

Parent FAQs – school opening to more pupils – 29th May 2020

What should I do if my child or someone else in the house is symptomatic or a confirmed case of Covid-19?

When a child develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus, they should stay at home and self-isolate for 7 days. Their fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days.

All pupils and their parents will be able to apply to have a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus, and are encouraged to get tested in this scenario. Where the pupil tests negative, they can return to school and the fellow household members can end their self-isolation. Where the pupil tests positive, they should self-isolate for 7 days and the rest of their household should self-isolate for 14 days. Follow the stay at home guidance [click here](#):

[CLICK HERE](#) to apply for a test

[CLICK HERE](#) for NHS advice on symptoms

[CLICK HERE](#) for NHS advice on what to do if you or someone you live with has symptoms of coronavirus

[CLICK HERE](#) for guidance on how long you and your child will need to self-isolate

What are the key symptoms that someone may demonstrate if they have coronavirus?

- **high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

[CLICK HERE](#) for NHS advice on symptoms

My child is deemed as **clinically vulnerable** but not clinically extremely vulnerable. Are they allowed to come to school?

If this applies to you please contact school to discuss – we can discuss the possibility of your child coming to school and any measures we will need to take to reduce risk. This may involve updating health care plans.

My child is deemed as **clinically extremely vulnerable**. Are they allowed to come to school?

Children who have been classed as **clinically extremely vulnerable** due to pre-existing medical conditions are advised to shield. **Clinically extremely vulnerable** children are not expected to be attending school and should continue to be supported at home as much as possible.

If my child becomes ill with symptoms of coronavirus while they are at school, what will happen?

If your child becomes ill with symptoms of coronavirus while they are at school, we will move him / her to a separate area we have set up that has its own toilet and access. We will contact you, asking you to collect your child immediately. In the meantime, we will try to keep your child comfortable and reassured. The staff member caring for your child will be wearing PPE.

We will strongly encourage you to have your child tested asap and to follow the 7-day self-isolation guidance whilst awaiting the results of the test.

[CLICK HERE](#) to apply for a test

[CLICK HERE](#) for guidance on how long you and your child will need to self- isolate

If a pupil in my child's bubble becomes ill with symptoms of coronavirus while they are at school, what will happen?

We will inform the whole bubble that a pupil is self-isolating with coronavirus symptoms – we will not state the child's name. Government advice is that the children and staff can continue to come to school unless a positive test is confirmed within their bubble.

When, and if, the initial symptomatic person has a test result, the positive or negative outcome will be anonymously shared with rest of bubble.

If a pupil in my child's bubble becomes ill with a confirmed case of Covid-19, what will happen?

Where the pupil (or staff member) tests positive, the rest of their bubble within school will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of that bubble do not need to self-isolate unless the pupil they live with subsequently develops symptoms.

We would urge all parents to have their child tested in this instance.

[CLICK HERE](#) to apply for a test

[CLICK HERE](#) for guidance on how long you and your child will need to self- isolate

Can my child bring hand sanitiser into school?

Yes, but it must be kept in the tray on the child's desk, not shared and can only be used when instructed and supervised by an adult. Please ensure your child understands this before sending them to school with sanitiser.

Will my child still receive personal care?

Where care arrangements are in place for a child the use of PPE is continued if it is already part of the care arrangement. Where it is not typically part of the care arrangement the use of PPE will be considered and used where necessary – we will inform parents of any arrangements made to allow time to share information (through social stories/other) before encountering it within school.

Can my child bring in their water bottle?

All children **should** bring in their own named water bottle which will be sent home and cleaned every night. The water bottles will be kept on your child's desk so they can access it throughout the day.

In EYFS, the children will keep their water bottles in their personal red boxes and every 30 minutes, a musical alarm will go off reminding everyone to wash their hands and have a drink.

Children who are usually school dinners should also bring a water bottle to school every day as all usual plastic cups will be removed from classrooms.

Where will my child put all their things when they come into school?

We are encouraging pupils to bring only essential items into school.

- If your child is in EYFS, they will have their own box where they can put their coat, book, lunchbox, sun cream etc. The teachers will help them put their things away until they are used to the new routine.
- Children in Y6, Y1 and the Key worker group will hang their coats up on their pegs as usual and will have their own tray on their desk where they can keep their water bottle, book, sun cream etc. Lunchboxes and trainers will be stored under their own desk

Where do I go to pick up and drop my child off from school?

The timings of the school day will be staggered to reduce the volume of people on the school site at any one time. See below:

	Entrance	Drop off	Pick up
EYFS Bubble A	F2 Fire door	We will be expanding our drop off window from 8:45–9:15 . Registers will be closed at 9:15am . Children arriving after this time will be marked as late .	3-3:10pm
EYFS Bubble B	Grassed area by park.		3-3:10pm
Y1	Y1/2 Fire door		3:10– 3:20pm
Y6	KS2 Back playground (allocated area)		3:20– 3:30pm
Critical workers Y2/3/4/5	KS2 Back playground (allocated area)		3:10– 3:20pm

- A member of the SLT will be on the gates at pick up and drop off times to point people in the right direction and answer any questions you may have.
- Follow the signs and taped areas around school, keeping to social distancing rules.
- Only **one person** to collect the children from the school site.
- Please **DO NOT** enter the school building or the EYFS outdoor area for any reason.

