

FAQ's for Parents

Will the school definitely be re-opening on 1st June?

Not necessarily. The government has stated that this is a conditional re-opening. They will review the situation before 1st June, most likely on 28th May, to make a final decision. So parents and schools will not know that this is definitely going ahead until the Friday before the proposed date.

Do I have to send my child to school when it re-opens?

The guidance from the DfE states that parents will not be fined for non-attendance at this time. However, we would strongly encourage you to send your child to school if they are in one of the year groups returning from 1st June. In addition, if you are a critical (key) worker or your child has a social worker then ask that you send your child into school, regardless of their school year group.

If my child is showing any symptoms of being unwell, should I send them to school?

No, if your child is showing any symptoms of being unwell at this time, we do not recommend that you send them into school, particularly if they are displaying symptoms consistent with Covid-19 such as a dry cough or high temperature.

What if my child or someone in my household is currently shielding because they are considered 'clinically vulnerable'?

Children who are considered '**extremely** clinically vulnerable' are not expected to attend from 1st June as they are considered to be at a higher risk of severe illness from coronavirus, although only a small minority of children will fall into this category.

Children who live in a household with someone who is extremely clinically vulnerable and shielding should only attend if stringent social distancing can be adhered to and the child is able to understand and follow those instructions. Please seek medical advice on the best arrangements for your child and then make early contact with your school.

In cases of children who are considered 'clinically vulnerable' (but not 'extremely clinically vulnerable' – see above), parents should seek medical advice on the best arrangements for your child and then make early contact with your school.

Children who live with someone who is clinically vulnerable (but not extremely clinically vulnerable), including those who are pregnant, can attend.

What if my child is eligible to return to school but has siblings who are not?

We are asking that only those children in Nursery, Reception, Y1 or Y6 return to school at this time. This does not include siblings in a different year group. The only exception to this is if you are a critical worker or your child has a social worker, in which case they may return to school regardless of year group.

Can the school guarantee the safety of my child, including social distancing?

As a school we are carrying out detailed risk assessments so that we can try to put in the best measures we possibly can for the safety of both children and staff following the government guidance. This ensures that anyone in the school building is put at minimum risk.

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If my child returns to school, will they be taught by their usual class teacher?

Not necessarily. Part of the plans to reintroduce children safely is that they should be placed in groups of no more than 15 with an adult and to remain in that group throughout the day. It follows, therefore, that not all children will be able to be in the same group with their teacher, unfortunately, nor will they necessarily be in their normal classroom.

Will school meals be available?

Yes, school meals will be available and further details on the arrangements for these will be issued in due course. Children may also continue to bring in packed lunches.