

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What hygiene practices will be in place?

Children and staff will be required to wash their hands when they arrive in school, a member of staff will supervise handwashing.

Children and staff will be required to wash their hands every time they exit or enter their classroom.

Visitors will only be allowed onto the school site by prior appointment. They will be required to wash their hands before entering the main school building.

No-one arriving at school with symptoms will be allowed into the main school building: they will be asked to leave site immediately.

In regard to respiratory hygiene, tissues will be available in all classrooms. The children will be taught: *Catch it! Bin it! Kill it!*

Each classroom will have a bin for tissues and paper towels. This will be emptied and cleaned twice a day.

What cleaning practices will be in place?

Cleaners will be on site throughout the day.

A detailed cleaning schedule has been created and will be monitored to ensure it is effective.

All touch points will be cleaned throughout the day.

All equipment children have used will be cleaned after use.

A thorough clean will take place at the end of the day.

What is happening with toilets?

Each Year Group will have their own designated toilets.

Toilets will be cleaned throughout the day and at lunchtime.

Toilets will be cleaned thoroughly at the end of the school day.

Children will access and use toilets one at a time.

Will school staff wear personal protective equipment?

Government guidance is that the majority of staff in education settings do not require PPE. The guidance does list a very small number of cases where Public Health England believes PPE would be appropriate.

PPE will be worn in certain cases such as sickness or administering of First Aid.

Staff are being given the option of wearing PPE at other times if it helps them to feel safer.

Will staff be wearing facemasks? Will children be allowed to wear face masks in school?

The Government has not recommended wearing a face covering or face mask in schools; however, we believe staff, parents and pupils should be able to wear masks if it helps them to feel comfortable with being in school. Staff will wear a facemask, apron and gloves when they are dealing with children who are sick and whilst they are providing first aid.

Will staff be expected to provide first aid?

Yes, if they hold a First Aid certificate.

Before administering first aid, staff will put PPE on.

Children with an inhaler will keep it with them.

EpiPens will be administered by qualified staff, if necessary.

What will happen if my child is ill?

If your child feels ill in the morning, you must not bring them to school regardless of their symptoms. It is advisable to keep their siblings at home too.

If your child feels ill when they are in school, parents or carers will be called and asked to collect them and their siblings.

As there are many symptoms of Coronavirus, you will be asked to call 111 for advice and act upon this.

If it is a usual childhood illness, such as an upset stomach or a cold – you will need to keep them off school for at least 24 hours and until they are fully recovered.

What will happen if a child or an adult begins to display symptoms?

We will follow the guidance from Public Health England (PHE). If anyone becomes unwell with a new continuous cough, or a high temperature, they will be sent home and advised to follow PHE guidance - COVID-19 (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>).

Where a child is awaiting collection, they will be moved to the library where they will be isolated. If they need to go to the toilet while waiting to be collected they will use the visitor toilet. This will then be cleaned and disinfected before being used by anyone else.

If the child requires personal care, staff will wear personal protective equipment.

Children will need to be collected from the school office along with any siblings in school.

Staff will be sent home if they display any symptoms and instructed to access a test.

What will happen if there is a confirmed case of coronavirus in school?

When a child, or staff member, develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus, they will be sent home and asked to isolate for 14 days. We will advise all fellow household members to self-isolate for 14 days.

We will encourage all staff and children who are displaying symptoms to be tested. Where the child, or staff member, tests negative and is free from symptoms they can return to school.

Where the child, or staff member, tests positive, advice will be sought from the Local Authority and Public Health England and this will be shared with families. All children in that bubble will be sent home and we may be advised to close to some, or all, other groups.

What will happen when children arrive in school?

Children will meet their teacher at the main gate and line up in their bubble group.

Once all children have lined up, they will be taken to their classroom by the teacher.

On reaching their classroom, children will enter one at a time and wash their hands before moving to their allocated area.

There will be a designated place to keep their belongings.

Will school be checking children's temperature at the start of each day?

