

Plans for full opening in September - frequently asked questions

You will likely have lots of questions for us and we've tried to pre-empt them as best we can. We've also drawn on the feedback we've received from the recently circulated parent/carer questionnaire – many thanks to those of you who took the time to complete it, your thoughts are invaluable to us. Below are a number of other key bits of information that we feel you and your child(ren) find useful.

<p>Travelling to and from school</p>	<p>Please consider the official guidance for travel when planning your journey to school. You must not gather at the school entrances or spend more time than is necessary in the school playgrounds. If you wish to stop and have a conversation with another parent please do this away from the school. If your child usually travels to/from school independently, they must adhere to the government's social distancing guidance.</p> <p>If public transport is used then face coverings should be worn. Children must remove masks on arrival to school, being careful not to touch the front of their face covering when removing them. They must dispose of temporary face coverings, or place reusable coverings in a plastic bag.</p>
<p>Dropping-off and collecting children</p>	<p>Children must still be dropped off and collected by one parent/carer only. Unfortunately, due to current restrictions no adults will be allowed into the school building, without permission from your Head of School. We recognise that this might be difficult for certain children, so please contact us to discuss it, if you have any queries or concerns.</p> <p>There will also be no 'late room' as of September, as this would mean children from different bubbles mixing. If you are running late to collect your child, please contact the office. Children will be kept in their classrooms for 10mins, with their teacher/TA, and then taken to 'after-school club'. This will be chargeable.</p>
<p>How are children going to be grouped?</p>	<p>In line with the guidance, we will be creating year group 'bubbles', with the aim of limiting the number of pupils and staff in contact with each other. Consistent groups reduce the risk of transmission and make it easier, in the event of a positive case of Covid-19, to identify those who may need to self-isolate.</p> <p>For the majority of the day the children will be kept in these 'bubbles'. However, in order to facilitate the return to a full curriculum, for some parts of the day, including drop off and collection, lunch and wraparound care, they will need to be in larger 'phase bubbles'.</p> <p>The guidance recognises that these approaches are not 'all or nothing', and that they will bring benefits even when partially implemented. We will endeavour to keep groups apart whenever feasible to reduce the network of possible direct transmission.</p>
<p>What will the classrooms look like?</p>	<p>To support social distancing, where possible pupils will side by side and facing forwards; this may involve desks being organised in rows.</p> <p>Also where possible, adults will maintain a 2m distance from each other, and children. This is more difficult with younger children and for those who have more complex needs. Older children will be supported to maintain distance and to not touch staff and their peers. Sharing of resources will be kept to a minimum and within bubbles.</p>
<p>What will the school day look like?</p>	<p>As well as for start and finish times, the year group bubbles will also have staggered playtimes and lunchtimes; these will be explained to the children on their return to school in September.</p> <p>There will also be some changes to our timetabling, but there will be no loss of learning time, as the guidance stipulates.</p> <p>Assemblies and other large gatherings are not permitted; however, we are drawing up plans to ensure that we are able to deliver our Values and Celebration assemblies virtually, through Zoom or pre-recordings. Singing assemblies cannot happen for the foreseeable future – please see curriculum information below.</p>

