms, you must self-isolate immediately and please ensure that you inform the school as soon as possible, regardless of when your child is next due to attend. The self-isolation period lasts for 7 days for the person who is unwell, 14 days for the family. All children who are attending school, and their families, will be eligible for COVID-19 testing should they develop symptoms.</p> <p>In the case of a member of staff or pupil being tested positive for COVID-19, it is likely that the whole of their class will need to self-isolate for 14 days.</p>



Hygiene and cleaning	How will cleaning be managed? Will all children be supervised regularly washing their hands? Will hand sanitiser be available? Can my child bring in a favourite toy?	Our school will continue to undergo a more rigorous cleaning schedule to ensure that all high-risk areas such as door handles, handrails etc. are being cleaned and disinfected on a regular basis throughout the day. Children's personal hygiene routines, particularly hand washing will be enforced as an integral part of their day. Children should not be able to bring toys to school.
PPE	Will staff wear PPE? Will the children have to wear masks?	Wearing a face covering or face mask is not recommended in classrooms in primary schools. Some staff may choose to wear masks in corridors or staff areas if it is very busy but staggered starts/ends of the school day and staggered breaks and lunches should avoid congestion. However, in cases where a child becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus at school, the supervising adult/s should wear PPE if they cannot maintain a 2-metre distance. Staff may wear PPE when providing intimate care for pupils. Use of face masks inappropriately can increase the risk of contamination. The guidance specifically states that there are a number of alternative protective measures that should be taken instead which should reduce any concerns e.g. washing hands, cleaning surfaces, use of 'catch it, bin it, kill it' for coughs and sneezes.
Uniform /PE kit	Will they need to wear school uniform? Will I need to wash their clothes every day? Will the children need to change for PE?	Children should wear full school uniform. There is no requirement to have fresh clothes every day or wash uniform more frequently than normal. Children will only be changing their footwear for PE. They only need to bring in PE shoes (trainers) in a PE bag, not their whole PE kit. We recommend that girls wear trousers, joggers or leggings (black or grey) instead of skirts or pinafore dresses on days when they have PE.
Key workers	Will full time care for children of key workers continue?	Children of key workers will be placed in their normal year groups.
	Will before and after school care still be in place for key workers?	Wrap around care will not be offered by the school, but Kea Preschool are resuming wrap around care from September. <a href="tel:01872260299">01872 260299</a> <a href="mailto:info@keapreschool.co.uk">info@keapreschool.co.uk</a>
Attendance	What about those children with health conditions? Or family members? Will attendance be compulsory?	It is expected that most clinically vulnerable people will no longer have to shield after 1 August. However, they need to follow the advice of their clinician and the school will work to support families of anyone needing to continue to shield. All other children are expected to attend school full time.