What happens if I need to come to the school office or speak with a teacher or member of the SLT?

The school office will be closed to face to face visitors. To speak to the school office please call **0115 9748005** and we will support you with any queries. If you need to speak with your class teacher or a member of the SLT, please contact them over their class email addresses or leave a message with the school office and they will call you back as soon as possible.

How can I help my child understand that school will be different when they come back?

Over the coming week we will be blogging some helpful tips which will help you to prepare your child to come back to school.

In the meantime, you can show your child how the Foundation Unit has been arranged [here](#) and share some pictures of the school environment [here](#).

What are the best ways to travel to school during this time?

Parents and pupils are encouraged to walk or cycle to school where possible, where public transport is needed, please follow the government guidance on social distancing and hygiene.

Will I still get home learning support from the teachers in school?

Teachers will be providing home learning tasks as usual. They will blog their learning mat and writing tasks weekly along with any resources you may need. Doodlemaths, MyMaths and Reading Eggs will also continue to be used to support home learning.

Please use your usual contact email for your class teacher if you have any questions or would like further support. However, please appreciate that all our teachers will be back teaching in class full time so may not respond to any questions you have as promptly as they have been. They will endeavour to respond within 72 hours.

What will school do to promote good hygiene?

Our [Rainbow Rules](#) focus on all aspects of hygiene linked to coronavirus – teachers will start each day by talking about them. Please talk to your child at home about using the Rainbow Rules

Are adults (staff and parents) who have been classed as clinically extremely vulnerable allowed to come to school?

Adults who have been classed as clinically extremely vulnerable due to pre-existing medical conditions are advised to shield. Clinically extremely vulnerable adults are not expected to be attending school.

How will school help my child know the rules around COVID specific control measures?

In line with the guidance offered by the DFE, we have updated our Behaviour Policy to include '[Rainbow Rules](#) for Staying Safe' Please talk to your children about these rules before they come back to school. Each classroom has a display showing the Rainbow Rules and they will be revisited with the children daily.
It is very important that you talk to your child about the importance of these rules in helping reduce the spread of coronavirus.

What is the school's behaviour policy with regard to coronavirus?

As a school we always endeavour to work with parents on any behaviour issues. This typically results in fantastic behaviour from our children – we often get compliments from visitors, including during our recent OFSTED inspection.

However, during these unprecedented times we feel it is important to be very clear about how we intend to keep children safe as we open the school to more children.

As a school we will:

- Explicitly teach and remind children about our new rules.
- Continue to use a consistent approach to behaviour (rewards and sanctions) throughout school.
- As a last resort, consider sending children home if their behaviour is:
 - deemed unsafe to themselves or others
 - deliberate and persistent
 - increases the risk of the spread of coronavirus

We ask parents to:

- Adhere to government guidance on social distancing and support our efforts to create a safe environment.
- Talk to their children regularly about the Rainbow Rules at home.
- Be available to come into school to discuss their child's behaviour if we think that further reminders about the importance of staying safe are needed.
- Treat any incidents whereby their child is deliberately making it less safe for anyone else in school extremely seriously (for instance, spitting or coughing on another person intentionally) and understand that if this continues the child may have to go home.

What do I do if my child is going to be late?

Because all 'bubbles' have their own specific entrance, children will not be permitted to come through the main office entrance if they are late. You must call the school office and the office staff or the SLT will arrange with you where to drop off your child.

What will happen if my child needs comforting at school?

The KPNS Team care about all our pupils and, as teachers, it is natural instinct for us to want to comfort your child if they are hurt or upset. We will do our best to comfort a child whilst maintaining safety measures for pupils and staff where at all possible.

As part of our curriculum upon reopening, we will be doing lots of work with the children about the changes around them and their own feelings. We are hoping that by openly exploring these challenging issues with them, it will help them feel at ease.

If my child's usual class teacher is not in school, who will be teaching them?

We are sure you understand that staffing will look slightly different to normal during this time. However, one of the nice things about being a small school is that all our children know all our staff and vice versa.

From Monday 8th of June, the proposed staffing will be as follows:

EYFS Team who will be working in two bubbles:

- Mrs Lindley/ Mrs Gerrard
- Mrs Boon
- Miss Waugh
- Mrs Gibaldi

Year 1:

Miss Fowell (who will be the Y2/3 class teacher next year so she is really excited to get to know her new class even better!!)
Mrs Betts

Year 6:

Miss Hopwood

Key worker Group:

Miss Rayns
Miss Peck

Will school meals still be provided?

Children can continue to book a meal or bring a packed lunch, as before school closed to most pupils.