



We have compiled this document to answer any questions or concerns you may have regarding our full reopening on March 8th. The content is derived from guidance at government and local authority level.

Everything we do will be with the health, safety and wellbeing of our children and staff at heart. We cannot wait to be together again.

Will it be mandatory for my child to attend school in March?

- ✓ The government have stated that all children must attend school from 8th March.
- ✓ The usual rules and regulations on school attendance will apply.

What is the advice to parents of children who are shielding or self-isolating?

- ✓ A small number of children may be unable to attend school in line with public health advice because they are self-isolating, have symptoms, or have tested positive for COVID-19.
- ✓ A few children may be unable to attend school because they are complying with clinical/public health advice, so we ask parents to inform us if this is the case.
- ✓ We will provide remote learning for those children who are clinically extremely vulnerable or are self-isolating due to a confirmed Covid-19 case.

How will the school day be organised in March?

- ✓ All children will be back in their whole class bubble.
- ✓ There will be staggered start and drop off times, using the two entrances on Upper Tulse Hill.
- ✓ There will be the usual teaching time, morning breaks, a slightly shortened lunchtime and the afternoon session; which will include time for class collective worship.
- ✓ As part of transition, the younger groups may have an afternoon learning break, if the class teacher feels that it will be beneficial.



What happens if there is a suspected case in the school?

- ✓ The school will be following the relevant guidelines; this will include the individual being tested and then isolating for ten days, if necessary.
- ✓ If a child shows symptoms, we will contact parents immediately and the child will be placed in our first aid room ready to be collected.
- ✓ Please make sure all your emergency contact details are up to date.

What will the cleaning arrangements be?

- ✓ Cleaning stations in each classroom will remain, with surfaces being cleaned throughout the day.
- ✓ Children will sanitise their hands on arrival into school, before and after break and lunchtimes. The cleaning team will continue with cleaning the common area 'touch spots' throughout the day.
- ✓ Any classroom equipment used will be cleaned throughout the day
- ✓ Groups of children will be kept separate, in their respective 'bubbles'.
- ✓ Regular and thorough cleaning of all common areas will be conducted three times a day.
- ✓ An extensive range of cleaning resources has been acquired for the staff and children – hand sanitisers around the school, handwashing stations in both playgrounds and PPE for all staff to wear in common areas.

How will lunchtimes be organised?

- ✓ All children will eat in their class bubbles (sitting on the same table as their classmates), and sit in the hall with the other class in their year group. They will continue to enjoy school dinners and packed lunches, as before.
- ✓ Year group lunchtimes will last for 50 minutes.
- ✓ The children in each year group will remain in one playground – the playground will be divided in half and each bubble in that year group will remain on either side of that dividing line.
- ✓ All equipment will be cleaned at the end of each lunchtime.



What are the guidelines for social distancing in the classroom?

- ✓ Wherever possible, adults will remain 2 metres apart.
- ✓ Children who are old enough will be encouraged to maintain distance and not touch staff or peers.
- ✓ Children will be seated on individual tables, side by side and facing forwards.
- ✓ Classrooms have been cleared of any unnecessary furniture.

Will the curriculum offer change?

- ✓ We will continue to offer our broad, balanced and inclusive curriculum, covering all subjects.
- ✓ Music and Collective Worship provision will be adjusted to follow the health guidelines – these sessions will be held within class bubbles only.
- ✓ PE can take place both inside and outside. The hall space will remain ventilated and will be thoroughly cleaned twice a day.
- ✓ Teaching time may be prioritised to address significant gaps in children's knowledge, at the discretion of the class teacher, with the aim of returning to the school's normal curriculum coverage by May 2021.

What catch up arrangements have been planned?

- ✓ Schools will continue to receive additional funding to support children who need it most. When children have returned to school and assessments have been made, we will be in a position to know how best to use this funding.
- ✓ Schools' allocations are calculated on a per pupil basis, providing each mainstream school with a total of £80 for each pupil in each year group.
- ✓ We have appointed a full-time academic mentor to support our children in mathematics.
- ✓ Every child will receive a catch-up booster with their class teacher by July 2021.



What preparations is the school making for supporting children who may have fallen behind during school closure?

- ✓ Class teachers will be carrying out informal assessments through observations and quizzes when we return, to establish any gaps or misconceptions that may have arisen. They will then plan lessons accordingly.
- ✓ The DFE has released additional subject specific guidance aimed at supporting teachers in their planning to ensure learning gaps are filled.
- ✓ If children need additional support, then a small number of interventions may be arranged. We expect that the vast majority of children will catch up and progress well as part of the excellent whole class teaching provision at Holy Trinity.

Will there be a breakfast or after school club?

- ✓ We will be offering Breakfast Club and After School Activity Club as normal.
- ✓ Breakfast Club opens at 7.45am every morning. The cost is £4 per day.
- ✓ After School Activity Club runs until 6pm every day. The cost is £8 per day.
- ✓ Please contact the school office if you wish to book your child a place.

Will Remote Learning opportunities continue?

- ✓ We expect all our children to return to school on Monday 8th March.
- ✓ Remote Learning will only be provided for those children who are clinically extremely vulnerable, or who are self-isolating due to a confirmed Covid-19 case.
- ✓ If you decide to keep your child at home, and they are not clinically shielding or self-isolating, this will be deemed an unauthorised absence and they will not benefit from the quality teaching and learning their peers will be receiving each day.
- ✓ Mr Winn and Ms Thomas are available to speak to you via appointment if you wish to discuss your concerns regarding your child's return to school on 8th March.