<p>Are you making any changes to your curriculum?</p>	<p>We aren't planning any major changes to our school curriculum; however, there will need to be some minor tweaks. There are some additional Reader, Writer, and Mathematician sessions planned, as we look to ensure early identification of gaps in learning. Oracy will also play an even more prominent role in all the children's learning.</p> <p>The first full week back in school will involve a number of re-engagement activities, based around our PSHE Jigsaw curriculum, with a focus on pupil wellbeing.</p> <p>Our Enquiry Learning will re-start the week commencing 14th September with our two-week Community Enquiry, 'What makes Filton Avenue special?' We remain committed to providing all our pupils with a deep and rich curriculum and won't be narrowing it any further than we have to.</p> <p>PE, apart from swimming, will be going ahead. However, due to restrictions it will all have to be taken outside, for Term 1 at least. This will, of course, bring the weather in to play at times, and may lead to the postponement or cancellation of sessions.</p> <p>Music is, unfortunately, the one subject area that we are going to struggle to fulfil, according to the current guidance. There appears to be an additional risk of infection in environments where people are singing, chanting and playing particular instruments. We will be working on a solution to this in September.</p> <p>There will be no off-site educational visits or extra-curricular clubs in the first term, at least. We will review this situation in September and hope to be able to offer both as soon as possible, as they offer learning opportunities that can't always be gained in the normal school day.</p> <p>We are further developing our plans for remote education, which will come into action should we be forced into further periods of school closure. As with these last few months, the plans will be fully integrated with our school curriculum.</p>
<p>Will my child(ren) be taking SATS tests?</p>	<p>The Department for Education have announced that statutory primary assessments will take place in summer 2021. The Early Years Foundation Stage Profile, and all existing statutory Key Stage 1 and 2 assessments, should return in 2020 to 2021, in accordance with their usual timetables. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the phonics screening check • key stage 1 tests and teacher assessment • the year 4 multiplication tables check • key stage 2 tests and teacher assessment • statutory trialling <p>The statutory rollout of the Reception Baseline Assessment has been postponed until September 2021.</p>
<p>Will my child(ren) be able to have a school meal?</p>	<p>Yes, our kitchens will be re-opening in September and we will be able to provide school meals for all those children either eligible or who choose to. Due to the bubble restrictions, children will eat their lunch with their class and will be required to stay in the hall for the 30mins they are allotted. We will use this time like a 'family lunch' and provide children with opportunities to practise their Oracy skills.</p> <p>Children in Y2 – 6 who have packed lunches will eat their lunch in the Phase 2 + 3 halls. This is so we can run lunchtime with minimal disruption to the school day, and ensure we maintain social distancing, where possible. The packed lunch groups will also eat with their classes in a 'family lunch' style environment.</p>
<p>Will you be offering wraparound care?</p>	<p>After-school Club (ASC) will operate from when we open in September – please book as usual via the school office. We will communicate more details with you in September.</p> <p>Unfortunately, due to the restrictions around 'small, consistent groups' and how Breakfast Club operates, we are unable to offer this provision when we open in September. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, but please bear with us, we may be able to get it up and running later in the term.</p>

Does my child need to wear school uniform?	<p>As per the guidance, we are encouraging a return to our usual school uniform policy, as of September. The guidance here has now changed, and uniforms do not need to be cleaned any more often than usual, nor do they need to be cleaned using methods which are different from normal.</p> <p>If you have any concerns around this, please contact the school office.</p>
What can my child bring to school?	<p>As of September, and to limit the sharing of frequently used resources, we are asking all children to come to school with an empty pencil case – school will provide the necessary resources to go in it. Please make sure it is named.</p> <p>We are also asking each child in Years 2 – 6 to bring in a clearly named water bottle.</p> <p>Please can your child(ren) bring a PE kit in; this will need to stay in school, so as to limit the amount of things travelling between home and school.</p> <p>Children can, of course, bring coats, etc. with them. Those children who bring a mobile phone to school, will now need to give it to their teacher in the morning, and not hand it in to the school office. They will then be stored in a secure location in the phase lead's office. A book bag is also fine to bring to school.</p>
Expectations around behaviour	<p>In line with the guidance, we will be revising our behaviour policy, with particular notice being taken when considering restrictions on movement within school and new hygiene rules. We will work with members of the school community to ensure that behaviour expectations are clearly understood, and consistently supported, taking account of individual needs and how we build new expectations into our rewards system. We will share more detailed information with you in September</p>

Is attending school compulsory from September?	<p>Yes, school attendance will be mandatory again from the beginning of the autumn term. The Department for Education have stated that, 'this means from that point, the usual rules on school attendance will apply. Children of compulsory school age must be in school, unless a statutory reason applies, e.g. sickness, religious observance, etc.'</p> <p>As a school, we recognise that the return to school may be an anxious time for some families. If you have any concerns at all, please discuss them with us.</p>
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What do I do if I have any safeguarding concerns?	<p>As before the pandemic, any concerns you have should be shared with a member of the school's leadership team, as soon as you are aware of them. The school's Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) are: Dan Rodeck (DSL), Komilla Datta (DSL) and Julie Britton (Deputy DSL).</p>
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Will the school office be open?	<p>The school office will be open. However admission to the building will remain as 'by appointment only' initially, so please telephone in the first instance.</p>
Will school staff be social distancing?	<p>All the staff at school will be practising social distancing. Staff will also have staggered breaks/lunchtimes, to support this. We have created additional 'staffroom' spaces so that staff can take breaks, eat lunch, etc. without coming in to contact with too many other people.</p>