Return Date

All children must return on Wednesday, 2nd September, unless they are part of a staggered start arrangement in the Nursery and Reception classes.

As each group of children is admitted, the school staff working with that group will need to spend time teaching the children about routines, eg. seating at dinnertime, playground zone.

Grow Happy Childcare will re-open on 02-09-20. Children to be ‘zoned’ in 4 separate bubbles in kids’ club: further information about arrangements will follow from Denise McGovern, who is the owner of this out-of-school provision.

*The risk assessment has been updated for the re-opening of school to all pupils on 02-09-20. This will soon be available on our website, under the ‘Parent Information’ tab.*

Lunch time

A timetable is in place, so that the number of children in the dinner hall at any one time is limited.

Kitchen staff will place cutlery on trays whilst wearing gloves. Children will pre-order their meals. Staff in the hall will send a table at a time to the hatch.

Children will sit in same place at the dinner table each day.

Children to stay at their table until called to collect their dinner. When finished, children will remain seated. Midday assistants will take trays back to the hatch.

Children will sit in a zigzag formation as much as possible (ie. not directly opposite each other). Tables will be sanitised between each sitting. Kitchen staff will use the dishwasher, rather than wash pots in the sink.

Children from 2 bubbles (eg.YR and Y1) can share the hall space as long as the 2 groups do not mix. If children remain seated until called, this is achievable. The guidance states that passing another child is an acceptably low level of risk.

Children from 2 bubbles will share the Infant and Junior playground space at dinnertime. The playground will be split in half and this will be marked with spray paint. This will ensure that each bubble of children has its own zone in the playground.

Staff on lunch break will use the mobile classroom so that the staff room can continue to be the sick bay, should any child feel ill with symptoms of Coronavirus.

The School Day

Drop-off: we ask that only one adult to accompanies each child. All pavements will be marked with semi-permanent spray and stencil to ensure social distancing.

At the beginning of the day, class staff will need to unlock the gate for their bubble. No parents will enter the playground. Entrance for parents will be by appointment only, and this will need to be via the main office. Parents of new Nursery and Reception children will be allowed on to the playground. Nursery parents will also be allowed into the Nursery unit to drop off their child, once they have used hand sanitiser.

Pick up: children in each class bubble will stand in a line at a distance of 1 metre from each other. One adult will be at the front of the line, one at the back. This adult will unlock the gate. SITE STAFF WILL NOT UNLOCK GATES PRIOR TO CLOSING TIME, AS THEY WOULD NORMALLY DO. Parents will need to wait on social distance floor markers, queueing at the gate. The member of school staff will call each child to the gate when their adult is seen. The adult will cross road (if necessary) and collect their child from the staff member.

All toilets will be re-opened. Water fountains will remain closed. We askthat each child brings a sports bottle of water to drink throughout the day. If this becomes empty, class staff will give children water to drink from a washable plastic cup. These cups will be placed in the dishwasher at the end of the school day. Sports bottles and plastic cups will not move from each child’s place in their classroom. The Nursery children will have a drink at morning and afternoon snack time. Homework books and reading books to be re-introduced. We have a system in place so that there is no unnecessary sharing of reading books between different households.

Children may get changed for PE again. However, they must leave their PE bag in school for the half term (as we usually do).

Nursery and Reception resources can be used and shared within the bubble, and cleaned once per week. Children in other year groups will have their own tray of resources, eg. pencil, pen, dry wipe board and pen.

One thing that I am quite sad about is that there can be no whole-school Collective Worship or assemblies at this time. As a school, we will continue to share the gospel on Monday mornings, and Collective Worship will take place in class on other days. Awards will continue to be given out on Fridays, but this will take the form of Mrs Ryan walking around the classrooms to congratulate the people who have won the awards, rather than all of us gathering together to celebrate this.

Classroom doors and windows will be open whenever it is warm enough for us to do this.

Staff are welcome to wear gloves to mark books, or they may simply wash hands after marking.

Morning breaks

A timetable is in place for each class to have a morning break.

The playground equipment can be shared with a bubble and managed on a rota. The climbing frame may be used by a bubble for a week, and then wiped with disinfectant at the end of the week, ready for the next bubble to have a turn.

We will remind the children to play non-contact games at playtime.