



## **Overview of Risk Assessed Measures in Place on the Reopening of School after Closure for Covid-19**

**\*Please note- the decision to open school will be made if and when we are able to put the recommended safety measures in place. Children will be invited into school gradually on a phased return in carefully planned groups. This is with the aim to enforce actions and procedures to reduce risks successfully. Risk assessments will be reviewed weekly or at each stage when growing numbers and/or government guidance is updated.**

### **Social Distancing Measures**

Children will be situated in the same room at the same desk space in the same groups of approximately 7/8 to socially distance throughout their school day every day. They will be with the same adult/s. This will be called their 'bubble group'. They will have their own learning packs and resources (including a laptop or electronic device for learning), which will be cleaned daily. Where possible, learning will take place outside. Children will mix with their 'bubble group' only. Lunch will be eaten in classrooms, delivered by a member of staff. Breaktimes and lunchtime breaks outside will be staggered so that bubble groups do not mix. Outdoor play equipment will not be used unless it can be cleaned in between groups. There will be a one-way system around the school and, as much as possible, classrooms will be accessed from external doors. There will be regular ventilation airing with windows and doors propped open when safe. Pick up and collection times will be staggered, with a clear and strict time for children to arrive at and leave school to enforce social distancing. One parent should accompany their child to school and will be encouraged to socially distance on their journeys to and from school.

### **Travel to and from School**

Parents advised not to use public transport when travelling to and from school to avoid contamination with others. Parents and children advised to walk or cycle. Parents will be asked not to spend time on the school playground to avoid contact with other parents and children. They will be allocated drop off times and points.

### **Additional Cleaning**

All surfaces that children are touching such as toys, books, desks, chairs, doors, light switches etc to be cleaned more regularly than normal. Bins with tissues will be frequently emptied during the day. Disposable tissues, soap and anti-bacterial wipes will be in each classroom. Unnecessary items and soft furnishings will be removed from classrooms. Additional cleaning staff will be appointed on a relief basis, to clean school thoroughly daily.

### **Staffing and Spread of the Coronavirus to Staff, Children, Families and Visitors**

Vulnerable children and staff who are shielding will stay at home with continuous support with learning. Access to PPE will be available to all staff. All individuals will be encouraged to sneeze into a tissue or sleeve and should wash hands immediately after. 'Catch it, bin it, kill it' will be reinforced frequently. **If an individual becomes ill on the premises**, they will be taken to the wet room (which is safe), where they can enter and leave school through an external door. Adults caring for them will be provided with PPE. The area will be thoroughly cleaned. If staff members become ill, ratios of adults to children will be reviewed and if school cannot be opened safely, we will need to close until appropriate staffing is available. If a child or member of staff becomes ill, and is tested positive for Covid-19, the rest of the class/group will be sent home to self-isolate for 14 days. Tests will be available for staff and children with symptoms. School will be deep cleaned and a temporary closure or partial closure may be required to facilitate this.

### **Hand Washing and Personal Hygiene**

Staff/children/cleaners/contractors etc. will be reminded to wash their hands before leaving home, on arrival at the premises and before and after handling cleaning chemicals, eating/drinking, using the toilet, after PE/sports activities and after coughing or sneezing and not to touch face (eyes, mouth, nose) with hands that are not clean. All toilets have posters with directions for proper hand washing. Hand sanitiser will be available if there is no soap and water available. There will be limitations on numbers of children in toilets and cloakrooms (maximum of 2). Taps and toilet door handles will be cleaned throughout the day.

### **Visitors and the Spread of Covid-19**

Visitors will be discouraged. Where possible, meetings will take place online and communication with parents/staff via telephone. Parents and other adults will not be permitted onsite.

### **Social Activities**

Children will not be interacting or learning in a manner where they should have close contact with each other. Clear expectations will be shared frequently. Extra-curricular clubs will not be running until the school is running at usual capacity, to avoid mixing of pupils between 'bubble groups'.

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