

School Reopening

FAQ

Q. If I decide not to send my child to school, will I be penalised or fined?

A. Parents/guardians will not be fined or penalised for not sending their child to school during the last 4 weeks of term.

Some families may be shielding and others may not be ready to return to school. The offer to return to school on a part-time basis is there should parents decide to take up.

We respect each individual family's decision during the period 29 June to 24 July. It is unclear at the moment what the situation will be in September.

If you decide that your child is not going to attend and that you later decide that you wish for your child to attend – you will need to give the school a week's notice that your child wishes to return to school.

Q. What precautionary measures will be put in place?

A. Precautionary measures will include:

- Taking the temperature of each child as they arrive at school. If the temperature is above 37.5°C, the child (and any siblings/family members) will be sent home and the household requested to self-isolate for 14 days.
- Each school will have its own designated isolation room should a child or staff member start to feel ill during the day
- Each school has calculated the maximum number of pupils that would be able to fit into a classroom whilst adhering to the 2 metre social distancing gap.
- the maximum number of children that can be at school at one particular day is a third of the school's capacity i.e. if a school has capacity of 60, the maximum number of children per day will be 20
- Breaks and lunchtime may be staggered
- Regular wipe downs of classrooms and communal areas will occur
- Schools will be thoroughly cleaned every evening
- Only one parent/guardian will be able to drop-off/pick-up a child
- There will be clear signage around the school on the importance of handwashing, hygiene and maintaining social distancing

Please note that each school site is different and will have different precautionary measures put in place e.g. location of parent drop off may vary/ some schools will have one-way systems etc.

Each school will have their own gradual reopening plan, have undertaken site meetings and have been signed off by the Local Authority. In addition, they will have their own Risk Assessment.

Your school will be able to provide you with further information.

Please complete the online questionnaire noting whether your child will be returning to school – this will help schools be able to plan for pupils' return and put precautionary measures in place.

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Q. My child usually receives transport to attend school – will school transport be provided during this time?

A. School transport will wherever possible be provided. However this will be dependent upon demand as each bus will only be able to accommodate a small number of pupils. We would be very grateful if you were able to support us with transport in the interim. We cannot currently guarantee that all bus routes will run as safety of our pupils will be the priority.

Please complete the online questionnaire noting whether you will require school transport for your child – this will better enable the authority to work with the bus companies to be able to plan its bus routes and put precautionary measures in place.

Q. Will school meals be provided for pupils who return to school?

A. Each child will be requested to bring their own packed lunch and water bottle. No school meals will be provided in ANY school. The parents/guardians of pupils in receipt of FSM will have already received a BACS payment/ supermarket voucher to buy food for their child.

Q. I am a key worker and my child has been attending one of the childcare centres. Will I continue to send my child to the childcare centres? Will provision continue to be 8.00am – 6pm?

A. The Childcare Centres will cease to exist from 20 June. Children of key workers will be able to attend their local school for 5 days a week. Provision will be the usual school day i.e. 9.00am – 3.30pm. Pupils requiring this provision will need to register on the council website by 9am Wednesday morning for the following week.

Q. What will my child gain from attending school for one day a week for 4 weeks?

A. There will be a clear focus on your child's wellbeing during these check-in sessions. Attending school for one or more sessions a week will be beneficial for all pupils as it will be an opportunity for them to meet their teacher and see their peers within their own school surroundings. Distance learning will continue in conjunction with face to face contact. For those pupils in Year 10 and 12 in particular, it will benefit their development and will further support their GCSE and A-level work. It will also ensure that children are able to use Teams effectively to support their distance learning. It will therefore be an opportunity to "check in, catch up and prepare for summer and September." It will start to prepare children on what will be the 'new normal' ready for the Autumn term.

However, this is parental choice and we will respect your decision and continue to support your child's wellbeing and learning.

Q. What will my child need to bring with them to school?

A. Your child will need to bring the following:

- Their own packed lunch
- Their own water bottle
- Their own pencil case

They will not be able to share their resources with other children or staff.