

## September 2020 Full Opening FAQ

### 1. Does my child have to attend school?

Yes, the government wants all children to attend school full time from the start of the Autumn Term. The only exception to this is if a child has been advised by a paediatrician not to attend due to a significant health concern and the school will be informed of this.

### 2. What happens if my child is ill?

If your child is ill, please do not send them to school. If they have COVID-19 symptoms, please contact 111 to arrange a test and notify the school of the result as soon as it is received. If the test is negative and their symptoms have cleared, they may then return to school.

### 3. What happens if my child becomes ill at school?

If your child complains of feeling unwell at school, they will be asked to wait in the first aid room, which is a quiet and well-ventilated space. Here, they will be supervised by an adult wearing PPE. You will be contacted and asked to collect them. If they have COVID-19 symptoms, you will be asked to contact 111 as above.

### 4. What happens if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 at school?

If a child or member of staff at school tests positive, the school will immediately contact the health protection team. They will advise the school on what to do next. This may require the school to send groups of children home or closure of part of or the entire school.

### 5. What happens if I have been told to isolate by NHS Test and Trace?

Please notify the school and follow the NHS Test and Trace guidance.

### 6. Will the school day be the same?

As we need to stagger drop off times, playtimes and lunchtimes, we are planning a slightly different day according to which year group your child is in. The children will still be taught a broad curriculum based on all the National Curriculum subjects, however certain activities such as contact sports and whole-school assemblies will be replaced with alternatives.

### 7. What are the arrangements for lunches?

Hot school lunches will be available from the kitchen. There will be two options each day and a menu will be sent to you in due course. Children who do not require a hot lunch, should bring in a packed lunch. Hot dinners will be eaten in the hall in class groups (other classes will be in the Hall but be kept distant from each other), whilst packed lunches will be eaten in the classroom/outside (depending on the weather). If your child receives a free school meal, a hot lunch will be provided for them. If you think your child may be entitled to free school meals because your circumstances have changed, we would encourage you to check as not only will meals be provided, but the school will also receive pupil premium funding for them which will allow us to support their learning in other ways. Please visit the [Gloucestershire Free School Meals](#) website.

### 8. What will my child need to bring to school?

We request that children bring a minimum of items to school. They need to wear school uniform and will need to wear their PE kit to school, on the days that they do PE (this can include joggers and a jumper). Each day the children will need their reading book, packed lunch (if required) and a drink bottle. Depending on the weather they may need a sun-hat or coat. Please can all items be named.

Children in KS2 may also bring in their own stationery, however, we request that only essential items be brought in, such as a pencil, ruler, rubber, a sensible, named pencil case and some colouring pencils. These should remain in school throughout the week. We will supply the children who do not have their own stationery with the required items. KS1 children will have their stationery supplied by the school.

## **9. Will there be any school clubs?**

We will not be running any school clubs (both lunchtime and after school) for the first half-term. This is due to the potential mixing of bubbles, which will go against the Government guidance.

## **10. Will Breakfast and After School Clubs run?**

We aim to run both these clubs from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September. The usual timings and booking options will be available. The Office will take bookings during the first week of September using the usual envelopes. The children will not be able to remain in their class bubbles but will be placed in small, consistent bubbles as per Government advice. These bubbles are likely to be Y5/6, Y3/4, Y1/2 & Pre-school/Reception but this does depend on bookings made. The clubs will both take place in the school Hall to allow more space for each bubble and easy access to outdoor areas.

## **11. Are parents allowed in school?**

We need to keep the number of adults visiting the school to a minimum. If you wish to speak to your child's teacher, please contact the Office team to make an appointment for a telephone conversation. If your child has forgotten something, please leave it, labelled with their name, on the table outside the Office and we will deliver it to them. Further guidance will be given detailing the drop off and pick up arrangements.

## **12. Will there be any school trips?**

Schools are permitted to organise non-residential trips. Each year group will carefully consider and risk-assess any planned trips and parents will be fully informed.

## **13. Will there be swimming lessons?**

This is dependent on guidance from the local health and safety executive and Swim England. We will let parents know the arrangements as soon as we know more.

## **14. Will face masks be used?**

The DfE has directed that face masks are not suitable in schools. If you would like your child to wear a mask to and from school, we will ask them to put it somewhere safe during the day.

## **15. Will my child receive tutoring?**

The school will be carrying out ongoing assessment of the children and planning teaching to cover key aspects of learning the children may have missed or need to consolidate. Additional support may be offered to individual children according to their need as determined by the school. Parents will be informed of any arrangements.

## **16. How often will measures be reviewed?**

The school's risk assessment and procedures are 'live' documents and will be reviewed whenever any different measures are required and in response to any changes in guidance.