

FAQs – May 2020

Question	Answer
How safe is it for my child?	We are following the guidance from the Government and the final confirmation of school's opening is due 28 th May. We have liaised extensively with the local authority and we have been shown several pieces of data showing the London r-rate (the infection rate) at 0.4 and the overall number of cases and deaths in sharp descent. While there is no conclusive science at the moment, the assumptions made from this is that the risk is low. See charts on this link. https://drive.google.com/open?id=1PDIGADTY6I1plwEtBlcZe2tBgy5A28HqB02FKNWnxgY
What if my child falls ill in school?	If your child is unwell and is unable to attend school, please call the School Office. If your child falls ill at school, you will be contacted. If your child is showing symptoms of Covid-19, our first aider, wearing PPE kit, will care for them in isolation until they are collected.
What if my child shows symptoms of Covid-19 at home?	If your child has; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • high temperature or chills • loss of smell or taste • persistent dry cough • shortness of breath or difficulty breathing • muscle pain • sore throat do not send your child to school. You may apply for a test. If the test is positive those in the household need to follow guidelines and isolate and notify school. If the test is negative you may send your child to school.
What is someone in the group tests positive for Covid-19?	On notification of a positive test, the school will advise every member of the group to stay at home for 14 days. The group will then be closed to school.
Will my child be taught in a group of 15 children or less?	Our plan is to create groups or bubbles of 15 children or less. During the school day your child will be in contact with the other children in this bubble. A member of staff will be allocated to work with this group only, and another member of staff will supervise lunch and break time from a safe distance (2m).
How will these groups of 15 be decided?	Classes will be split by staff. Your child will be allocated with at least one of their friends, however as we don't know that all children will be returning to school, we cannot guarantee this. Groups cannot be mixed or changed.
How will I know what group my child will be in?	We will notify you of your child's group before they return to school. Please bear with us. Getting children back to school safely is a vast and challenging task and this is one, albeit very important, aspect of that task.
Will my child be taught by their class teacher?	Only half the children in each class will be taught by their class teacher. The other half will be taught by a different member of staff – in most instances, a familiar member of staff but this has not been possible due to staff availability.
What if my child's allocated member of staff falls ill?	We would close the group to school until the member of staff is able to return to school as we do not have sufficient staff to cover illness.
What happens on the days of the week that school isn't open for my child?	Home learning should be completed on these days.
When will my child be in school?	Please see the timetable in the accompanying letter.
What should my child bring to school?	Week 1 – R, Y1&6 and KW; Snacks; Water bottle; Sunscreen; Sunhats Uniform; PE kits; Lunch for Year 1&6. Week 2 – Same as above and lunch for reception

What happens with the children not in school?	They will continue to engage in home learning. However, their teacher is being redeployed to support the return to school learning so there may be days where the teacher is not on-line. Teachers will notify their classes individually via Google Classroom of their availability.
What if I decide to keep my child at home?	Parents will not be penalised for keeping their child at home. Remote Home Learning will continue to be sent from school but will not be provided at the previous level, to manage workload, as teachers will be in class teaching.
Are parents/carers allowed on the school site?	To minimise cross-contamination and observe all social distancing measures, we ask that all queries to school are made by telephone or email. Parents /carers will not be permitted on the school site. Staggered drop-off and pick-up arrangements have been put in place to manage this.
Am I able to choose which days my child attends school?	In order to ensure stringent measures are in place to minimise cross-contamination, parents / carers cannot pick which days children attend school. If children are coming into school, they must attend all days offered, unless they are ill.
I am a key-worker. What should I do?	You will have to choose which group your child joins. They can either join their class group or join the key-worker group. Children cannot mix between two bubbles so it is vital you choose the bubble which provides you with the childcare you need.
Will start and finish times be staggered?	Yes. Specifics of this are shared on the accompanying letter.
What will happen at break time?	Each group of children will be allocated a particular zone of the playground each day and break times will be staggered. Classes will have the same break time but the groups will be kept separate. Children will be asked to observe social distancing and keep 2m apart during break times.
What will happen at lunchtime?	Each child will be asked to bring a packed lunch until the ordering system is back in place. Packed lunches will be available from our kitchen for children in receipt of free school meals. At this time, we will not be offering a hot meal. Lunch will be eaten in the classroom. Lunchtime will be staggered.
What provision for toilets has been made?	Each group will have their own allocated toilet and hand washing facilities, to be used at all times. Y6 girls will have an alternative toilet for feminine hygiene use. In addition, all classrooms have a sink and will be equipped with handwashing facilities.
Will my child have to wear uniform?	Yes, where possible. Government guidance states that uniform should be washed very regularly.
How can I prepare my child for coming back into school?	Your child needs to be aware that school will be very different to before lockdown. They will be asked to remain 2m apart from other children and adults at all times. We would advise that you talk to your child about the contents of this letter. More information will be issued during next week.