

Primary Parents' Frequently Asked Questions



Attendance

Question	Answer
Are you able to accommodate all pupils back in school?	Yes, new government guidance allows children to be in larger bubbles. This means we now have capacity for all pupils to return to school.
How big will the bubbles be and who will my child be able to interact with?	The children will be in whole group bubbles so will be able to interact with other children in their year groups.
If I decide not to send my child to school will I risk getting a fine?	Yes, the Government have said that from September, it is compulsory for all children to be in school as it was before the pandemic and lockdown.
Will there be any wrap around care for my child?	Yes. This will be available from Teddy Bears. Please contact teddybearschildcare@virginmedia.com if you require any breakfast or afterschool childcare, this will be at the usual £2.25 per half hour.

Arrival, Pick up, Lunch and Play time

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What will the start and end of the day look like?	Children will arrive through their bubbles designated gate and door at the assigned time. Children will be welcomed into their group in the usual warm way.
I have children in different year groups. Will I be able to pick them up at the same time?	We must maintain social distancing so we will be flexible but you may need to wait until we can safely welcome you through the gates without compromising distance and contact between bubbles.
If I am running late will I still be able to bring my child to school?	Yes but you will need to contact the academy and wait until the usual drop off times have been completed before arriving.
I may need someone else to drop off or collect my child, will this be allowed?	Only one person should come to school to collect and drop off children. Where possible we would like the same adults to do this to minimise the number of people coming to school site. However, if there is an exception to this please let us know.
Can I still send my child to school with a packed lunch?	<p>Yes you child can bring a packed lunch. We ask that lunch boxes are sanitised on returning home.</p> <p>Children entitled to universal free school meals they will be provided with a packed lunch or 'grab' bag if parents choose this option.</p> <p>You can still purchase food for your child, they will be provided with the above.</p>
What will happen if my child's teacher is not in school?	<p>The Principal will review staffing levels daily, if there is a shortage of staff a decision will be taken as to which children can attend that day. Parents will be notified using our usual communication system as early as possible.</p> <p>Safety considerations will be managed in conjunction with the aim to maintain continuity of experience for pupils as much as possible. Your child may not have their usual class teacher supervising the group ('bubble') they are in.</p>

Social Distancing Measures

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<p>What will my child's classroom look like and what resources will they have access to?</p>	<p>Classrooms will be laid out to ensure there are 1 metres between tables.</p> <p>All resources that are hard to clean (such as soft furnishing and soft toys) will be removed or stored safely.</p>
<p>How are you ensuring that year group 'bubbles' are unable to mix during play time, moving around the building, on arrival and departure?</p>	<p>Supervision and access to key spaces is managed such as to avoid groups having contact with each other.</p> <p>Arrangements for drop off and collection support adherence to social distancing via staggered times, appropriate supervision and markings where practical.</p> <p>A member of SLT will meet and greet pupils and will ask you to confirm that the child and household are symptom free</p> <p>Once dropped off, children are to be collected by their teacher and taken via a pre-agreed route to the classroom. Where possible this route used outside paths and external doors.</p>
<p>Will children within the bubbles be expected to socially distance from each other?</p>	<p>This is not possible with the number of children in each bubble. This is the main reason for why the 'bubbles' are being created – children will only mix with the children and staff member/s in their bubble.</p> <p>We will use the hierarchy of controls to limit the risk within the 'bubbles'. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimising contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend childcare settings, schools or colleges. • Cleaning hands more often than usual - wash hands 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. • Ensuring good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach. • Cleaning frequently touched surfaces often using standard products, such as detergents and bleach. • Minimising contact and mixing by alerting as much as possible, the environment (such as classroom layout) and timetables (such as staggered break times).

<p>How will staff support children to follow social distancing and hierarchy of control rules?</p>	<p>The academy has been set up to ensure that there is access to tissues, bins, sanitisers/hand wash in all key areas.</p> <p>Signage will be placed throughout the academy highlighting the importance of washing your hands and respiratory hygiene “catch it, bin it, kill it”.</p> <p>Staff will continually reinforce the hygiene message to pupils both in their re-integration induction and throughout their time in school. Pupils and staff will be encouraged to hand wash/sanitise as they come into any area for lessons or actives and regularly wash hand throughout the day.</p>
<p>Will children be required to wear face masks and if so will the school be providing them?</p>	<p>No. Government guidance is that children and staff do not need to wear face masks while in school.</p> <p>Staff will be required to use PPE as normal for specific aspects of their usual roles and responsibilities e.g. disposal aprons and gloves for when changing nappies or soiled clothes; disposable gloves when administering first aid.</p>

Symptoms and Testing

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<p>Will all staff be tested for COVID-19 before they return to school?</p>	<p>Testing is available to all essential workers, this includes anyone involved in education. If a member of staff has symptoms they will remain at home and book a test. They will not return to the school until they have received a negative test result. Staff will not be routinely tested before attending school.</p>
<p>What happens if a child or member of staff becomes ill with symptoms of COVID 19?</p>	<p>If a child or member of staff displays symptoms during the day e.g. continuous cough, high temperature, anosmia (loss of sense of smell/taste) they will be removed from class and another teaching area will be identified for remaining group.</p> <p>The academy has identified a room for isolation of staff / pupils who start to present Covid-19 symptoms during the day. This will be separate to the first aid room. Parents will be asked to collect their child as soon as possible and will be advised to contact NHS 111 and book a test.</p> <p>Your child will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus. If the test comes back negative they will be able to return to school and fellow household members can end self-isolation. We will be able to provide guidance on booking the test.</p> <p>The academy will report the incident to the CLF H&S team who will contact Public Health England and follow their advice.</p> <p>If a test is positive the rest of the group including teaching staff will be asked to self-isolate for 14 days.</p>
<p>If a member of the household becomes ill with COVID-19 symptoms will I still be able to send my child to school?</p>	<p>No, if a member of the household has symptoms of COVID-19 all members of the household should self-isolate for 14 days as per Government guidelines.</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection</p>

Supporting Pupils Learning and Wellbeing

Question	Answer
What will you have in place to support children's mental health and wellbeing?	We are working with the Central CLF team to plan a suitable re-joining, reconnection and recovery curriculum to complement our ongoing curriculum. Children's social, emotional and mental health will remain at the core of our curriculum. The school timetable will reflect an increased emphasis on mental health and wellbeing.
If a bubble closes due to a child or staff member showing symptoms, will home learning be provided?	Yes, although this may not be provided straight away, our aim as an academy will be to quickly adjust the year group's learning to distance learning via Seesaw as it was during school closure.
Will my child have to wear school uniform?	We expect children to return to school in uniform.
Should my child still bring their book back and equipment to school?	Children should not bring anything unnecessary in from home. However, reading books and home learning will now be allowed following our risk assessment. Children should bring their own water bottle, clearly labelled. This will be kept on their own desk.
If my child falls over in the playground how will staff support them?	First Aid provision will remain in place. A qualified first aider will be on site at all times as well as a paediatric trained first aider where required. Appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is available for first aid use.
Will I be able to come into school to discuss any concerns with the teacher?	Please contact the academy by telephone or email if you wish to speak to a member of staff. If it is agreed that a face to face meeting is appropriate you will be given an appointment time. On arrival you will be asked to follow social distancing and hygiene guidelines. Signage will be displayed in reception to support this. Reception staff will be protected by a screen and you will be asked to stay on the step back mark.

Other

Further guidance from the Government is available here - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>