

I am writing to parents to explain in more detail the steps that are in place to allow the Reception children to return to school should you choose to send them. Providing it is judged safe the children in **Reception** may return to school on **June 8th**.

This explanation may seem long but it is important you read it and follow it carefully as all the steps are there for the safety of all the members of the school community.

It is very important that these arrangements are followed by everyone.

Every child will be put in a **group of not more than 15 children** from their existing class.

The group will have a teacher with them.

This may not be their teacher.

The groups will not mix.

Each group will use a different classroom.

This may not be their classroom.

There will be a **specific time for each group to arrive** at school and for them to be picked up. These timings are to allow social distancing between adults on the playground.

There will be a **specific entry for each group** onto the site from Heath Road South and into school. This is also to allow social distancing.

The gateways must be left clear.

Details about groups and timings will follow next week.

In school we understand that it is impossible to enforce strict social distancing among 4 and 5 year olds but there will be -

- no mixing between groups to minimise contact
- regular use of the outside for play and learning
- staggered playtimes and lunchtimes
- regular extra cleaning of surfaces and equipment
- thorough hand washing more often than usual
- good respiratory hygiene ensured by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
- separate toilets for each group

Consideration will obviously be given to the fact that the children have not been in school for a long time and will need support to readjust but they will be following a normal timetable.

At the end of the school day there will be a **specific time for the children to be picked up**. This is to allow social distancing on the playground.

There will be a **specific place for you to collect your child**. This is to allow social distancing.

Child will need to wear **clean clothes to school each day** which should be washed as soon as they get home. They do not need to wear uniform but clothes should be suitable for outside play and for PE - so the children do not need to get changed. Children should bring a named sun hat and named sun lotion for their sole use which they should leave in school. Children should not wear masks.

To reduce the number of things that go from home to school and back again children do not need to bring PE kit or their book bag. They may bring a packed lunch but school meals will be provided.

Anyone with symptoms of coronavirus **should not** come to school.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **high temperature** - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **new, continuous cough** - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** - this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms.

Urgent advice: Use the 111 online coronavirus service if you have any of:

- high temperature
- new, continuous cough
- loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

111 will tell you what to do and help you get a test if you need one. Call 111 if you cannot get help online. Do not go to places like a GP surgery, hospital or pharmacy.

Babies and children

Call 111 if you're worried about a baby or child under 5.

If your child seems very unwell, is getting worse or you think there's something seriously wrong, call 999.

Do not delay getting help if you're worried. Trust your instincts.