

Children returning from the 7th September 2020

(Subject to change in line with government guidance)

Dear Parents & Carers

24th July 2020

Please find some helpful guidance to returning in September. I would ask you take time to read this carefully.

All children are to return from September 7th in all Trust schools by law. These are our protective measures and we will do our best to keep everyone safe. These measures are based on government guidance. We will be unable to provide zero risk.

Year 3 & 4 return on Monday 7th September 2020 (see times in the document)

Year 5 & 6 return on Tuesday 8th September 2020 (see times in the document)

Class sizes: The government does not expect to keep Primary Age children 2m apart from each other but are asking us to limit their contact with others whilst also adopting rigorous hand hygiene. Children will remain within their class bubble wherever possible.

Tables: We will keep tables facing the front of the classroom and children will be expected to remain at their tables wherever possible when in the classroom. Children can sit next to each other.

Class Bubbles: Each class group will be known as a bubble class and all children & adults will remain within the bubble. Any adult leaving the bubble will adhere to social distancing within the school.

Other adults in a class bubble: Staff who are required to work within other class bubbles are able to move within bubbles following guidance. This also includes PPA for teachers, leadership release time as well as staff absence.

Cleaning: Cleaning will happen regularly, and we will aim to clean touch points on a regular basis during the course of the day e.g. door handles, toilets. Children will be encouraged to clean their own areas as additional cleaning and this will be part of our day. Hand hygiene will be a priority.

Resources: Resources for learning will be kept within their bubble where possible however when resources are shared, they will be sprayed with a sanitiser and left to dry before being used by another class bubble. This will include the keyboard and mouse in the IT suite as well as sharing of laptops and tablets.

Ventilation: Doors and windows will be kept open to improve ventilation. Children may need to wear a coat in colder months.

Social Distancing of children: Children will not need to social distance within their bubble however we will be encouraging staying at their own table as much as possible.

Behaviour: If your child's behaviour becomes challenging as well as unsafe including spitting, deliberately coughing or running out of the class bubble, they may need to be sent home. We have had to slightly adapt our behaviour policy. I am sure we will not have a problem however we will need your full support on this.

Playtimes: Children will play within their class bubble in a designated area. They will not play with another class bubble. Playtimes will have two staggered times so that less children are on the playground/field.

Lunch: Children will have lunch in their classrooms. They may bring a lunch box. Year 3 & 6 hot dinners will be in the hall with year 4 & 5 hot dinners being eaten in the classroom. This is because we cannot fit all the children in the hall safely following the guidance. Lunch will be increased to one hour.

Bags & belongings: Children to limit their belongings to as little as possible. Some bags and belongings will remain on the back of the chair or under the desk so as not to clog up the coat pegs. All stationary will be provided by the school therefore they will NOT need a pencil case.

No scooter or bikes please. Please speak to your teacher should this be a problem.

Curriculum: We aim to teach a broad and balanced curriculum. Music will be affected as children are not allowed to sing and all PE will be outside. Children MUST please wear a PE kit to school on their PE days (a warmer kit in colder weather). Your teacher will let you know what day(s) that will be.

The library: Sadly the library will be out of bounds however a plan is being put in place for children to be able to change their books.

Double Bubble: Children may be part of a double bubble. The first bubble is their class with the other bubble being a before or after school club. They may ONLY choose one other i.e. they may not be in breakfast club and football.

Breakfast club: This will continue from **MONDAY 14th September 2020**. A letter will be sent out at the start of term. We will have to limit it to no more than 20 children please. This may be the second bubble choice for some children.

After school clubs: We will only be able to offer outside clubs next term. A letter will be sent out at the start of term. Your child may only choose one club as part of their double bubble.

Interventions: We have two intervention areas for additional learning. One is for years 3 & 4 and the other is for year 5 & 6. These have been carefully set out to ensure that the children are safely apart and will only be in very small groups.

Assemblies: We will not be able to use the hall for assemblies. Assemblies will be in the classroom.

School trips and visitors: Children will still be able to enjoy 'walking only' school trips and have educational visitors in following the guidance. We will not be using transport yet.

Hand washing: Designated hand washing areas /sanitising stations have been identified for children to wash or sanitise their hands at various parts of the day. This will be a combination of soap and hand sanitising.

Toilets: Each class bubble will have a designated toilet and they will be accompanied by an adult who will wait for them outside.

PPE: Staff and children will not wear PPE. We will have PPE in the first aid room as a precaution and will wear according to guidance if needed.

Face Masks: Face masks will not be worn on site by children or staff.

Uniform: Children must wear a school uniform. They must however change it or have it cleaned as often as possible. Children **MUST** please wear a PE kit to school on their PE days (a warmer kit in colder weather). Your teacher will let you know what day(s) that will be.

Appointment: If you would like to speak to an adult in school, we ask that you contact the school to make a telephone appointment. Alternatively, email the class teacher. All email addresses can be found on our website in **Home learning**.

Home learning: Home learning will continue to be available in case of a local lockdown as before. We will also be making use of [Oak National Academy](#) materials.

Staggered starts & ends: These times must be followed explicitly please. **Two** gates will be made available. The other gate is for the Nursery. A member of staff will meet the children at the gate.

Gate 1 is the main gate

Gate 2 is the playground gate near the bus stop. (Jumping Jacks Nursery only)

Gate 3 near the Sports Zone (Cage)

Year 3 start time is 8:45am	End time 3 pm @ Gate 1 (Main Gate)
Year 4 start time is 8:45am	End time 3 pm @ Gate 3 (Sports Zone - Cage)
Year 5 start time is 9 am	End time 3:15 pm @ Gate 1 (Main Gate)
Year 6 start time is 9 am	End time 3:15 pm @ Gate 3 (Sports Zone - Cage)

NB: We will only have a crossing patrol by the main gate.

One parent/adult to drop off at the gate and pick up from the gate. **PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE PLAYGROUND.**

Please be on time.

Please ensure you social distance at the gate.

Symptoms: In the event that a child or adult in a bubble shows symptoms of the virus, they will be isolated in the Medical Room until collected by adult in the case of a child.

They and their household must take the test for COVID-19.

Regardless of the result of the test you **MUST** let us know the outcome and we will contact Portsmouth Health for guidance if it is positive. They will make decisions regarding any potential closure. **Please DO NOT send your child in if they are showing any symptoms.**

A video explanation will be added to our website on Friday 4th September which you may find helpful.

Have a safe summer.

Be Kind. Do your best. Achieve together.

Mr Rob Jones



Headteacher