

When does school re-open for my child?

Children in Years 1 to 6 start school on Tuesday 1st September 2020.

Children in Nursery and Reception Class have their own personal visit and start dates as sent by email earlier this week.

Will they wear uniform? Are clean clothes needed every day?

Children will wear normal uniform. Only people in high-risk places like hospitals need to worry about clothing carrying coronavirus.

Should my child wear a face mask on their way to school?

Adults and children aged 11 and older must wear a face covering at all times on public transport. Families might decide that their under-11s should also wear a face covering on public transport. Walking or cycling to school in the fresh air is the safest way to travel. This avoids the crowded, enclosed places where face coverings are recommended.

Can my child wear a face mask in school?

No. The government is clear that face coverings are for enclosed public spaces where social distancing isn't possible and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet. Your child's classmates are "people they will normally meet" and the "bubble" approach (see below) means that face coverings are not required.

I'm nervous about coronavirus. Will my child have to come to school?

Yes. The government have said that normal rules and laws about school attendance come into force on 1st September. This includes the City Council's Education Welfare Service intervention for poor attendance and fines.

If my child is poorly, what then?

If your child is too unwell to come to school, you should let the school office know so that they can be marked as "ill" in the register. Children with sickness or diarrhoea must stay off school for 48 hours after their symptoms end to prevent infection of others.

What should I do if my child has coronavirus symptoms?

Your child will need to stay off school until they have had a free NHS coronavirus test. You can find out about that on the NHS website. You will need to inform school of the test result before they are allowed back to school.

What if me or someone in my household has coronavirus symptoms?

The person with symptoms must have a free NHS coronavirus test. Children must self-isolate at home for 14 days if somebody in their household is displaying symptoms.

What will happen if a child / adult in my child's class has a positive test for COVID-19?

The whole class will be sent home to self-isolate for 14 days.

How will drop-off and pick-up be made safe?

We will actively try to avoid crowding on the school site by:

- Asking only one parent / family member to come for drop-off / pick-up
- Asking parents to make sure that they are not early or late
- Asking parents to queue carefully, observing signs, markings and two meter social distancing
- Asking parents to only come on to the school site if their children cannot come into school independently
- Asking parents not to wait around on the school playgrounds
- Having a one way system: the main Bosworth Walk Gate will be entry only and the Astro turf Gate and EYFS Gate exit only. (The Ainsworth Drive gate near Year 6 will be open as normal)
- Having drop-off 'windows' rather than a set time Reception, Year 3 and Year 5 drop off is between 8.35am and 8.45am and finish is at 3.05pm All other year groups will open between 8.45am and 8.55am and finish as normal at 3.15pm
- Having a family pick up zone on the astro turf / new tarmac area of the playground away from classroom doors for Year 2 Anning, Year 3 Brunel and Year 3 Stevenson Classes

What will happen in my child's classroom to keep them safe?

Your child's class will be their bubble. Other children won't be allowed into their space. This limits the risk of spreading any illness.

Children will have their own regular-use items such as pencils and rulers so that they don't have to share resources.

Anything that is shared will either be cleaned between uses or left in quarantine for up to 72 hours.

There will not be any coming together for assemblies or singing sessions during the Autumn Term.

Older children will have a new school rule - "Remember not to touch each other". Because younger children are unlikely to be able to follow this, their bubble routines will be stricter.

All children will regularly wash hands and / or use sanitiser including when they arrive at school and before they leave at home-time.

Children will be asked to bring a small bag with only essentials such as their water bottle, reading book, homework etc.

School staff will be following strict two meter social distancing and use online meetings where possible.

What will happen around school during the day to keep my child safe?

We will be undertaking enhanced cleaning of common touch areas within the school day. This will include toilets, door handles, door push plates, PE equipment, chairs and tables in meeting rooms.

Children will normally only use their classroom for any lesson throughout the day.

We will keep windows and doors open to improve air flow and teach some lessons outdoors.

What will happen at playtime to keep my child safe?

There will be four morning playtimes and four afternoon playtimes.

The playground will be divided into three areas. Each class will have its own area. Children will not be able to play with children in other classes. This will protect your child's bubble.

Each class's teacher and TAs will supervise playtimes to make sure rules are followed. Any equipment used will be cleaned after use.

What will happen at lunchtime to keep my child safe?

There will be four overlapping lunch hours. Each class will have their own TA or midday supervisor as part of their bubble.

Each class will have a 30 minute outdoor play, 15 minutes to eat lunch and 15 minutes to relax in class before starting afternoon school. The lengths of time for play, eating and relaxing are similar to what children are used to already.

Children will wash their hands carefully before entering the dinner hall. The dinner hall will be split into two zones – one for your child's class and one which is being cleaned for the next class to use.

What will the curriculum be like?

Our Nursery and Reception Classes will be starting with the normal learning experience from the first day.

For older children who would normally have been in school in the summer term of 2020, our curriculum will be very different for the first two weeks:

- We will focus on children's social, emotional and mental health before anything else. We will explore feelings about their time away from school, acknowledge the difficulties that they may have faced, the fears they may have about returning to school and more. Our re-opening curriculum has been informed by numerous specialist training events that staff have undertaken throughout the period of school closure. This includes the PSHE Association, Nottingham City Education Psychology Service, Place2Be children's emotional support charity, BAME Education Network and the Anna Freud Centre for children's mental health to name but a few.
- We know that for our Black, Asian and Ethnic Minority pupils, there may well be additional emotions following the higher coronavirus death rate in non-white communities and from the highlighting of wider disadvantages through events of recent months, especially through the Black Lives Matter movement. Our school has always been a safe space for pupils to talk and engage with social and emotional issues.
- We will be making sure that we assess exactly where children's learning "is" so that the rest of the school year allows for the exact catch up that each of our children will need.

From Week 3, a more normal curriculum will begin, with changes to make sure we fill any core learning gaps that have developed during school closure.