

# Frithville and New York Primary Schools

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your patience, kind words and support over these last eight weeks. As you know, the Government has deemed it safe for children to return to school and schools have been asked to open for Pre-schoolers, EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6. Frithville Primary has operated restricted opening in order to support the children of key workers or those who are vulnerable. I am very grateful to all of our staff as they have worked very hard in so many ways to support the needs of our families over these weeks. Food deliveries, supporting home learning, cleaning, caretaking, teaching and supporting families to name but a few. I would also like to thank you for all of the wonderful learning that has taken place at home, we have really enjoyed seeing what you have been up to.

Several parents have emailed school recently to ask questions about pupils returning to school, mainly prompted by the questionnaire that we sent out recently and also stemming from concerns their children have. We appreciate that this is an anxious time for families and especially for your children. I have answered as many questions as I can in this FAQ newsletter.

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**1. Will the timings of the school day be the same?**

School will start at 9am and finish at 2:30pm. You may receive a staggered start time before the first of June so that each bubble can enter the school safely and so that we can avoid groups of people gathering.

**2. What precautions will school put in place to support social distancing?**

During the first two weeks of welcoming EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6 back to school, we will be staggering the return of these year groups to school. In this way we will be able to show the children what to do and what we expect to happen during the school day in terms of moving around school whilst observing social distancing and good hygiene habits.

Physical contact will not be encouraged and if there are medical needs/personal care, then staff will wear PPE. This is going to be the trickiest part of working with our little ones.

There will be signage to indicate entrances for parents and pupils to use when dropping off and picking up. We will have posters to remind pupils about what they should be doing and where.

**3. What will the classroom set up be like?**

There will be no more than 15 pupils in a class as per the guidance from the DfE. These groups are referred to as 'bubbles' in the guidance we have received. Each pupil will have their own workspace. Classrooms will be set up and arranged in order to observe social distancing rules over this coming half term.

There will be no soft furnishings or equipment available for pupils to use as these will be harder to clean on a daily basis. Pupils will not be allowed to bring soft toys into school. Pupils will not be able to share equipment.

**4. Will my child be with their year group?**

At the moment, with the current numbers attending, each group will have no more than 8 pupils. At Frithville and New York, this means that the key stage groups will be together.

**5. What do you envisage a child's classroom experience be like during COVID19?**

We will tailor any group work to address any anxieties that our pupils may have developed. Social distancing will be adhered to as far as reasonably possible, but the government have admitted that this will not be possible at all times with younger pupils.

**6. Will there be any break times or will it be so strict that pupils have to stay in one spot all day?**

Each group will be called a 'bubble'. Break times will still be in place, using separate playgrounds and staggered so that groups, or bubbles, do not mix with other groups/bubbles and in this way, we can reduce the risk of spreading any infection.

Pupils will be shown games that they can play safely whilst observing social distancing rules. Again, the government have said that social distancing will be difficult for younger pupils in school.

**7. Would there be an opportunity for pupils to go outside at lunchtime?**

Lunches will be eaten in your child's designated learning area. Staff will be with each group. There will be some outside time but this may be staggered or there may be zoned areas so that bubbles can stay together.

**8. How will toilet breaks be managed?**

Pupils will be shown how to manage social distancing during toilet breaks. Bubbles will have allocated toilets and only 2 pupils to access these at a time. No one will be restricted from going to the toilet and pupils will be constantly reminded about the importance of hand washing.

**9. Would pupils still get PE sessions, although we know they will be very different?**

Outside activities would have to be carefully planned. Guidelines say that equipment can't be shared and neither could pupils play team games or activities that don't adhere to social distancing. So yes, pupils might be outside but not necessarily exercising together in a way that existed before lockdown.

**10. My child is feeling anxious about returning to school. What can we do to help and what will school do to help?**

Prior to this transition, we will send information home to parents so that they can also help their children to prepare for a new type of schooling.

There will also be activities planned to support emotional well-being and these will be tailored to suit the children's needs. I have added some transition and mental health resources to the bottom of this newsletter.

