



FULL RE-OPENING OF SOMERFORDS' WALTER POWELL CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL

PUPIL ATTENDANCE

- The Government and DfE have now said that is safe for all children to return to school as long as the essential safety measures have been put in place and are robustly followed.
- Full attendance is expected unless children are deemed not well enough to attend.

THE SCHOOL WEEK

- The school defined week will run from **Monday morning** through to the end of **Friday afternoon**.
- If your child is in Reception, they will attend for **half days for the first two weeks**: Thursday 3rd -Wednesday 9th September collect at 12.00 and then Thursday 10th -Wednesday 16th September collect at 1.00pm.

BUBBLES/CLASSES

- To minimise the risk of the spread of Covid-19, we have been asked to ensure that we reduce the number of contacts between children and staff. This is to be achieved through keeping groups separate in bubbles and maintaining distance between individuals. Children will be taught in their individual classes but will form part of a larger bubble.

BUBBLE 1	BUBBLE 2
Reception Year 1/Year 2	Year 3/Year 4 Year 5/Year 6

THE SCHOOL DAY

- We will no longer be operating a staggered start/end time – this means that we can reduce the number of adults on the school site.
 - Bubble 1:** Arrive at 8.45am. Leave at 3.05pm
 - Bubble 2:** Arrive at 8.45am. Leave at 3.05pm
- We will not be able to offer Breakfast Club or WAC provision at this initial stage of re-opening as this would mean that children from different bubbles and schools would potentially be mixing. However, we will be able to re-start our wraparound care provision from 28th September.

DROP OFF/PICK UP TIMES

- Please arrive as close to the drop off/pick up times as possible.
- If you need to wait on the playground, please observe the 1m+ (2m if possible) social distancing rule.
- Children must wait with you before the start time and not play on the playground.
- Children will be asked to enter the school one at a time via the classroom fire exit door. Please remain in your waiting place on the playground until your child is invited in.
- Parents are not to enter the school building with their child.
- Children will exit the school one at a time. Please remain in your waiting place on the playground until your child is dismissed.
- We would request that only one adult drops off/collects your child.
- Please ensure that you are prompt at collection time as this will impact on the next collection time.

CLASSROOMS

The classrooms will look a little different to how they used to be as we have had to implement the safety measures set out by the DfE:

- Classrooms re-modelled in such a way to minimise risk, with chairs and desks facing forwards.
- Children and staff will be allocated their own chair.
- Spare chairs will be removed from desks so they cannot be used.
- Excess furniture removed (including any soft furnishings)
- Clear signage displayed in classrooms reminding children about social distancing.
- Each bubble will stay together with their allocated adults and will not mix with other children in other bubbles throughout the day.
- As much as possible children should have their own labelled equipment for use in the classroom.
- Any shared equipment/resources will be sanitised in sterilising solution before re-use.
- The use of books will not be possible unless they can be effectively sanitised. We will have a rotation of books that once used will be wiped and then not used again for at least 72 hours.
- Soft toys/resources must be removed from the classroom.
- Resources/work will not be sent home.
- No toys or personal belongings should be brought into school. No book bags or rucksacks.
- Fire doors and windows will be open whenever possible to allow free flow of air to circulate.

CORRIDORS

- Movement in corridors will be restricted and there will only be one bubble using the corridor at a time.
- Fabric chairs in corridors removed or replaced with plastic chairs.
- High touch points will regularly be cleaned.

HYGIENE & HANDWASHING

- Staff and children will wash hands when they enter the school building.
- Staff and children will continue to wash hands regularly throughout the day with staff supervising the youngest children.
- There will be a plentiful supply of soap, tissues and hand towels in classrooms and toilets.
- There will be a closed lid pedal bin to be used for tissues and hand towels in toilets and classrooms.
- Clear posters promoting hand hygiene will be displayed and regularly referred to.

TOILETS

- There will be toilets allocated for each bubble.
- Only one child to be in the toilets at a time.
- An adult will accompany the youngest children to the toilet.
- Children will wash their hands thoroughly after going to the toilet, the youngest children being supervised by an adult.

CLEANING

- Cleaners will be in attendance daily and ensuring that the products they use are in line with cleaning guidelines
- Particular attention will be paid to high touch areas.
- A deeper clean will be performed on Friday afternoons or over the weekend.
- Staff will use anti-bacterial sprays regularly throughout the day to clean high touch areas.

PPE

- The DfE guidance has stated that PPE during normal activities throughout the day is not required.
- PPE will be worn by staff (visor, face mask and gloves) if a child is showing Covid-19 symptoms and they are within 2 metres of the child.
- Appropriate PPE will be worn by staff when carrying out routine cleaning throughout the day.

CLOTHES/UNIFORM/KIT

- Normal school uniform should be worn.
- Uniforms do not need to be cleaned any more often than usual, nor do they need to be cleaned using methods which are different from normal.
- PE kits will be required in school.
- The only items that children should bring into school are their lunchbox, water bottle, sun hat and a waterproof coat. No book bags or rucksacks will be required.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

- The DfE guidance acknowledges that in a primary setting it is not always possible to keep to the 1m+ (2m where possible) rule regarding social distancing but should be practised wherever possible (this is one of the reasons why we are being instructed to work in isolated bubbles).
- Staff will regularly remind children about the need for social distancing.
- Floor markers will be placed if necessary, as visual reminder.
- Staff will consistently demonstrate social distancing.
- Additional allocated breakout space will be used if necessary, to allow greater space between children during activities.

BREAK/LUNCHTIMES

- There will be staggered break and lunchtimes which will allow more space on playground/field.
- Although the kitchen will be operational, we will not be able to offer hot meals, however a packed lunch will be available to order (lunch forms have already been sent out for the first three weeks of term). We will be able to restart hot meals from 28th September.
- School meals will remain free for children in Reception and Key Stage 1.
- Lunches will initially be eaten in the classroom, hall or outside weather permitting and to be supervised by one member of staff from the bubble and one lunchtime assistant.
- Tables will be sanitised after eating.
- The free fruit for Reception and Key Stage 1 will not be available initially, so please send these children with a healthy snack for mid-morning.
- The free Cool Milk scheme will be running as normal for under-fives.

SCHOOL OFFICE

- The school office will be staffed as normal throughout the week.
- To restrict the number of people entering the school building, the office will not be open for parents. Communication must be done via phone or email.

CHILDREN FALLING ILL AT SCHOOL

- We will have a more than adequate supply of trained first aiders in school. However, if your child needs first aid this may be one of the occasions when they will come into contact with a different adult.
- Children who fall ill with Coronavirus symptoms will be taken to an isolation point where they will be observed until you are able to collect them. The usual rules would then apply of 10 days' isolation for them and 14 days for the rest of the family.
- Children in this position should be tested for Coronavirus – it is the parents' responsibility to arrange a test through the NHS testing facility. If the test is positive, then every other child in their bubble and the adults working with them will also have to enter 14 days of isolation. Should they develop symptoms then their families will also have to enter isolation.
- The same rules would apply to an adult who has been working with your child's group: if they test positive, then all members of the group will have to follow isolation guidance.
- There will active engagement with NHS Test and Trace system.

THE CURRICULUM

- It is important that the children's emotional wellbeing is the first thing that is addressed. The staff will be doing a lot of work with children to ensure that the transition from a lengthy time spent at home back into a school routine, one which is very different to how they left it, is as smooth as possible.
- The curriculum focus will be project based and will include English and maths work alongside the other foundation subjects. Staff in school will be able to informally assess the gaps in children's knowledge and start to address some of these in their planning. More formal assessments will begin to take place from Term 2.