



## Arrangements for September

We are delighted that all children will be able to return to school full time from September. This letter is to explain the measures we are taking to keep your child safe in school and the arrangements you will need to follow.

We have slightly altered the induction arrangements for new Reception children from Friday 11th September onwards so please take note of the details at the end of this letter.

The government guidance has listed essentials which schools must follow.

These are:

- *a requirement that people who are ill stay at home*
- *robust hand and respiratory hygiene*
- *enhanced cleaning arrangements*
- *active engagement with NHS Test and Trace*
- *formal consideration of how to reduce contacts and maximise distancing between those in school wherever possible and minimise potential for contamination so far as is reasonably practicable*

*The government guidance explains that for younger children the emphasis is on separating classes of children from each other rather than social distancing within the class.*

### Risk Assessment

We have completed a thorough risk assessment of the school which will be available on the school website by September. The main actions we are taking are:

### For children:



- No mixing between classes to minimise contact (including staggered play-times and lunchtimes and removing whole school collective worship).



- Increased distancing within the class - children will be distanced and all face in the same direction when sitting on the carpet and face the same direction when eating lunch. At other times, as young children move around frequently there will not be strict distancing (for example sitting at spaced desks) in place.



- Thorough, supervised hand washing, more often than usual, including when arriving at school and before leaving to go home.



- Regular extra cleaning of surfaces and equipment, including daily cleaning of shared classroom resources.



- Each child will have their own named pencil, whiteboard and whiteboard pen as these are used throughout the day. Children will wash their hands before using other shared stationery, such as scissors, and these will be regularly cleaned throughout the day.



- Separate toilets for each class with extra cleaning during the school day.



- Good respiratory hygiene ensured by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.



- Windows to be opened for ventilation and use of outdoor areas is encouraged.



## For Parents:



- Only one adult per child to come onto site to drop off or collect children.



- Staggered drop-off and collection times and specific entries for each class to reduce number of adults on site (details below).



- A one way system in place around the school site (entry through Heath Road South and exit onto Bunbury Road)

- Parents will not be able to enter school without an appointment:

- As we will not be able to have our usual face to face chats at the door, a home/school jotter will be provided so that if you have an important message or question for the class teacher you can use this to communicate with us



- If you need to speak to the office staff or would like a more detailed conversation with the class teacher, please telephone on 0121 464 2888 or email [enquiry@stlnci.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@stlnci.bham.sch.uk).
- Letters and forms may be dropped in the post-box outside the entrance foyer
- If it is essential that you speak face to face with the office staff, only one adult a time may use the entrance foyer, and they must remain behind the distancing line.





# **CORONAVIRUS** **STAY ALERT TO** **THE SYMPTOMS**

**HIGH TEMPERATURE OR  
NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH OR  
LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL?**

Find out how to get a test, and how long to isolate, at [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

**STAY ALERT**  
**CONTROL**  
**THE VIRUS**  
**SAVE LIVES**

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 or your child have any of these symptoms**

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.

### Your child should:

- ✓ Attend every day unless they are ill or isolating.
- ✓ Wear school uniform. There is now no need to wash this more than usual.
- ✓ Bring their PE kit into school to leave on their peg.
- ✓ Bring a named water bottle with water or a non-fizzy drink for the day.
- ✓ Bring a healthy nut-free snack to school each day.



*If your child wears a **face mask** to and from school, we ask that you remove it from them before they come into school and that you take it away with you. The government guidance is clear that face masks are not necessary in school and should not be worn during the school day.*

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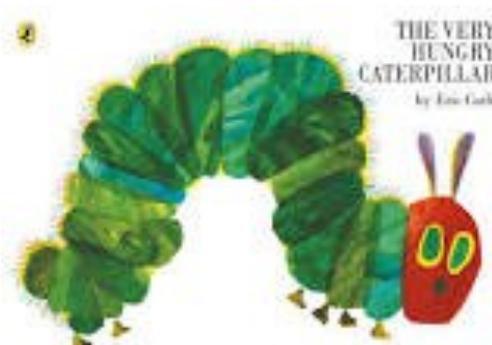
## Curriculum

Consideration will be given to the fact that the children have missed a lot of time in their pre-school setting and will need support to transition and adjust to being in a new environment. We will focus on building up relationships with staff and their new classmates and learning the new routines at school.

We are aware that children will have had different experiences of learning at home and although we have transition paperwork from many nurseries, we will be spending lots of time getting to know your child and what they can do when we get to meet them.

In line with government guidance for Early Years, teaching time will initially prioritise early reading, early phonics, early Mathematics and assessing and addressing gaps in vocabulary.

Our learning in the first few weeks will be starting with a book we hope will be familiar to lots of children. "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" will be the theme of our stay and play sessions and visits and continue into the children's first full week with us.



## Lunch Times



- Lunchtimes will be staggered for the children to help us to ensure class groups do not mix:

Reception: 11.40 - 12.40

Year One: 12.00 - 1.00

Year Two: 12.20 - 1.20

- Children will eat in the hall in their own class group. Another class group will be on the opposite side of the hall but the children will not mix.
- Children will have a choice from the normal lunch menus. The Reception children's first school lunch will be on **Monday 14th September** which will be **Week 3** of the menu.
- They will choose the meal they would like at morning registration. This will be served to them at the tables to minimise movement around the hall.
- As well as a session eating in the hall, children will also be able to play in their classroom and in a designated space outdoors during their lunch break.



## Wraparound Care

- We will be able to run our Breakfast Club and After School Club as usual for children who have a place.
- Within club the same risk reduction systems in place as those throughout school will apply.
- Drop off and collection for Club will be through the Bunbury Road door.
- An adult dropping off or collecting children from before or after school club can enter and exit through the Bunbury Road entrance as this will not be at the time other adults will be exiting the site.



## Non Attendance

It has been made clear that the government expects **all** children to return to school from September unless they have a valid reason.

Schools have been asked to pursue non-attendance in the usual ways.

If new Reception children need a more gradual transition than the one planned, please speak to us at school and we can arrange this individually with you.



## Drop off and collection arrangements for Reception:

*Please note gathering at the school gate or anywhere on the school site is not permitted.*

The arrangements for the transition sessions up to and including **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September** remain unchanged—please refer to the letter posted to you.

These slightly adjusted times from **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September** will allow for staggered drop off and collection times:

Class	Teacher	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> September onwards	Drop off and collection point
RR	Mr Sherlaw	9.00 - 11.00	9.00 - 12.40	9.00-3.00	RR classroom door
RY	Mrs Meara and Mrs Sutton	9.00 - 11.00	9.00 - 12.40	9.00-3.00	RY classroom door
RB	Miss Wiles	9.10 -11.10	9.10 - 12.50	9.10-3.10	RB classroom door

### Reception Parents

- ⇒ *enter through Heath Road South playground gate **at correct time***
- ⇒ *wait in a socially distanced line by the cone with your child's class colour on it*
- ⇒ *wait until the adult in front of you has left before taking your child to the door*
- ⇒ *please leave promptly to allow the next child to be dropped off*
- ⇒ *exit the playground through the bottom playground onto Bunbury Road*

*Don't worry—staff will be on hand in September to point you and your child in the right direction!*

We know there is a lot of information here so if you have any questions do phone school on 0121 464 2888 or email [enquiry@stlrci.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@stlrci.bham.sch.uk)