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Introduction:

Since 23rd March 2020, nurseries, schools and colleges have remained open to a priority group of children and young people, children of key workers and vulnerable children. In reviewing this arrangement and with regard to DfE and Local Authority guidance it is now time to begin the phased return of more children and young people to nurseries, schools and colleges in a way that is measured, reduces risks and is guided by science.

Please be assured that in planning to welcome back more pupils into our school, the safety of your children has been at the forefront of our minds.

Changes for a phased return from 15th June 2020:

We will continue to offer places to the priority groups, vulnerable children and children of key workers, however, along with other secondary schools we are now able to invite Year 10 students in small groups into school. Further details of which are explained in separate documents.

What the school leaders will do (headteachers, senior leaders and governors):

We have, during this period, continually updated a detailed and rigorous risk assessment for a phased return of more children. The health and safety of your child is everyone's first priority. We will act in accordance with current government guidance on hygiene (including cleaning) and safe social distancing.

The following protective measures are in place:

- the availability of soap and hot water for washing of hands
- the use of hand sanitiser stations, where appropriate
- the location and use of lidded bins for the disposal of tissues and any other waste, as appropriate
- ensuring there is a supply of disposable tissues to implement the 'Catch it, bin it, kill it!' approach in each classroom
- ensuring that teaching groups will be isolated from other groups of children as far as possible while they are in school.
- ensuring social distancing is in place
- made changes to the school's Behaviour Policy; the addendum to the Behaviour Policy is in a separate document
- staggered starts and ends to the day
- PPE is not required in educational settings other than when first aid is being administered however, staff and students will not be prevented from wearing appropriate face coverings or PPE if they wish to do so.

We may need to change our decisions based on new government guidance as the current situation develops or based on our school context and the outcome of the risk assessment. As there is a significant change in school and classroom organisation, the school will need to review and revise policies implemented across the school at this time.



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We will:

- continue to follow the safeguarding policies and procedures where concerns have been identified
- work through the hierarchy of measures for implementing protective measures for all which are
 - avoiding contact with anyone with symptoms
 - frequent hand cleaning and good respiratory hygiene practices
 - regular cleaning of settings
 - minimising contact and mixing
- contact parents/carers should their child or another child in their group become unwell and follow the most up to date DfE guidance
- make decisions about what children will learn and how to help children to adapt to new school routines and restrictions
- liaise with the the local authority transport providers to understand the safety measures being used for travel to and from the school. We will use this to inform our risk assessment and make a decision about whether students travelling by public transport or school buses are able to attend school if they travel in this way
- contact you if your child has been offered a place in school and does not take this up in accordance with the current government guidance
- keep in regular contact with parents/carers and ensure you are updated

We may:

- provide a break time snack prepared in line with a comprehensive risk assessment if this is practicable.

Where there are pupils with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP), we will work with parents, the local authority and other external partners to make reasonable endeavours to provide all or some of the provision outlined in the EHCP. This may mean that the provision for a child may temporarily differ from what is set out in their EHCP. This will be reviewed regularly..

What parents/carers need to do to support your children and the school:

- do not send your child to school if they, or anyone in their household has symptoms of the coronavirus
- work with us to help bring your child back to school, as per government guidance and the school's capacity to do so. Please communicate regularly with us if you choose to keep your child at home at any time during this phase of re-opening
- provide your emergency contact details, if these have changed. This is so that we have the most accurate information should there be a need to contact you.
- recognise and support the school in any adaptations or modifications which we have made to the school's behaviour for learning policy (see Addendum to the Behaviour Policy in a separate document)
- understand that these are challenging times and accept circumstances for providing education in school may vary and change quickly. Your child may not be taught by their usual teacher because of smaller class sizes and staff availability each day.



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- follow all hygiene regulations put in place by school leaders. You must carefully follow all the instructions for dropping off and collecting children. You must also follow the distancing arrangements in place for dropping off and collecting children at the start and end of the day.
- ensure your child arrives at school only at the time identified, not earlier or later to manage the staggered start to the day.
- you should be aware of the recommendations on using transport to and from school. If you can, avoid and reduce any unnecessary travel on coaches and public transport. Please note: in our current risk assessment (June 2020) we are advising parents that students should not travel to school on public transport and school buses will not be running until further notice.
- if your child is travelling independently to and from school, ensure they walk alone or only with one other person not from their household - although the government guidance is now six people, we need to ensure crowds of young people do not congregate in the community and ensure all students restrict their contact with others.
- if for any reason your child is unable to attend school i.e. the sessions they have been invited to attend, please notify the school by calling and leaving a message or sending a text. Please use the main school office extension and not the attendance link.
- you are not required to send your child into school with any face covering or other PPE.
- students will not be required to wear school uniform; we ask that clothes need to be washed at the end of each day and/or a fresh set worn the next day to minimise risk.
- we will provide each student with their own set of equipment and resources including pens if required; these will not be shared.
- we ask that students do not bring in anything from home at all at this time, with the exception of a water bottle and a pen should they wish to do so.
- it is essential that you must inform the school if your child or anyone in the household develops COVID-19 symptoms. Please follow government advice regarding isolating measures to reduce the risk of transmission. You will need to ensure your child or household members get a test so that “test and trace” procedures can be followed if they are available.

If you have any concerns about your child/ren or they are displaying symptoms of stress or anxiety, please contact the school and follow Public Health England (PHE) advice. There is useful information on our school website.

If your child has an EHCP, please be aware that we may not be able to offer the full range of provision outlined in the plan. We will contact you directly to inform you of the reasonable endeavours we have put in place to provide appropriate support for your child.

What students need to do:

- students need to follow any altered routines for arrival, leaving from school and moving around during the school day.
- students must follow the school's rules on handwashing and using sanitiser, including the use of toilets.
- students must meet the 'Catch it, bin it, kill it!' expectations
- students must tell an adult if they feel unwell.
- students should follow the rules about sharing equipment and other items.



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- students should follow adult instructions on how they can socialise within their small group
- students must not share food or drink with others.
- students must follow the school's rules and expectations to keep them safe both when in school and when working online remote learning.
- students must not socialise with more than one other student on their way to and from school.
- students should not arrive at school earlier than their published time, nor wait around on site or outside the school site after their departure time. These times are planned to stagger the number of young people walking in the community.

Above all, all children should demonstrate their usual respectful behaviour towards each other and adults. They should try their best to ensure the health and safety of others by following the school's protocols and teachers' instructions to avoid unnecessary contact. Failure to do so could lead to the student being sent home immediately. Please see the Behaviour Policy Addendum for further information.