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School Reopening For All in September

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

We are pleased to inform you that national guidance, at present, confirms that **ALL** children can return to school from September, all being well. I am sure that this news will come as welcome relief to many of you; however, for some this may increase your levels of anxiety. Therefore, I will try to answer as many questions as I can at this moment in time in order to ease your concerns and ensure you as best as I can about the mitigation in place to protect everybody using the building and the premises. If you would like further clarification over any points raised, or have more questions, please contact school and I will endeavour to do my best to answer any of your queries.

- **Does my child have to come back to school straight away in September or can I wait?**
Yes, when we return to school on the 3rd September attendance will be mandatory again. This will include any children considered medically vulnerable or those that live with family members who are considered vulnerable. For specific ailments please contact medical professionals for further advice.
- **Will staff and pupils be expected to wear PPE?**
The guidance at present is that teachers and children do not need to wear PPE unless it is part of their usual practice, i.e. when changing nappies etc. Staff will wear PPE if they have to deal with a symptomatic child. Children do not need to wear masks and are advised not to because they touch them regularly and this can help spread germs more easily rather than stopping transmission.
- **Will children be in their classes as normal?**
Yes. Children will return to their normal classes in their new year groups at full capacity. However, we will be following guidance by protecting the classes from mixing with other classes in order to limit transmission by keeping them in a protective 'bubble'. This will also ensure that in the event of a positive case of Covid-19 all contacts can be traced more easily. Nursery and Reception will be in whole year group bubbles as it is not practicably possible to separate them into separate classes. We will do our best to maintain the integrity of the class bubbles throughout the day, ensuring that they come into contact with a limited number of adults and intervention groups will only be with children in their own bubbles. Children will be sat side by side and not face to face whilst in class. Assemblies and large gatherings will not be happening for the foreseeable future.
- **Will start times, lunch times and home times be the same as before?**
No. In order to maintain the integrity of the bubbles as best we can, year groups will have different drop off times at different areas of school, different break times, lunch times and collection times. Year groups from Y1 to Y6 will have separate outside yard space to avoid both classes mixing. The new school timetable is attached. This may change as we go through the term. We will issue more guidance around this closer to the first day back as it is very important that this is adhered to in order to avoid large crowds gathering and increasing the possibility of transmission. We realise that some siblings will have different drop off and collection times and unfortunately, there is no way around this, although parents can wait in designated areas if they have to whilst maintaining social distance protocols. **Please do not attempt to take other siblings early just to avoid waiting for later collection times.** We would encourage all older children to walk home by themselves where possible in order to avoid more people on the premises. **Only one adult is to accompany children on to the school site at any one time and then we ask you to leave promptly once your children are with you or their teacher.**





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- **If my child is coughing and/or has a temperature, or is showing any Covid-19 symptoms should they stay off school?**
Yes. Additionally, any child who develops symptoms whilst in school, they will be isolated and sent home immediately and you must take them for a Covid-19 test, which must be negative, before being allowed to return to school. Adults in school will follow the same protocols. Class bubbles will only be closed following positive tests as per the instruction of Public Health England, not every time a child or adult develops a possible symptom. Currently, 97% of tests nationally are returning negative. Once again, we will ensure that you have the most up-to-date guidance surrounding this issue closer to the time of all children returning to ensure that you have absolute clarity around this very important matter as it is constantly evolving and changing.
- **If class bubbles are closed will home learning be available?**
Yes, home learning will be provided in a range of formats. We will ensure that if class bubbles have to close and children isolate, learning will continue remotely as best as we possibly can.
- **Are parents allowed in the building?**
Parents are allowed in the building but by appointment only or one at a time through the automatic double doors to the main reception. Please note all social distancing protocol and handwashing before entering the building. Please make sure that you have set up your account on the school's online cashless payment system, Parent Pay, for dinner money, milk money, uniform money etc. which will limit the need to enter the building. Telephone school to make orders, but then make your payments online. Call Mrs Barker if you are having difficulty setting this up.
All other conversations can happen with teachers first thing in the morning or at the end of the day on the yards, via telephone or through arranged appointments after school, observing government guidance and social distancing. All children, including Nursery, Reception and KS1 children, will be met on their yards by their teachers as KS2 children are already. All children will be accompanied out to the same yards at their home time, this will make it easier for parents to socially distance away from the building and avoid crowding near to doorways and exits. More guidance will be sent closer to the time of return. At certain spots around school there is a one-way system, please follow the signage to make sure that social distancing can be achieved on tight paths and pinch points.
- **Will breakfast and after school clubs be on as usual?**
No. Public health advice is to avoid these groups if possible at present because it will involve too many children from different class bubbles mixing together. Hopefully, we will be able to start running these groups again later in the year. We will inform you when this is possible again.
- **Do children need to wear uniform?**
Yes. During the pandemic we relaxed the rules around uniform in order for children attending to be able to have their clothes washed every day. From September, we are reliably informed that this will not be necessary and therefore children will be expected to wear their uniform again.
- **Can you guarantee 100% safety?**
We are doing all we can, given the incredibly difficult situation we all find ourselves in, but we cannot absolutely guarantee safety against Covid-19 and eliminate all risk, however, the risk is low.

Yours faithfully,

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Little Teds, Nursery & Reception*	Y1, Y3, Y5	Y2, Y4, Y6	IR
Arrival	Arrival	Arrival	Arrival
8.40 LT/Nursery P.M. – 8.30	8.50	9.00	8.50 Downstairs Hall
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
11.30 – 12.30 LT/Nursery P.M. – 12.15	11.30 – 12.30	12.30 – 13.30	12.30 – 13.30
Home Time	Home Time	Home Time	Home Time
3.00 LT/Nursery – 3.15	3.10	3.20	3:15

*Please note, **new reception starters** have already been sent a personalised timetable for their transition period in the first two weeks of school before this will apply to them.

If you are unsure of anything, please do not hesitate to get in touch via the school office. I hope that we will all get used to the new guidelines very quickly and they will feel less of a hindrance before long. Please bear with us if there are any teething problems to begin with, as we are also getting used to the new guidelines at the same time as you are. Thank you for your cooperation.

