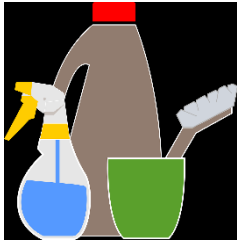


After a long period of school closure, the Government have announced that pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 could soon be returning to school. As a concerned parent or carer, you will probably have many questions about school reopening and what this means for your child. The health and well-being of pupils and staff is top priority for all schools, but it is not possible for any school to promise that your child will not catch Covid-19. Schools will, however, do all they can to minimise that risk. We hope you find this guide useful in answering some of your questions for you.

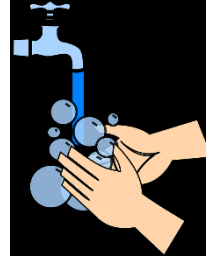
Preparation



Work is happening in school to help prepare for reopening. This includes:

- Carrying out a full risk assessment
- Thoroughly cleaning the school site
- Preparing signage to help maintain social distancing around school sites

Personal Hygiene



Looking after personal hygiene is essential to stop the virus spreading. Children and staff will be expected to:

- Wash their hands with soap and water, for 20 seconds, at regular intervals throughout the day.
- Catch sneezes with tissues or an elbow and put used tissues straight into the bin.

Staffing



Staffing levels in schools may be significantly reduced in schools. This means that:

- Children may not be taught by their usual class teacher
- Children may be taught by a teaching assistant
- It may not be possible for schools to accommodate all Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children, each day, if there is limited availability of staff
- Children may need to be taught at another school

Classrooms



Classrooms will look very different when schools reopen. Here is how:

- Children will sit individually at tables
- Tables will be spaced apart to stop germs spreading
- Class groups will be no bigger than 15 children and often there will be less, if classrooms are small
- If there are a lack of teaching spaces, groups of pupils may not be able to attend

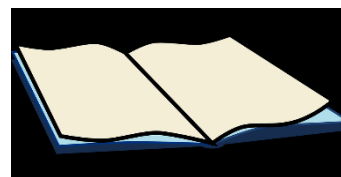
The School Day



The school day will possibly be different to usual. Here is how:

- There will be staggered start and finish times to the day to avoid large gatherings of people
- School days will be shortened to enable more time for cleaners to prepare the site for the next day
- Groups will not mix at all during the day – this includes lunch and playtimes

Learning



Lessons may be different when schools reopen. Here is how:

- Children will be expected to work much more independently and close interaction with others will not be possible during lessons
- A greater emphasis will be placed on pupils' health and well-being.
- A reduced Curriculum offer will be in place

