



Flanderwell Primary School

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"Every child, every minute, every hope."



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Dear FS2 parent,

We recently wrote to you to say that school is open only to critical workers for now and that we may be able to open in the following weeks for other pupils, including children in FS2. We are busy planning for Y1 children to return on the 8th June, and also possibly FS2 pupils, but this is subject to review and change, and we will keep you posted if we need to delay that date because of safety.

If we reopen to year FS2 on 8th June, we would need to know numbers of pupils attending so we can plan provision safely. For this reason, we are asking you to respond as a matter of urgency to a new survey, through the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/N8KQGMC>

To make this decision, we understand that you will need to know the details.

- Provision will be part time (4 hours in the morning)
- Depending upon the total number of FS2 pupils returning, the session times will be either **9.00a.m. – 12p.m. or 12.30p.m – 3.30p.m.** This will mean that children can have their lunch at home. Lunchtime will be difficult to manage safely will school opening more widely. It will also mean that staff can use the afternoon to disinfect resources and also manage home learning.
- Government guidance says that class sizes should be a maximum of 15, but they ask us to risk assess this number against the size of our classrooms and access to toilet facilities for each class. We have done this and feel we can only safely open to class sizes of around 10 children. These classes of around 10 children will stay in a 'bubble', not mixing with other children or moving round school and having different breaks from others. Should one child or adult in a 'bubble' become ill with symptoms of Covid-19 and tests positive, all children and adults in that 'bubble' will need to self-isolate and be tested.
- A teacher will be teaching classes in their small groups of around 10 pupils in the morning. Lessons will focus on English and maths, but on a much smaller scale with no group work and with little physical interaction other than what a child can do individually in order that movements can be controlled as far as possible. Because we have to split the children into small groups, it is unlikely that they will have their usual teacher and classroom – we will make sure your child is well looked after, but we needed to make you aware of that.
- ***For everyone's safety, we are not opening school to any adults including parents – if you need to contact us please phone or email, and if you need to collect your child early please buzz the entrance and the office staff will bring your child to you at the gate.***

How will we keep your child safe?

Classes	<p>FS2 pupils will be divided into smaller groups of around 10 children depending on the size of the classroom in order that social distancing can be maintained as far as possible with children.</p> <p>Please note that whichever group your child is placed with, they will not be mixing with other pupils or staff from outside of these groups.</p>
Lessons	<p>An adapted curriculum will be taught which is less interactive with no group or paired work in order to try to maintain social distancing wherever possible. Outdoor learning and fitness will be plentiful - weather permitting.</p> <p>Online learning tasks set by class teachers will continue to be set during term times for all children who continue to remain at home.</p>
Equipment	<p>Classrooms have been organised to remove unnecessary equipment and resources in order to minimise hand contact and ensure that surfaces can be sanitised easily. Children will need to have their own water bottle in school as previously: please make sure they bring this. As always, please label your children's equipment wherever possible in order to minimise shared contact.</p>
Social Distancing	<p>Children will be given regular reminders about social distancing of two metres. Signage is in place. Social distancing cannot be guaranteed as children are children!</p>
Hygiene	<p>Children will be given a safety announcement at the start of the school day alongside very regular reminders & opportunities for handwashing. Children will be encouraged to wash their hands at regular intervals throughout the day. The rules of 'Catch it, bin it, kill it!' & coughing into elbows (rather than into the air) will be reinforced.</p>
Masks	<p>Whilst the Government has advised the public to consider wearing face coverings in enclosed public spaces such as shops, trains and buses to help reduce the spread of coronavirus, it has also advised that this is not appropriate for schools. If a child or member of staff wishes to wear a mask out of personal choice, then this is permitted, and we will wear it if a child develops symptoms, as recommended by the government.</p>
Cleaning	<p>Our cleaning staff are absolutely dedicated and are working continuously to ensure that the school is a safe environment in which to learn and work. Daily deep cleans take place at the end of each school day and all school staff have a cleaning routine to follow throughout the day on classroom surfaces (handles, equipment, etc) at very regular intervals. We will be disinfecting resources in the afternoon.</p>
Breaks	<p>All breaks will be at staggered times and in different areas of the school grounds (weather permitting). Children will remain in their set social groups in order to minimise contact.</p>
Lunches & Lunchtimes	<p>There will be no hot meals provided by Taylor Shaw. However, if you want them to provide a packed lunch for them to take home with them at the end of the morning, this can be arranged. You would need to book as usual through lunch hound.</p>
Illness	<p>Your child's temperature and the temperature of all staff will be taken at the start of the day using a contact free thermometer. Any child complaining of feeling ill or who has a temperature will be cared for following our usual procedure but will need to self-isolate in the office area and parents/ carers will be contacted to pick up as soon as possible in order to minimise contact with others.</p> <p>If your child or someone in your household is unwell or shows any of the symptoms of Coronavirus, then please do not send them to school under any circumstances in order to prevent the spread of the illness to other children and staff. In this instance, the child should be self-isolated wherever possible for 7 days and all fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days. Please let us know urgently if this is the case as <i>'where a child tests positive, the rest of the class/group should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of that wider class/group do not need to self-isolate unless the</i></p>

	<i>child, young person or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.'</i> (DfE Guidance).
Attendance	The government recognises that some of our parents and carers may prefer (if their circumstances permit it) to continue to keep their child/ren at home and therefore has confirmed that absence rates will not be tracked and fixed notice penalties not issued for non-attendance during the summer term.

Your child's place in school from September remains secure no matter what you decide to do this summer, and we are hopeful that infection rates will be reduced sufficiently so that we can all return safely.

Once again, thank you for all of your support. Please respond urgently to the survey to help us with our planning.

Take care,

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