

Arrangements for planned phased reopening of school from June 1st

Who can attend school?

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 (Squirrels, Rabbits and Owls)

Children of Essential Key Workers

Children who have an Education Health Care Plan

Who should not attend school?

Children not in one of the above groups

Children who are classed as clinically extremely vulnerable and are shielding

Children who are part of a household where someone is shielding due to being clinically extremely vulnerable

Children who are classed as clinically vulnerable where medical advice suggests they should not attend.

Children displaying symptoms of COVID-19 or self-isolating due to symptoms in their households.

Children who are otherwise not well enough to attend school.

Does my child **have to attend school?**

If your child is in one of the above groups then it is expected that they will attend school unless you have informed us otherwise. Please note that you will not be penalised for non-attendance under the current guidelines, but we do ask that you maintain regular contact to let us know of your ongoing or changing circumstances so that we can correctly complete statutory attendance return.

We fully understand that every individual and family circumstances are different and respect the decisions that you make.

Please let us know in advance if you change your mind about whether your child will be attending school.

When will school be open?

Due to the staffing considerations for the model set out below, the governors have agreed that we will open for **4 days a week (Monday to Thursday)** for the 3 nominated year groups. The Cople site will remain open on Fridays for the EHCP children and children of essential key workers as we have been doing since the end of March.

Subject to government confirmation, the **Willington** site will be open to children in Years R and 1 from Monday 1st June from **Mondays to Thursdays**. The site will be **closed on Fridays**.

The Cople site will be open to children in Year 6 from **Tuesday 2nd June from Mondays to Thursdays**. The site will be open on Monday 1st for the EHCP children and children of essential workers.

Who will my children be with?

We will operate independent ‘bubbles’ of children and staff members who will not physically interact with children and staff from another ‘bubble’ to minimise contacts. We do not anticipate any ‘bubble’ to contain more than 12 pupils at present. To facilitate this, the Year 6 children will be split into 2 groups who will operate separately from each other. We will do our best to take friendship groups into account when organising these groups and you will be told which group your child will be a part of. The Squirrels and Rabbits will operate as their own bubbles and the key worker/EHCP children will be a separate bubble.

Owls (Year 6) will be split between their own classroom and the Woodpeckers classroom.

Key worker children will be in Foxes classroom.

Squirrels will be in their own classroom.

Rabbits will be in the Otters classroom.

Key worker children who are in one of three year groups will be part of their year group and will work separately if they attend on a Friday.

When will school start and finish?

In order to prevent too many people at the school gate, start and finish times will be staggered as follows:

	Drop Off	Collection	Gate
Owls A	08.30 – 08.40	15.00 – 15.10	Rear side gate (behind Woodpeckers classroom)
Owls B	08.40 – 08.50	15.10 – 15.20	Front Gate
Key Worker/ Vulnerable Children	08.50 – 09.00	15.20 – 15.30	Side gate
Rabbits	08.50 – 09.00	15.00 – 15.10	Front gate
Squirrels	09.00 – 09.10	15.10 – 15.20	Side gate (behind minibus parking)

Please come to the allocated gate (which will be marked with queuing direction) and maintain 2 metres distance. Where possible, only one adult should come to the gate. If you have to have another child with you, please ensure that they keep their distance from others. The children will be met at the gate. Adults will not be able to enter the site. On collection children will come to the gate when their adult is at the front of the queue. Older children who may be walking home alone will be released one at a time after all others in their group have

been collected. If you have a child in more than one group on the same site, you may bring them together during one of the time slots.

What arrangements are in place to keep the children and staff safe?

- Bubble groupings will not mix
- Rooms will be organised to keep the children as spaced out as possible
- Classrooms will be kept well ventilated.
- Each bubble will have allocated toilet facilities.
- Older children will have their allocated seat within the classroom and should bring their own stationery if possible. School equipment if needed will be allocated to individuals for their own use.
- Year 1 children will also have allocated seats and equipment within the classroom.
- Cloakrooms will not be used for storage. Children will keep their belongings in the classroom with them.
- Any shared equipment will be cleaned between uses.
- Soft toys, soft furnishings and small, difficult to clean toys will be removed from the classrooms.
- Table tops and frequent touch surfaces will be cleaned regularly.
- Children will be reminded to wash their hands regularly and effectively and reminded about other measures such as trying to avoid touching their faces.
- Movement around the classroom will be kept to a minimum.
- Staff will be given guidance on how to interact with and support pupils when distance cannot be maintained.
- Marking and feedback will be verbal to avoid transfer of books and paper.
- Reading books will be monitored and managed carefully by adults.
- Reception children will be split into two smaller groups in which they can rotate through activities. (They will not be expected to sit for long periods of time).
- Breaktimes will be staggered and in allocated areas.
- Caterlink will initially provide cold lunches that can be delivered to the classrooms and children can eat these (or their own packed lunch) in an allocated indoor or outdoor space remaining with their bubble. (We will review how hot meals could safely be provided and distributed).
- **Please note that we cannot expect our youngest children to maintain 2 metres distance from each other or the staff, but we hope that by implementing all of the above measures we will be providing the safest possible environment for them whilst also allowing them to be children.**

How will my child's well-being be catered for?

We understand that everyone's experience of lockdown has been different and that while some children will be very keen to get back to school, others will be anxious and unsure. The daily routine will be kept simple and flexible. As well as dedicated teaching and learning time, there will be opportunities for daily check in time, daily physical activity and daily well-being time. We will be sending out a short questionnaire prior to the children's return for you to let us know how their lockdown has been and any challenges they may have faced or you think they may face going forward. We will be putting together a range of resources to support children through difficult times including bereavement they may have experienced.

Will children need to wear school uniform?

We recognise that existing uniform may not fit and that parents may not be in a position to replace it. We are also conscious that while we want to avoid the need to change for PE, we also want children to be physically active during the day. Therefore we suggest the following flexible uniform:

- plain or school logoed t-shirt or polo shirt (red or white)
- shorts, trousers or leggings (black or grey)
- plain or school logoed jumper, sweatshirt or hoodie (red or black)
- trainers
- school summer dresses may be worn

Key worker children attending on a Friday can have dress-down Friday!

We recommend clean clothes every day and for clothes to be washed at the highest appropriate temperature.

Will home-learning continue?

We will continue to plan and share the home learning in the same way that we have been doing. Children in school will be accessing the same learning albeit in a more directed and structured approach. Children working from home are encouraged to continue sharing their learning with their teachers where possible. Regular contact will be maintained with those children not attending school.

What happens if my child is hurt or ill?

We will continue to care for the children in the best way to meet their needs safely. In the case of injury, older children will be encouraged to be as independent as possible. When staff need to be closer to children to administer first aid or comfort children, they will have access to gloves and face covering.

If a child develops symptoms of Covid-19 whilst at school, they will be isolated. Staff caring for them will have PPE provided and all hygiene protocols will be adhered to. You will be contacted to collect your child and advised to access a test, which will be available to all children with symptoms who are attending school, and to self-isolate in line with current guidance.

What happens if another child (or member of staff) develops covid-19 symptoms?

If a child (or member of staff) is absent or sent home due to symptoms, parents of all children in the bubble will be informed. If a positive test confirms the virus, then that bubble will be closed and all advised to self-isolate. Other bubbles will continue to operate.

What else can I do?

Please continue to adhere to social distancing guidance outside of school to support us in restricting contacts for all children attending school.

Speak to us about any concerns or changing circumstances.

