

Conditional Reopening (1 June 2020)

As you will be aware, the government announced conditional plans last week to potentially extend the opening of schools to include pupils in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6.

Although schools have received more guidance since the announcement we still have lots of questions that need clarification. However, we feel it is important to keep you updated with what we know rather than you relying on information from other sources which may not be accurate and may not be applicable or relevant to the individual case of Kexborough Primary School.

We recognise that you may have some concerns about your child returning to school and, that for some children, another change will be unsettling for them. We also understand that the past weeks will have been challenging for many families.

Sadly, our school will be a very different place when the children return. This is necessary in order to be able to implement the government's safety measures.

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What will the new provision look like at Kexborough Primary School?

- Children will be assigned to a group of up to 12 pupils and 2 adults. This group will then stay together throughout each day creating a bubble, and avoiding other groups. Please note that in order to split the class your child may not be with their current teacher, or in their current classroom.
- Groups will not mix at any point during the school day.
- Children will have their own stationery, equipment and an allocated desk. Desks will be spaced apart.
- Classrooms will be reconfigured and difficult to clean items removed (e.g. some storage, soft furnishings, soft toys and toys that are hard to clean).
- The curriculum will look and feel different as there are limitations to what we can deliver whilst keeping protective measures in place.
- Start and finish times may be adjusted. If your child needs to be accompanied to school, only one parent/ carer must attend. Drop off and collection procedures will be different to normal and we will share these when confirmed.
- Many children will not access the dining hall and will eat lunch in their allocated classroom.
- There will be no after school provision, including after school clubs, due to the limitations placed on children mixing between groups.
- Visitors without prior appointment will not be allowed access to the school building. All parental communication should be either by telephone or email.
- A one way system will be in operation for moving around the school and we expect that all adults on site, including parents and carers, will adhere to this.
- There must be no gathering at the pedestrian gate to ensure that we can all adhere to the social distancing measures that are in place.

What could reopening look like in Foundation Stage 2?

As we wanted to be able to give information in a timely manner this document has been written on the basis that all eligible children will accept a place and attend school. The details in this document may change once we have ascertained how many children will be attending school.

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How will the children be organised into groups?	The children in Foundation Stage 2 will be split into two groups and will remain in these “bubbles” whilst the current guidance remains in place.
If there are two groups will my child be able to attend every day?	Yes. Your child will be able to attend school full time.
Will the sessional times be the same?	Roughly. We will be extending the registration period and extending the period of time that children can be collected to hopefully avoid congestion on the school site. This information will be shared nearer the time of reopening.
Will my child have the same teacher and member of support staff?	They will have the same teacher and member of support staff that stays with their “bubble” but this member of staff may not be familiar to them.
Will my child be in the same classroom?	Yes. We will be splitting the FS2 classroom in half and each of the two “bubbles” will remain in one half of the classroom. We will be adjusting drop off and collection accordingly and details surrounding this will be released nearer the time of reopening.
What will provision for my child look like?	<p>The provision that we can safely offer, in line with current government guidance means that Foundation Stage 2 will look significantly different from what your children remember / are used to.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be no sand or water play. • There will be no dough in the malleable area. • All wooden construction blocks will be removed as these cannot be easily cleaned • All soft furnishings, soft toys and dressing up will removed from provision • Access to books in the library corner will be restricted so that children are not using the same resources. • All small world will be removed as these resources cannot be easily cleaned • The mud kitchen will not be in use outdoors. • Remaining resources will be separated into four groups and each group will have their own set of resources. <p>As you can see from above the provision will look very sparse and significantly different from what “normal” FS1 looks and feels like. Access to resources and ‘play’ will be very limited.</p>
Will staff be wearing PPE?	There is the possibility that staff will be wearing PPE including

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face masks • Face shields • Gloves • Aprons <p>You will have to make a decision as to how well you think your child will be able to cope with this change.</p>
<p>Will staff be able to administer first aid and intimate care?</p>	<p>Staff will be able to administer basic first aid as a duty of care however this will be completed whilst wearing full PPE. Due to social distancing requirements, staff will be very limited in the level of physical comfort that they will be able to provide your child.</p> <p>In terms of intimate care we will have to determine whether this is safe to complete.</p>
<p>Will my child be able to play with other children?</p>	<p>If allowed, this will be extremely limited and we have been advised that it should only take place on a side by side basis and not face to face.</p>