

We hope this post finds you all safe and well. This post contains all the information that you require for your child if they are returning to school on June 1st.

Entrance and Exit Procedures

Social distancing is everyone's responsibility.

Please ensure that you adhere to the one way system to keep everyone safe.

If you are in a queue waiting for children to be admitted to / dismissed from school please ensure you maintain social distancing and remain 2m apart from each other.

1. There will be no entry to the school grounds until just before 8:55am. This is to prevent any groups gathering on the playground. We politely ask that parents and carers time their arrival at school to avoid groups gathering on Ballfield Lane.
To try to avoid larger groups on the school grounds registration will remain open until 9:15am
2. All entry to the school grounds will be through the driveway. The pedestrian path is to be used as an exit only. These measures have been introduced to support the implementation of a one way system to reduce social contact. The school car park will be closed to vehicles between 8:45 am and 9:15am and between 3:15pm and 3:40pm.
3. As soon as you enter the school grounds arrows will show the one way system.
4. Y4 children will enter school through the front door (next to Miss MacKay's office). Everyone else should follow the arrows.
5. Key Stage 2 (Y3, Y5 and Y6) will peel off through the gate next to the school office, walk around the back of the staffroom and onto the KS2 playground. They will then walk down the path that leads them to their entrance door. Parents / carers will then exit through the gate at the bottom of the playground and join the pedestrian path to exit the school grounds.
6. Foundation Stage 2 children and parents will continue past the hedge and use the KS1 hall path to get to the FS2 door. The exit for parents, after drop off, will then be through the usual gate and then onto the pedestrian path to leave the school grounds.
7. Y1 and Y2 children will follow the path, as usual, round to the Key Stage 1 playground. Exit will be gained by walking around the back of the Nursery block, through the Foundation Stage 2 playground and then joining the pedestrian path to exit the school grounds.

We will confirm all arrangements for FS1 children before their return on Thursday 4th June.

Lunch

Your child will need a packed lunch from home or can order a Grab-A-Bag from school. If your pupil is entitled to Free School Meals, they will receive a Grab-A-Bag.

Equipment

Children MUST bring their own water bottle. As the good weather is forecast to continue we will utilise the outdoors wherever possible. Please ensure that your child is wearing suncream and has a hat. Children MUST NOT bring any equipment (pencil case etc) from home.

Uniform

School Uniform to be worn

Classroom Social Distancing

As set out in Government guidance, all pupils will be kept in groups of no more than 12, and will remain in these groups throughout the school day to enable us to keep social distancing wherever possible.

Everyone will wash their hands frequently and correctly with adult supervision. Every room will be well ventilated at all times and the classroom, furniture and equipment will be cleaned regularly throughout the day, and thoroughly cleaned once the pupils and staff have left. Alongside this, we will ensure that groups of pupils do not mix during their time in school, including playtimes and lunchtimes.

The vast majority of pupils will be sitting at individual desks as close to 2 metres apart as possible. Any unnecessary furniture and equipment will be removed from class to allow for more movement and provide more space.

We cannot ensure that your child will have their regular familiar adults or be in their usual classroom. All planning and organisation has been done with the best endeavours to support the happiness and well-being of all children.

If a teacher is absent through illness, we may not be able to cover their class/group; therefore, that group/class will not be able to attend school. We will endeavour to give notice of this to Parents/Carers but the nature of illness means this may be at extremely short notice.

Arriving and Collecting from School

From June 1st we require all parents/carers to drop their child/ren off at the points stated above and insist that they do not enter school for any reason.

Please ensure as that only one Parent/Carer brings and collects their child/ren from school. It is essential that Parents/Carers socially distance and do not gather in groups.

Please ensure you arrive on time and collect your child on time so that we are minimising the time that you are on the school grounds.

Children can be collected between 3:15pm and 3:30pm. Parent / carers must not come on to school grounds before 3:15pm and we ask that you time your arrival at school to avoid any large groups on Ballfield Lane. The extended times are being trialled to try to avoid staggered start and finish times which could cause inconvenience for families where children are in different "bubbles". If extended times do not help to avoid large groups then we will have to move to staggered start and finish times.

