



Redfield Edge Primary School



Frequently Ask Questions

Below are a series of questions formulated by the leadership team and parent feedback. Please read through and if you still have any queries, do not hesitate to contact us.

Will school be opening on 1st June?

Prime Minister Boris Johnson was very clear that school will only be opening if Covid-19 cases and rate of infection does not increase. On the 1st June (at the *EARLIEST*) schools will open to specific children other than keyworker children.

How this may look will depend on staff capacity and the number of pupils returning to school. A staggered opening may be necessary along with a reduced number of days. More details will follow once we have an idea of numbers.

I have children in different year groups. One is in EYFS/Year1/Year6 and my other(s) is in a year group, which is not coming back. Can I send my other child in?

The government have stated that only EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils are to return to school. Currently, all other children in other year groups are not allowed back to school unless they are a child of a keyworker.

I am a keyworker. Can my child still come into school?

Provision for keyworker children and vulnerable pupils, will remain the same. If you are a keyworker and you would like your child to return to school, please contact the school office. You will be asked to give information regarding your occupation and the name of your employer.

Will my child still receive free school meals?

Children who are eligible for Free School Meals are currently accessing the voucher scheme set up by the Government and are therefore receiving funding. If you are receiving a voucher and your child returns to school, we would expect you to provide their packed lunch using the funding provided.

Pupils in EYFS and Year 1 are eligible for Universal Free School Meals and will receive a packed lunch if they would like one. Parents can provide their own for their children if they would prefer. School packed lunches consist of a sandwich, a piece of fruit and a snack.

There will be no toast or milk available during Term 6.

My child is in EYFS/Year1/Year6. Do I have to send my child back?

This is parental choice. We understand that this is a difficult decision and many families will be anxious about sending their children back to school. We have been informed that pupil absence during this time (if parental choice) will be recorded as an **authorised** absence.

Children should not be coming to school if:

- someone in your household shows signs of Covid-19 symptoms. In this case, the entire household should isolate for 14 days or until a test shows negative for COVID-19.
- a member of your household needs to be shielded from the virus as they are classed as vulnerable. *"If a child, young person or a member of staff lives with someone who is clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable), including those who are pregnant, they can attend their education or childcare setting.*
- they live in a household with someone who is extremely clinically vulnerable (*as set out in the COVID-19: guidance on shielding and protecting people defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable guidance*) it is advised they only attend an education or childcare setting if stringent social distancing can be adhered to and, in the case of children, they are able to understand and follow those instructions. If unable to attend school, they should be supported to learn or work at home."

Can my child come back to school part time?

No, during this time we would prefer for children to be in school on the days offered to them to support routine and consistency for both them and us. Managing what could be up to 120 part time timetables is not possible.

Will my child be with their class teacher?

Not necessarily. This is dependent on staffing and number of pupils. We will have eight classes in school and four class teachers so half of the groups will be led by HLTA's / TAs as recommended in the Government guidelines. All learning will be planned and organised by class teachers. Children will stay with their assigned group throughout the day, in class and during playtimes. Guidelines state that groups should not mix and adults should consistently work with one group.

Will my child be with their friends?

Not necessarily. Pupils will be split into two groups. There is no set criteria for this although the class teachers know their pupils well and will do their best to ensure every child has at least a couple of friends with them. The size of group will depend on the number of children in school.

Will my child be in their classroom?

Not necessarily. As the class is required to be split into two groups, half of the class will be given a new space as their designated base. The children will be divided as follows:

EYFS pupils – Holly Class and Hazel Class

Year 1 pupils – Pine Class and ICT suite

Year 6 pupils – Maple Class and Oak Class

Keyworder children – Willow and Beech Class

What measures are you putting in place to keep my child safe in school?

The Government have set out the following guidelines for schools.

1. "minimising contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend childcare settings, schools or colleges
2. cleaning hands more often than usual - wash hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly or use alcohol hand rub or sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered
3. ensuring good respiratory hygiene - promote the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
4. cleaning frequently touched surfaces often using standard products, such as detergents and bleach
5. minimising contact and mixing by altering, as much as possible, the environment (such as classroom layout) and timetables (such as staggered entry to school, and break times)"

As a school, we will be doing all of the above.

- We will be splitting EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6 over two classes each, to enable the 2-metre rule.
- We will be staggering start times, finish times, break times and lunch times for these classes to ensure minimal contact with large groups of children/adults.
- Each class will have a sanitiser station, which will be used by all when entering and leaving the classroom at any time during the day.
- Hand washing / sanitizing will be enforced when entering the building, toileting, break and lunch and leaving the building.
- The school has split the corridors to create a single file system through school to avoid close contact with others.
- Children will have their temperature tested if staff are concerned that they look unwell.
- Many lessons will be around promoting hand washing and respiratory hygiene.

