

SEPTEMBER RETURN FOR PUPILS (EYFS 2-year-old to Reception)

Dear Parents and Carers,

The council is supporting all schools in the county to establish a risk assessment, which is designed to put the health and safety of children first and ensure each school mitigates, to the best of its ability, risks associated with a full return. The full risk assessment will be uploaded to our school website but here is a summary of what school will look like in September.

PREPARATION

DO NOT SEND your child to school if they are displaying any of the signs of coronavirus:

- High temperature
- New continuous cough
- Loss of smell and taste

DO NOT SEND your child to school if you or family members are displaying any of the signs of coronavirus.

Follow the government guidelines around self-isolation and book a test. School requires to see evidence of negative tests before pupils can return to school.

- 1) Explain to your child that school may be slightly different to how they remember it.
- 2) Practise hand-washing at home (thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly or use alcohol hand rub or sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered) and explain why it's important. You could use the eBug website resources to help you <https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools>
- 3) Teach your child to cough into their elbows and/or use a tissue.

START OF THE DAY

- 1) Ensure your child is wearing clean clothes to minimise the spread of infection.
- 2) School uniform should be worn but if your child has PE that day, they should come to school in their PE kit. (Joggers are preferable to shorts.) *PE kits will only be worn by Reception but not until later in the term We will be in touch to tell you when PE kit is needed nearer the time.
- 3) Ensure your child has a filled named water bottle.
- 4) Ensure pupils not having a school meal bring a named packed lunch box (which has been disinfected).
- 5) Only homework, reading books and a small bag of spare clothing (in case of toileting needs) should be brought into school. Bags of spare clothing will stay on each child's peg for when needed—no toys etc. If your child has a medical condition which would require bringing in equipment, please contact the school. Named wellies should also be provided for each child. We will not be able to provide spare wellies.

- 6) Your child should wash their hands before they leave the house.
- 7) Only one parent/carer should bring child to school and pick up. (The DCC risk assessment recommends all primary children should be accompanied to school. However, Year 6 pupils are allowed to arrive and leave on their own.)
- 8) Adhere to guidelines if using public transport. Guidance can be found here. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers>
It is recommended to walk, cycle or use your own car to travel to and from school if possible.
- 9) If your child wears a face mask on the way to school, it should be disposed of in a lidded bin on entering the school. Reusable face coverings should be placed in a plastic bag that is to be placed in their school bag so that they can re wear it to travel home.
- 10) Arrive on time for your class to enter school at the correct entrance. Do not come too early.
- 11) Maintain 2m distance while queueing to pass child in to a member of staff.
- 12) On arrival, a member of staff will take your child's temperature by scanning their brow. The member of staff will be wearing PPE.
- 13) To avoid long queues in the streets around school, parents may enter the school yard but should distance themselves around the perimeter of the yard, maintaining a 2m distance.
- 14) Parents should not loiter near the school gates but go straight home.
- 15) Pupils will wash their hands on arrival in school.

LESSONS

- Wherever possible, pupils will be kept in class bubbles for lessons. The government does not expect pupils to socially distance themselves from each other but staff will be keeping a 2 m distance wherever possible.
- Pupils will use their own equipment (provided and kept at school).
- A sanitiser station will be present in each classroom to facilitate clean hands.
- Doors and windows will be kept open to aid ventilation.
- In Reception, the first 6 weeks will be spent assessing where children are in terms of their learning in order to inform their Baseline assessment. They will still be learning at the same time through structured phonics, literacy and maths.
- The timetable will be adjusted to enable a greater focus on English and Maths, whilst still offering a range of other subjects including opportunities to develop confidence and promote positive mental health and well-being.

PLAYTIMES

- Pupils will play together in phase groups in allocated yards.
- They will wash their hands before and after play.

LUNCHTIMES

- Pupils having packed lunches will eat in the classroom.
- All pupils will wash their hands before and after eating.

- Tables will be cleaned in between different classes of children using the dining hall for school meals.

BREAKFAST CLUB/AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

- Will operate normally but pupils will be kept in phase bubbles (Reception; KS 1; lower KS 2; upper KS 2) on different tables in the dining hall and appropriate resources will be allocated to each group.

DROP-OFF / PICK UP DETAILS

Classes	Drop – off time	Pick – up time	Gate
Ladybirds (2s)	9:00	3:15	Usual door
Robins (3-4s)	8:45	3:00	Usual door
Reception	8:45	3:00	Industrial Street
Year 1 Blackbirds	9:00	3:15	Industrial Street
Year 1 Owls	9:00	3:15	Industrial Street
Year 2	9:00	3:15	KS 1 front door
Year 3/4 Eagles	9:00	3:20	KS 2 lower yard
Year 3/4 Falcons	9:00	3:20	KS 2 lower yard
Year 5	8:45	3:05	KS 2 lower yard
Year 6	8:45	3:05	KS 1 front door
Breakfast Club	7:45/8:00 – 8:30	N/A	KS 2 (lower yard)

All entrances will be signposted.

END OF SCHOOL DAY

- 1) Arrive at the correct gate and at the allocated time.
- 2) You may enter the school yard and queue around the perimeter maintaining social distancing.
- 3) Do not loiter at the school gates but go straight home.
- 4) Wash hands on arrival at home.

5) It is recommended to shower and wash clothes when child arrives home.

VULNERABLE PUPILS AND/OR RELATIVES

Please contact your GP for advice and let the school know so we can support you.

What if there is a Covid-19 cluster at a school?

If a school has a suspected coronavirus outbreak - with two or more confirmed cases within 14 days, or an overall rise in suspected coronavirus sickness absence - teachers will liaise with local health teams.

A mobile testing unit may arrive - focusing first on those in the affected child or teacher's class, followed by their year group, and then the whole school if necessary.

A large number of pupils may be asked to self-isolate at home as a precaution, but the government says a whole school closure "will not generally be necessary" unless advised by health officials.

Finally, please bear in mind that guidance is constantly changing and so we may need to adapt these plans in light of a change in local or national circumstances.

I hope you all have a lovely and relaxing summer break and the staff of Roseberry look forward to welcoming you back in September.

We will put reminders on Classdojo at the end of the holidays.

Yours faithfully

Mrs J. Lee