

We have been so pleased to see all of our pupils return to school this week.
We would like to thank all parents and carers for your ongoing support.

The safety of our school community is our priority. Therefore, robust measures have been put in place to keep everyone safe. There are important actions that everybody must take at all times to help protect the spread of Covid 19. Please follow the guidance below so we can ensure our pupils, families and staff remain safe at school.

Social distancing

Please could we remind parents and carers to maintain a **social distance of 2 metres** when dropping and collecting children from school. The school gates are temporarily open for an extended period of time, to avoid critical 'pinch points'. Your child can arrive and be collected at any time between:

Morning: 8:45am—9:15 am
Afternoon: 2:45pm—3:15pm



**Keep 2 metres
apart
at all times**

We need your support!

Our local Authority Health and Safety Advisor has identified parents and carers gathering at the school gates as a safety issue.

Please can we ask all parents and carers to ensure when dropping and collecting children that you do not gather at the gates or in the playgrounds and leave the site as quickly as possible.

We thank you for your cooperation with this.

Face coverings

Public Health England does **not** recommend the use of face coverings in primary schools. This evidence will be kept under review. They are **not** required in schools as misuse may inadvertently increase the risk of transmission and strict social distancing and good hygiene measures are in place. There may also be negative effects on communication and education.

If your child wears a face covering when coming to/leaving school, they must place the face covering in a plastic bag if it is reusable or dispose of the face covering if it is single use when inside the school building.

Government advice:

How to wear a face covering

When wearing a face covering you should:

- wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser before putting a face covering on
- avoid wearing on your neck or forehead
- avoid touching the part of the face covering in contact with your mouth and nose, as it could be contaminated with the virus
- change the face covering if it becomes damp or if you've touched it
- avoid taking it off and putting it back on a lot in quick succession (for example, when leaving and entering shops on a high street)
- A face covering should cover your nose and mouth while allowing you to breathe comfortably

When removing a face covering:

- wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser before removing
- only handle the straps, ties or clips
- do not give it to someone else to use
- if single-use, dispose of it carefully in a residual waste bin and do not recycle
- if reusable, wash it in line with manufacturer's instructions at the highest temperature appropriate for the fabric
- wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser once removed

Safety on the playground

As lots more children are cycling and riding on scooters to school due to government advice, please can we remind all parents to ensure children dismount their bike or scooter and walk in the school playground, to avoid possible accidents or injuries.

There are now bike and scooter storage facilities on the school play grounds. As the school gates are open for longer, please ensure bikes and scooters are locked securely. School cannot take responsibility for lost or stolen bikes/scooters.

We thank you for your cooperation with this.