

Utkinton's Re-Opening Information for September 2020



School re-opens to staff on Tuesday 1st September and to children on Wednesday 2nd September 2020. We are planning a return to school for **all pupils and staff in September**. For those families that are currently shielding, it is expected that this will pause from 1st August so they can also return to school in September. The following information has been written to explain how school will be operating and how we will do all we can to risk assess and keep children, families and staff as safe as possible. There will continue to be regular Health and Safety reviews and we plan to evaluate circumstances at the end of September to see how the situation has evolved and risk assess school to see if changes are needed.

Why should all children return to school in September?



To support more children and enable families to begin to return to work

To support mental health and wellbeing of pupils



School has small classes and rooms to accommodate mixed class group bubbles

It is good for children to be social with their peers



The Government's scientific advisors tell us we will be able to return safely, if we all follow the guidelines

School is the best place for children to learn



What will September look like?

- Children will be in their group bubbles when inside; Infants or Y3/4 and Y5/6.
- Children can mix as a Keystage group (Infants/Juniors) when outside due to our small numbers.
- Outdoor activities and playtimes will be timetabled separately for Infants and Juniors.
- We will operate a staggered entry/ exit timetable with all pupils being able to access the site from 8.40am. Infants will wash hands and go inside at 8.50am and Juniors at 9am.
- Infants, without Junior siblings, will be collected at 3.15pm. Juniors, with Infant siblings, will be collected at 3.30pm.
- We can't operate the school bus or Stay and Play straight away, but will reopen these facilities as soon as it is safe to do so.
- There will be no large group activities such as collective worship or singing.
- There will be no trips or visits to enclosed buildings, but outdoors walks & visits will take place.

Each

of

these groups

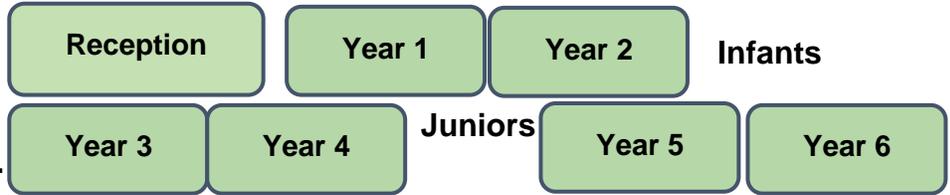
will be

called

a
BUBBLE!



From September 2nd onwards, all year groups in will attend school full time every day.



How are we continuing to make school safe?



We are risk assessing rooms, activities and Individuals.

Everyone will wash their and hands regularly throughout the Day.



If a child or adult or their family member becomes unwell they cannot come to school.

School will be regularly cleaned throughout the day & thoroughly cleaned at the end of each day.



Resources will also be cleaned regularly.



Some equipment may be shared in Bubbles, but pupils will still have their own resources and all equipment & shared resources will be cleaned between use. Shared resources will be set aside for 48/72 hours before re-use.

School will advise parents to arrange for tests if a child is unwell. School will also arrange tests for any staff member who has symptoms.



School will need to record contact details for all those accessing site and comply with test and trace.

Parents, carers and family members are still not allowed in the school building. Children will need to say goodbye on the playground.



Only one adult should drop off and collect children from school following the social distancing guidelines along the playground fence.

To do all this safely we will have to make some changes to the school timetable

Children will stay in their class group bubbles with their Teachers and Teaching Assistants. They will be taught as a full class and when outside can mix as a keystage group.



Due to the increased numbers of pupils and adults who will access our site, we ask that families keep to specified times unless individually arranged with school. Please be punctual to keep everyone safe.



Families will be advised to make sure **childrens' clothing is washed daily** and that children don't bring unnecessary bags and quipment or toys into school wherever possible.

How will my child keep up academically?

Before your child starts learning the curriculum for their new year group, teachers will provide activities that they can assess each child to identify gaps. This won't feel like days of testing, but will be lessons and activities which will provide assessment opportunities. This is in order to deliver a catch-up curriculum so children do not have chunks of missed learning. We will also assess childrens' emotional states so we can provide support for any anxieties they may be experiencing as they return from lockdown. **Please do your utmost to return your child to school on the 2nd September so they do not miss any reintegration support, wellbeing activities and assessments.** Not arriving at the start of term will make it harder for your child to return, if you are worried about this or having difficulties please contact the school admin so we can support you and your child to return safely.

It will be a legal expectation for all children to return to school in September



If your child is well, the government are expecting that they should attend school.

Penalties or fines will start to begin being issued if pupils are absent. We want to work with families so they do not end up in this position and children attend school regularly



Will my child be tested for COVID19?

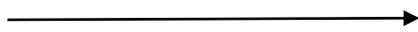


Yes, if your child shows symptoms of Coronavirus they will be able to be tested. This will not be arranged or carried out by school but we can help you access testing if your child or someone in your household becomes unwell. If a member of a bubble tests positive for COVID19 the whole class bubble will have to stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days.

In this instance teachers will deliver live lessons on line with follow up activities so that remote learning is more interactive, less demanding of parents and children can make progress.

We will provide workbooks for children to complete learning in and return to school for marking.

What if there is a case of COVID19 in school?



The person with symptoms must self isolate for 7 days.



The people they live with in their home bubble must self isolate for 14 days.



If anyone at school tests positive, the whole class bubble must self isolate for 14 days. This is when we will begin remote, live learning so children do not miss education.

What else may be different for children?



Lunches will be served in classrooms and Infants and Juniors will have separate breaks and lunchtimes so that the whole school has access to our extensive grounds without mixing too many pupils. School lunches will be picnic bags, with varied contents during September. Hot school dinners will commence as soon as it is safe to do so.



Please try not to worry. We will do all we can to make school clean and teach children to follow the protective measures and ask you to do the same to keep our precious community safe.