No, we will not be checking children's temperature. Government guidance

(<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>) states that routine testing of a child's temperature is not a reliable method for identifying coronavirus.

What time will children attend school?

Each year group will arrive and leave at specific times to ensure social distancing and to prevent bubbles of children from mixing.

The times will be staggered to ensure that social distancing can be maintained outside of the school gates.

Please see individual Year Group letters for more information.

What will happen at the end of the day?

The queuing system will be used as it is in the morning.

Staff will escort children out of the building and dismissed to parents and carers one at a time.

You will leave the site following the one-way system.

Will, parents be able to talk to teachers at the beginning or end of their session?

Parents, carers and staff will have limited face to face contact.

A senior leader will be at the school gates at the beginning and the end of each morning and afternoon session.

Communication will be by telephone or email.

What will happen about school meals?

For those children entitled to a school meal, a cooked lunch will be provided and eaten in classrooms.

Will children be expected to wear school uniform?

Children can wear their school uniform if it still fits. Otherwise, they should wear clothes in the school colours if possible. It is recommended that any clothing worn in school is washed when the children return home.

How many children will there be in each bubble?

We have planned for a maximum of 10 children in each bubble; this is because of the space available and the ability to organise the classroom, maintaining 2-metre social distance.

Will parents be able to request a change of bubble for their child?

No, once bubbles are allocated, they will not change.

What will happen if a teacher is absent from school?

If there is a lack of staff availability, we may have to close the bubble until the teacher is able to return. We will not move a member of staff from a different bubble to cover an absent colleague; this is to reduce the risk of transmission between groups. We would not call in an agency teacher to cover.

What will the curriculum look like? What will the children be taught?

The curriculum will be different from our normal curriculum.

The curriculum will focus on well-being, PSHE, PE, Reading, Writing and Maths.

Year 6 will also do work on transition to secondary school.

There will be activities relating to transition to new classes for other Year Groups.

Who will plan what the children learn during their schooling session?

Teachers will plan each session in collaboration with colleagues in the year group. This will be shared as Home Learning on our website, so those children not attending will have the same activities to do.

Will there be daily collective worship or assemblies?

There will be no gathering in the school hall for any form of assembly. Class based assemblies will take place.

Will there be PE lessons?

PE lessons will take place outside.

Lessons will be planned to ensure children do not have physical contact with each other.

Every bubble group will have a timetabled PE slot each day.

Children will not need a PE kit.

Will there be break times?

Each bubble will be given a designated time when they can take a break in a playground zone.

Children will be spread out and supervised.

Will, there be changes to school policies?

The Behaviour Policy has been changed to reflect government guidelines.

The children will be expected to follow new rules for: - moving around school; hygiene expectations; what to do if they have symptoms of Coronavirus; using the toilet and washing their hands; exiting and entering.

- The Uniform Policy will be adapted to reflect the new way of working.
- The Safeguarding policy has been updated in line with new government guidance.
- The Curriculum Policy will be adapted to reflect the new expectations.
- The Fire Evacuation Policy and Critical Incident Policies will be reviewed.
- All other policies are currently under review and will reflect the new way of working.

Can children bring their own things in?

Children should bring their packed lunch, if they are not having a school dinner, and a water bottle.

They may choose to bring in writing equipment from home providing this is not shared.

Can my child be in their class bubble if they are currently in childcare?

Your child can go to childcare and their class bubble, providing they go on different days. They cannot spend part of the day in childcare and part of the same day in their class bubble, for example, if the class bubble starts later than childcare, they cannot attend childcare first and then move to their class bubble.

It will be your decision about whether your child attends just childcare, just their class bubble or attends both on different days.

When children who are currently attending childcare spend the day in their class bubble, the teacher will group all of them into the same bubble to reduce the number of children they are mixing with.

Will the Orchids club be available?

No, all sessions will start and finish at the allocated time.

Is our plan different from other schools?

Each school is preparing a plan which they believe is right for their school based on their circumstances and environment.

It would not work to have a set plan for every school to use. Each school has its own unique set of circumstances and its own unique community.