



# Back To School Plan: What Parents Need To Know

Our main aim is to prevent the risk of infection coming in to school and we can not do this without your help!

**YOU SHOULD NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY HAVE A TEMPERATURE, A COUGH OF ANY KIND, LOSS OF SMELL/TASTE OR HAVE ANY KIND OF SHORTNESS OF BREATH.**

If you are in any doubt whether you should send your child to school or not, please err on the side of caution.

## Measures to keep your child safe:

- The school day will continue to start at 8.55am.
- Infants will finish at 1:35pm. First and Second class and their older siblings will finish at 2.20pm and all other pupils at 2.35pm.
- Children can enter grounds and go directly to class in the mornings from 8:40-8.55am.
- Children will independently enter and exit the school via a designated gate / door and must use this gate /door at all times.
- Throughout the school there will be hand sanitizers provided which children will be required to use and will be asked to regularly wash their hands while in school.
- Classes will be confined to mixing with only their own class group. This includes break time and no whole school activities such as assemblies will take place
- Within each class, the children will be grouped into pods which will be distanced from each other as much as classroom space allows. Children from 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> will be required to stay in their pods and keep socially distanced from other pods in the classroom.
- Children will be required to use their own resources where possible ie pencils, scissors etc and sharing of resources, particularly from 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> will not be allowed.
- Staff will maintain a regular cleaning routine of all resources and materials that will be used by different pods or classes. Where necessary, items of school equipment will be isolated for 72 hours prior to being used by a different pod/class.
- No after school clubs will be facilitated this year.
- The school will be cleaned by contract cleaners, following all government guidelines, advice and checklists, every day.
- If your child becomes ill in school with any of the symptoms of Covid-19, they will be immediately cared for in an isolation room where they will remain until they are collected. They must be collected as soon as possible. Please ensure that your contact details are up to date and provide an emergency contact also. This should not be a vulnerable person eg grandparent over 70 years

## How can you help?

- Do not send your child to school if they are unwell.
- Do not enter the school grounds, unless prior permission to do so has been granted by the principal
- Communicate with your child's teacher via class email
- Make payments to school via the online payment system
- Do not allow your child to bring any personal items, which are not necessary for school, in to school ie toys, teddies etc
- Do not loiter around the school at drop off and collection time. It is strictly set down and go at all times.



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We can not wait to see you back at school really soon. To keep us all safe, some things will be a little different when we get back to school



You must only come to school if you are feeling well. If you are not feeling well you must stay at home



Because there are so many of us, we will need to use lots of different gates to come to school. Ask your parents what gate you are to use and remember to use this gate every time you come to and leave school

Your parents and minders are not allowed to come into school this year. They must stay in their car or at the wall and you can wave when you go through the gate, where a teacher will be waiting to say good morning!



Washing your hands is so important! Please wash them before you eat, if you sneeze/cough and when you come in from the playground. There will also be hand sanitizer for you to use every time you come in to your classroom, this is just to help keep our hands extra clean!



To keep you safe, your class will be your bubble. You will sit with some of your friends and you will stick together to help keep everyone safe. You can still talk to everyone, but you may not be able to sit beside them. Each class bubble will stick together, even in the playground. Because class bubbles have to stick together we wont see each other for big gatherings like assembly and there will be no after school clubs for a little while! You will still do all the fun things with your teacher, and you can still see all your friends.



You wont be able to share with your friends this year so make sure you have all your own pencils etc

We know how much you love your toys, but we want to keep them safe, just as much as you. Please leave all your toys, teddies, trading cards etc at home and only bring things you need for school in your bag

