

What has changed?



The government's message has changed from Stay at Home to Stay Alert – Control the Virus – Save Lives

The Government has advised schools to plan a phased return starting from 1st June 2020. Schools will only reopen when it has been assessed as safe to do so and this will be for a reduced number of pupils on a reduced timetable.

Who will be able to return?

Special schools, special post-16 institutions and hospital schools have been told to work towards welcoming back as many children and young people as can be safely catered for in their setting.



Why can more children go to school now?

The transmission of coronavirus is now reduced and it is no longer necessary for parents of eligible children to keep them at home.



It is good for children's mental wellbeing.



It is good for children to socialise with other children.



School is the best place for them to learn.

Do I have to send my child to school?

We are aware many of our pupils have medical conditions that place them in the vulnerable category. We are also aware many of our pupils may not be able to adhere to social distancing guidelines. We will work closely with parents to assess if it is safe for pupils to return and there will be no fines if they do not attend.



What if there is a case of coronavirus in school?

The person who is showing symptoms will be sent home and must isolate for 7 days.



The people in their household must self-isolate for 14 days.



If anyone at school tests positive, the whole of their class group must isolate for 14 days.



How are you trying to make school safe?



Risk assessments will be carried out.



Children or adults who show symptoms of COVID-19 will not attend school



If someone becomes unwell whilst at school, we will follow quarantine and isolation guidance for the patient and all those who have been in contact with them.



Everyone will wash their hands more often than usual for 20 seconds.



Children will be working in smaller group sizes of pupils and staff and wherever possible will stay within those groups throughout the day.



Cleaning of the school building and equipment will take place frequently.



To do this we will need to make changes to the school day and the environment.

What changes might there be in school?



The timings of the school day may be different and drop-off and pick up points may be different.



Your child may have a different teacher and classroom.



Your child may not have all of their usual lessons.



The way we serve lunch will need to be different.



Parents and other external visitors will not be allowed into the building.



We will aim to keep your child in one small group throughout the day and minimise travel around the school site to avoid congestion in shared areas.