

FAQ sheet about school re-opening

Please note: school is following DfE guidance closely and the answers below reflect this guidance.

- **Will my child have to wear school uniform every day?**

This isn't necessary. It is more important that clothes can be washed and changed daily so therefore children should wear PE clothes.

- **Will my child have to attend school every day or can I select which days they come in?**

The Government are encouraging all children in Preschool, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 to return to school in early June, preferably every day.

- **Will I be fined if I choose not to send my child back into school in June?**

No, the government has said that no fines will be issued.

- **How much of the day will the teachers be wearing PPE?**

Teachers and other staff in school have been provided with PPE for their own protection and reassurance. They may choose to wear it at times during the day when they will be in close contact with the children as they teach them, or when they may come into contact with other adults. They will always wear PPE when dealing with First Aid or sickness.

- **Will the children be taught the usual curriculum when back in school?**

We will teach the National Curriculum

- **Will the timetable for the school day be changed at all?**

The usual timetable will need to change in order to build in hygiene routines and to stagger lunchtime. PE lessons can only take place with the child's own class group, and cannot involve any contact sports.

- **My child has an EHCP. Will he/she get the support they usually have?**

Yes, if a child has an EHCP they will receive the support they are entitled to. Other children who have been receiving some individual support but who are not currently on an EHCP may not be able to receive the same level of support as staff will need to be deployed across the school to enable the smaller class sizes to be maintained.

- **Will assemblies still take place?**

Assemblies will not take place.

- **Will my child still receive reading books from school?**

- No, as shared resources such as reading books cannot be moved from school to home and back, we will not be able to send books home. Reading will remain a focus in school.

- **Will my child be able to play with their friends at break and lunch times?**

The children will only be able to play with the children who are in the same "mini" class as they are. The groups cannot mix at breaktimes or lunchtimes.

- **Will the Y6 be able to visit their new high school for transition?**

There are plans being discussed with TTLP to allow children who are going to Poynton High School to be able to attend the school for some sessions in July. Other high schools will probably not be able to offer this transition, but we expect them to communicate directly with Y6 parents about their plans.

- **Will my child still be doing PE?**

PE lessons will need to be carefully planned so as not to allow any physical contact between children. The lessons can only be taught with each small group of 15 children.

- **Will the music lessons (drumming, guitar, keyboard, violin) be taking place?**

No, unfortunately we will not be able to invite the peripatetic music teachers back into school for the time being. Children must be kept in "bubbles" and should not mix with anyone else in school beyond their "bubble". So individual and small group lessons with a different adult are not allowed.

- **Will home-learning work still be set for the children in Years 2,3 4 and 5, and any children who are self-isolating from other year groups?**

Yes, we will continue to set work for these groups of children until the government sets a date when all year groups are to attend school.

- **Will all these procedures continue when the whole school returns?**

Plans for the whole school to return have still not been finalised by the government. Their idea that all children should return to school for a month before the Summer holiday, being taught in groups of no more than 15 children, will cause schools a huge logistical and organisational problem. The only way it could be managed would be to open on a rota basis e.g:

Week 1 – Preschool, half of Reception, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 children

Week 2 – Preschool, the other half of Reception, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5 children.

It is therefore unwise and unhelpful to speculate at this stage how schools across the country will manage this with the restrictions in place.