**11. Will my child be comforted if they are upset?**

We would have to find different ways to comfort an upset child in line with the guidance from the DFE. I can't say what this would look like at the moment. First aid would be administered from an adult in your child's bubble.

**12. I am worried about my child and family catching this virus. Do I have to send my child back to school?**

It is your choice whether you send your child back to school during this time. You have to assess where your child would be safest. There are no penalties or unauthorised absences if you do choose to keep your child at home during this pandemic.

**13. Can I change my mind at a later date about sending my child back to school?**

Yes, you can decide to bring your child to school at a later date. We would ask that you contact us if you do change your mind so that we may make the necessary arrangements. You could decide to withdraw your child but please bear in mind that this may be confusing for your child depending upon their age. Your child should attend school for their usual hours or not at all.

**14. If my child doesn't go back to school, will their teacher be able to do some form of online session with those who aren't in school? Will home learning still be available?**

All staff who are able to come into school will be expected to do so from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020. Teachers will be engaging with the pupils in their care and so will not have time to also provide online lessons. Some staff are not able to come into school during this pandemic and so they will provide guidance on home learning for the pupils who are not in school at this time. We will continue to use the online learning platforms and add work to the school website as we have been doing already, adjusting work expectations accordingly. Your child's class teacher will not necessarily be providing this direction, but another teacher will.

You must do what you feel is right for your children and we will always support you in any way that we can.

**15. What will happen if there is a COVID19 case in school?**

In the event of a person in school displaying symptoms of the virus, their first duty is to tell someone. We will remove the person, adult or child, from the group as soon as is possible and take them to a designated space away from everyone else. Parents will be informed and support/advice provided on how a test is booked for the person/family concerned. The person will be sent home as soon as possible. If the test is positive, every person in that bubble from school will need to self-isolate at home with the rest of their household and will not be able to return to school until the quarantine period is over. If the test is negative, the person may return to school.

Please note that currently tests are taking about five days to come back with a result and that person should not come back to school until their results are returned to them.

**16. Meals**

We are still providing the food boxes for free school meal children and key stage 1, these will continue to be delivered and ready to be collected each Tuesday. Children will bring their own packed lunches until further notice.

**17. Will their classroom be deep cleaned before the school commences and then will it be cleaned every break throughout the day?**

In short, yes. We have already organised for extra cleaning. Everyone entering school will be expected to clean their hands without exception. Pupils will be expected to wear clean clothes every day. This does NOT need to be school uniform but should include sensible modest clothing and footwear. The DFE guidance also suggests a clean coat every day. Hopefully the weather will be kind and reduce the need for coats. Pupils may choose

to wear school uniform or their own modest clothing and sensible footwear as set out in my previous communication.

**18. Would the children be able to wear some sort of face protection or PPE?**

The Government have said that PPE is not required in schools unless staff are dealing with a pupil that is showing signs of having the virus. So no, pupils would not be wearing PPE.

**19. My child has an EHCP and I don't know how being back in school will affect my child.**

If your child has an EHCP, please contact your child's teacher this week or Mrs Frost-Phillips our SENDCo to discuss any concerns you may have.

**20. Will the school open to other year groups before the end of term?**

Since each classroom can only have up to 8 pupils, the school will be very full. At this moment in time, we will only be opening for the year groups and key worker pupils set out in this newsletter.

**21. How should we continue to contact school during COVID19?**

We strongly advise that no one comes to the school office. If you need to contact us then please do so by email, or by telephone.

Mental well-being links

<https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/what-to-do-if-your-child-is-anxious-about-going-back-to-school/>

<https://rockitmama.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/How-to-Foster-Your-Childs-1-1-683x1024.png>

Transition inks

<https://www.abc.net.au/life/helping-kids-with-the-transition-back-to-school/12247052>

<https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/what-to-do-if-your-child-is-anxious-about-going-back-to-school/>

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further queries.

We will be sending out a child friendly leaflet/PowerPoint to everyone before the 1<sup>st</sup> June so that parents and carers can support their child's transition back to school.

Kind regards,

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