These are measures we have put in place this week in preparation for 1st June. We will be constantly monitoring and adapting these measures to ensure children are as safe as possible. However, even with all these measures, we cannot guarantee your child will maintain social distancing at all times. This would be unrealistic to achieve with the age of the children attending school.

Other measures currently under review:

- Risk assessment for children, young people and staff in light of recent government guidelines – this will be shared with parents once completed and agreed with staff.
- Ensure that all health and safety compliance checks have been undertaken before opening.

- Organisation of small class groups – awaiting numbers of pupils attending.
- Organise classrooms and other learning environments for those groups, maintaining space between seats and desks where possible
- Review of daily timetable – appropriate lessons or activities (with limited resources) – staff are currently planning our curriculum offer for Term 6
- Consider which lessons or classroom activities could take place outdoors – mark off designated outdoor spaces for groups of pupils
- Stagger break times (including lunch), so that all children are not moving around the school at the same time
- Stagger drop-off and collection times
- Plan parents’ drop-off and pick-up protocols that minimise adult to adult contact
- Consider how play equipment is used ensuring it is appropriately cleaned between groups of children using it, and that multiple groups do not use it simultaneously
- Remove unnecessary items from classrooms and other learning environments where there is space to store it elsewhere
- Remove soft furnishings, soft toys and toys that are hard to clean (such as those with intricate parts)”

My child is in EYFS/Year1/Year6. Will Google Classroom continue?

Google Classroom will continue for classes who are not in school – work will be set in the same way as it has been before. Pupils who are entitled to be in school however choose not to will have access to distance learning although this may look slightly different (paper packs, emailed resources).

Will school dinners be provided in school?

Packed lunches will be provided for KS1 pupil under the Universal Free School Meal offer.

There will be no hot dinners provided throughout term 6, therefore Year 6 pupils and KS2 keyworker children will need to bring a packed lunch.

My child is very anxious about coming back. How will school support them?

Mental health is so incredibly important and a big focus of ours in school, therefore your child’s wellbeing is a key priority of ours. This is a very confusing time for children and they are having to deal with many emotions. We will be delivering bespoke lessons helping children to cope with the current climate and giving opportunities for mindfulness activities and reflection.

Our Mental Health team and school ambassadors are already in discussion about how they can support pupils and Mrs Williams is in school and will be available to work with children on a 1:1 basis.

Will wrap around care be provided?

There is no intention for Breakfast Club or after school clubs to run during Term 6, however this will be reviewed in due course depending on demand.

My child has SEND needs. What support will be provided?

Children in school will access SEND support the same as they would normally. If still at home, the majority of our SEND children will be able to access what the teachers have set on Google Classroom with some support from their parents. Children with more specific needs will be receiving extra activities and support from their class teachers.

My child has an EHCP. Their annual review is soon. What will that look like?

Miss Roberts is still working very hard behind the scenes keeping up to date with annual reviews and support for SEND pupils. Reviews are going ahead as normal however they will be carried out remotely.

Will staff wear PPE and will my child have to wear PPE?

The government state, *“Wearing a face covering or face mask in schools or other education settings is not recommended. Face coverings may be beneficial for short periods indoors where there is a risk of close social contact with people you do not usually meet and where social distancing and other measures cannot be maintained, for example on public transport or in some shops. This does not apply to schools or other education settings. Schools and other education or childcare settings should therefore not require staff, children and learners to wear face coverings.”*

“Changing habits, cleaning and hygiene are effective measures in controlling the spread of the virus. Face coverings (or any form of medical mask where instructed to be used for specific clinical reasons) should not be worn in any circumstance by those who may not be able to handle them as directed (for example, young children, or those with special educational needs or disabilities) as it may inadvertently increase the risk of transmission.”

Local Authority guidance has recommended staff to wear PPE if dealing with a child displaying symptoms or carrying out first aid.

My child is transitioning to secondary school in September. What support is being provided?

As Year 6 are one of the classes, which are allowed back to school, plenty of lessons around transition are being planned. Whether children will be visiting secondary schools as they normally would be in term 6 is still under review.

Is there still Family Link support?

Yes. Mrs Williams is available for Family Link Support. Please feel free to contact her via enquiries@redfieldedgeprimary.co.uk or deb.williams@redfieldedgeprimary.co.uk

What will happen if my child does not return to school next term and is not back until September?

Children who do not return to school will continue to be supported with their learning via the Google Classroom or by other means (paper packs).

Throughout Term 6, as the situation unfolds and it becomes clear that certain groups of pupils will not be returning, the school will be in touch to discuss transition and possible ways to support children into the next phase of their education.

We are having to take things one week at a time at the moment as the situation progresses, however we endeavour to keep you well informed as and when things change.

For DfE guidelines

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings>