



Oyster Park Primary Academy

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Planned Re Opening of School to ALL Pupils

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we draw to the end of this academic year I would like to reiterate my thanks for your support during such an unprecedented time. We have thoroughly missed the children and are looking forward to getting back to the 'new' normal in September.

Last week, the DFE sent guidance through to schools to set out plans for how we can safely reopen to **ALL** pupils in September. Our main priority is the safety of our children, families and staff. We have spent a great deal of time working through the documentation to ensure we can appropriately implement the recommended safety measures to enable a full reopening in September. **Our plans are subject to change dependant on Government advice.**

Attendance will be statutory from September, for all children, and we expect that all children attend school every day as outlined by the Department for Education.

Children will be expected to wear their full school uniform with black shoes except on their PE day when they will attend school in their PE Kit. Please ensure PE kit is weather appropriate as some lessons will be outside. Children will be informed of their allocated PE days during the first week back. Children will only need to bring their book bags, a coat and lunchbox if a packed lunch is their preference.

Children are **not** permitted to wear face coverings when in school. This is in line with Government guidance.

To accommodate all pupils on site there are some social distancing measures that you will be required to adhere to. We ask for only **one parent** per family to enter school grounds for drop off and collection. There will also be a one-way system operating around the school site. Entrance onto school grounds will be via the main electronic pedestrian gate, you will only be allowed to exit the grounds by the gate located across the playground. Social distancing markers will be in place to support social distancing and signage will support in directing foot flow. You will be responsible for managing your own risk when on school grounds.

In order to limit the number of parents on site at one time school will operate a start time 'window'. The doors will open from **8:45am** and remain open until **9:15am** so children can filter into school. **Nursery start and finish times will not be affected.** Please ensure at the end of the school day when waiting for children to be released from school you adhere to social distancing.

Pupil Groupings

Government guidance acknowledges that unlike older children and adults, early years and primary age children cannot be expected to adhere to social distancing guidelines. To reduce risk, children will remain in year group 'bubbles'.

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The term 'bubble' refers to a designated fixed group of children and adults who do not mix outside their bubble. Children will remain in their bubbles throughout the school day including at playtimes and lunchtimes.

Organisation

Classrooms will be organised so all pupils are front facing. There will be adequate spacing to ensure children can move around the classroom if required. Movement around the school building will be limited. All pupils will be provided with their pack of frequently used resources. Any other resources will be sanitised between use.

Hygiene Protocols

On entrance to the school, the use of hand sanitiser and handwashing by staff and children will be continue as well as during regular intervals across the school day. We will continue to promote good respiratory hygiene adopting the catch it, bin it, kill it approach as recommended by Public Health England. Thorough cleaning routines will be in place during the day to ensure frequently touched surfaces such as door handles, handrails, table tops and resources are sanitised to minimise risk.

Illness

If your child does fall ill with Covid-19 related symptoms please ensure you keep them at home and follow the '[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)' guidance from the Government.

The careful re-opening of school to all pupils will focus on supporting the children to learn, stay safe and to enjoy being back with their friends and with school staff. We recognise that lockdown has caused the loss of routine, structure, friendship, freedom and elements of uncertainty. We therefore aim to support the mental health and well-being of our children through our personalised social skills curriculum. Once again, we would like to thank our parents and carers for their unwavering support during such uncertain times. We look forward to seeing you all on **Tuesday 8th September 2020**.

Keep Safe,
Yours sincerely,

J Chapman-Kemp

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