



## September opening - Frequently Asked Questions

### Does my child have to attend school?

Yes.

Attendance is now compulsory once again and the expectation is that all children will attend school if they are well enough. Children who were shielding are now also able to attend. If your child is absent, please telephone the school office.

### Do children have to wear uniform?

Yes.

We expect all children to be in full school uniform, including school shoes, from September.

### Do children have to bring PE kit?

No.

Teachers will inform you what day/s your child will be doing PE, once we return to school. Children should come to school wearing their PE kit, as they will not be able to get changed in school. They should wear a **plain** blue or white t-shirt (school polo shirt is suitable) and dark-coloured shorts/leggings/tracksuit or jogging bottoms. Children can also wear their school sweatshirt over their t-shirt on PE days.

### How will the school keep children safe?

The school has ensured full compliance with the guidance issued by the Department for Education in relation to the re-opening of schools, including update guidance issued over the summer holidays. Risk assessments are reviewed frequently and updated/amended as required.

### What happens at the start and end of the school day?

Parents will leave their child/children at the designated entry/exit point for their class/bubble. Staff will be on duty at each location to supervise children coming into and leaving school.

Class	Drop-off	Entry/exit Location	Collection	<b>These arrangements will be kept under constant review and changed as necessary.</b>
Nursery	8:50	Nursery metal gate	2:50	
Reception	9:00 – 9:05	Nursery metal gate	3:00	
Year 1 & 2	9:00 – 9:05	Blue wooden gate	3:05	
Year 3 & 4 (both classes)	8:45 – 8:55	Hall door	3:15	
Year 5 & 6	8:45 – 8:55	Blue wooden gate	3:15	

### Can Year 5 and 6 children walk to school on their own?

Children in Year 5 and 6 do not have to be accompanied onto the school site by an adult and can be dropped off and met at Bicton village hall car park, Bicton Church, etc. Please email Mrs Johnson to let her know if your child will be doing this, so that staff are aware of the arrangements.

### **Can I drop off/collect at the same time if I have children in more than one class?**

To maintain separation of people as much as possible, PLEASE stick to the times as best you can. Siblings will need to arrive and be picked up with their year group bubbles. We will review these arrangements after the first couple of weeks and notify you of any changes.

### **How should I travel to school?**

The government are encouraging children to walk or cycle to school, where they are able to do so. Children can store their bikes in the cycle racks on the infant playground during the day.

Parents may use the car park but only ONE adult per family should come on to the school site. Parents must not congregate on the car park. We ask that you are mindful of other people and allow them space to pass.

### **Do staff/children need to wear masks?**

No.

Government guidance states that the risk of spread in schools is low, and, *'Wearing a face covering or face mask in schools or other education settings is not recommended. Face coverings may be beneficial for short periods indoors where there is a risk of close social contact with people you do not usually meet and where social distancing and other measures cannot be maintained, for example on public transport or in some shops. This does not apply to schools or other education settings. Schools and other education or childcare settings should therefore not require staff, children and learners to wear face coverings'*.

Schools have been provided with guidance on the use of PPE for certain tasks (supporting sick children, administration of first aid). Use of PPE outside of these occasions will be determined by the school's risk assessments.

### **What will happen at playtimes?**

We will be minimising mixing and contact between children and staff where possible. Children will be in their class or year group bubbles at playtimes.

### **Will there be assembly/acts of worship, and other school events such as Harvest, parents' evenings and Christmas performances?**

At the moment, we are not able to hold 'large gatherings.' Children will not be taking part in whole school assemblies or worship in the Hall and these will be held within their classrooms instead.

We will not be able to arrange any large events where parents are invited into school. We look forward to the time when the DfE advice changes and permits us to do so.

### **What happens if there is a confirmed case of Coronavirus in school?**

Please see our separate [COVID-19 symptoms flowchart](#).

### **If my child is unwell, e.g. has a runny nose, should they attend school?**

If your child feels unwell before coming to school, please do not send them in. Usually we encourage you to send your child in and 'see how it goes' but in these new circumstances we cannot allow this.

### **What do I say to my child if they have questions about coronavirus?**

This website below has some useful advice on how to talk about coronavirus.

<https://www.bps.org.uk/coronavirus-resources/public/talking-children-about-coronavirus>

Please contact Mrs Johnson if you have any further questions.

Thank you