If you do wish to speak with a member of staff, please telephone the School Office.

Washroom facilities for Parents/Carers and younger siblings will not be available.

Hygiene

Pupils will be expected to come into school without any belongings other than where necessary: - this means just their packed lunch box, sun protection and water bottle.

Children will wash their hands on arrival at school and at home time. They will always wash their hands before they leave and re-enter the building for playtimes, lunch etc. All classrooms have been deep cleaned, and the resources have been wiped and disinfected.

School has also purchased PPE (Personal Protective Equipment). This will mean that staff may be wearing face masks all day, we have aprons and gloves for personal care and administering first aid.

The staff will also hand wash upon entry and throughout the day. Any adult, should they need to enter due to deliveries or emergencies, will be expected to use the hand gel, wear masks and ensure 2m distancing wherever possible. It will be important to share these routines with your child and the fact that staff will be wearing face masks so not to alarm them.

Cloakrooms will not be used. Children will take their own coat to their classrooms and hang them on the back of their chair and place lunch boxes in the classroom.

Lunches

Pupils can bring a packed lunch from home or purchase a Grab-A-Bag from school. If your pupil is entitled to a free meal either UFSM (Universal Free School Meal for F2, Y1 and Y2 pupils) or FSM (Free School Meals), they will be provided with a Grab-A-Bag. This Grab-A-Bag will replace the vouchers that are currently being received. For KS2 children, lunches will be brought to the classroom and will be eaten in there. Pupils will wash their hands thoroughly before and after lunch.

Attendance

If you have booked a place for your child and your child will not be attending school, please phone as you usually do reporting your child's absence via the absence line. This is important as it informs our daily safeguarding check.

Home-school learning for pupils not in school

There will still be a number of pupils learning from home. As the situation stands, school will continue to set learning activities each week/day for these pupils. However, as more teachers will be in school teaching smaller groups of pupils this will mean that the comments may be less frequent. We have staff attached to specific year groups on Seesaw. However, these may not be their usual teachers. We value your continued patience and support as the management of the school continues to change.

Fire Safety

The DFE has made it clear that the Covid-19 recommendations do not supersede the school's existing legal duties including Health & Safety. When we re-open on the 1st June, school staff and children will undertake a fire drill to ensure that everyone is aware of their responsibilities in case of a fire, and are familiar with their new assembly points.

Strict Guidelines for those displaying symptoms of COVID-19 and those who test positive

We must all follow strict guidelines to protect the whole school community.

Anybody who feels unwell must contact the school via phone to discuss their symptoms. If anyone has a temperature, new persistent cough or a loss of taste or smell, they must not enter the school grounds.

If a member of staff or pupil in a group begins to display symptoms of COVID-19, they will be immediately removed from the classroom and taken to an isolation room.

All pupils in this group will be sent home immediately via the office and all parents and carers of this group will be contacted via phone.

The classroom/learning area will be deep cleaned immediately.

The person displaying the symptoms will have a test as soon as possible. During this time no one in that learning group, either adults or pupils, will be allowed back to school until the test results have been received. If the test result comes back negative, then the pupils and adults in the group can come back. If the test result is positive, adults and pupils from this group will have to quarantine at home for the next 14 days.

School will keep in contact with you should this event take place.

We will also continue to monitor the local infection rate (R rate) and if it were to rise to above '1', Kexborough will revert back to 'Phase 1'. This means that the school will only be open to vulnerable pupils and the children of Key Workers.

Thank you and Appreciation

We would like to thank every member of our school community. Parents/Carers, pupils and staff have continued to support each other during these challenging times to ensure that school remains open to some of our pupils and for those at home learning continues to happen.

The support, patience, well wishes and messages of thanks that we have received has been greatly appreciated. As we know, these times are still far from the normal we are used to but as a team we will continue to work together to keep our community safe and the children educated in the best possible way.

As you can appreciate, these decisions are not easy to make. We hope that by sharing this information it enables you to support these changes. We will continue to keep you updated regarding this ever changing situation and thank you for your continued support.