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COVID-19 – Measham approach for re-opening

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will be aware, providing the Government's '5 Key Tests' are met, it is the intention for schools to open for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6 children from 1st June as well as remaining open for vulnerable children and those who have parents who are Key Workers.

We are basing our approach to reopening on Department of Education (DfE) guidance. As you can appreciate, we are making some significant arrangements before we reopen and we are updating our risk assessments to ensure safety for children and staff as this guidance changes.

No parent will be fined if their child does not attend school, it is your choice but we want to provide you with as much information as possible to help you make a decision.

Given the level of planning and changes to the school environment that need to be put in to place to reduce the risk of infection to staff, children and you at home, we will reopen in a phased way. The phased return applies to children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6 only and we will not reopen to any of these groups until Thursday 4th June. This will allow staff time in school to reorganise classrooms and ensure that the environment is as safe as it can be.

We have been asked to keep children in 'bubbles', these groups of no more than 15 and will as far as possible not mix with other bubbles. We believe that where staffing allows, it is important that the children are taught by their teacher in their classroom, particularly our youngest children as this will be a very strange time for them all.

Due to the size and configuration of the school and limited staffing moving forward, we will only be able to offer two days a week for children in Year 1 and EYFS and four days to Year 6. School will be open on Monday and Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. School will be closed to everyone except vulnerable children and those who have parents who are Key Workers each Wednesday. This is to allow for a deep clean of the school and give staff time to plan for the children in school and prepare home learning for those that are not.

Children will return on the following dates:

- Year 6 from Thursday 4th June
- EYFS and Year 1 from Monday 8th June
- Key worker children and vulnerable children will continue to attend every day- however any Year 6, Year 1 and EYFS children will need to remain in this group if they need full time care and will not be able to swap from group to group

As far as possible groups of children will be kept apart from each other and we will follow the DfE guidance to maintain as much social distancing as possible. Maintaining the two-metre distance at all times is something that we obviously cannot guarantee with young children and this is recognised by the DfE. However, wherever possible, desks will be placed apart and social distancing rules will be applied. In EYFS, play stations will be set up so that children can access activities at table tops/on tough spots.



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We will use the outside space as much as possible and will remove as much additional equipment as we can. Shared equipment will be minimised with all children having individual equipment on their desks so will not need to get up and walk around.

Staff will clean surfaces throughout the day and ensure that the children wash their hands or use hand sanitiser frequently. Corridors and walkways will have 2m tape markers and 2m markings will be placed outside for break times and to help parents keep apart at drop off and collection times.

Day-to-Day Organisation

There will be staggered start and collection times for children and staggered breaks and lunch to assist with social distancing. Children are already split into house teams; Red, Blue, Yellow, Green so will use these groups to help with organisation. Timings will be as follows:

Staggered drop off/collection

We ask that parents do not stop and chat with others at these times, but clear the area as soon as possible so that social distancing can be maintained.

Timings	Drop off	Collection
Red	8.45	2.45
Blue	8.55	2.55
Yellow	9.05	3.05
Green	9.15	3.15

Everyone must arrive promptly, following the drop off and collection times

Drop off and collection

- Parents must enter the site through the gate by Peggs Close car park and follow the one-way system around the outside of the building. Parents will drop off/collect at EYFS door for EYFS, Badgers door for Year 1, 5/6 door for Y6 and 3/4 door for key worker children. Parents will then carry on around school and leave on the path onto Bosworth Road. The bottom gate will be locked.
- Staff will be outside to direct parents around the one-way system
- Parents enter site following social distancing markers on the ground
- A member of staff will greet children and send them to their classroom...staff will not intervene if children do not want to leave their parents
- You can only bring your own child/children to school and if siblings are coming with you, **please do not let them play/touch any outdoor equipment or toys**
- Please can we remind you not to use the school car park
- **Parents will not be allowed into the school building**

Please ring or email if you have any questions or concerns.



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What else do I need to know?

Children will need to remain at their desks throughout the day. (Unless on a break) We cannot gather them onto the carpet or around a table to look at something

Children will need to be as independent as possible

Children's belongings will be kept in their tray on an individual desk when they are in school. In here they will keep their coat, lunchbox and any resources, they will not be able to use coat pegs/lockers. These items will only ever be touched by the child themselves.

Y6 will not be allowed to bring in their own pencil case

Children can bring their own packed lunch or have a school packed lunch which will be £2.25 (payable online) for KS2 children or free for KS1 and EYFS. There will be no hot meal options available

Children can wear their own clothes or uniform, **but must have clean clothes for each day.**

Children do not need to wear face coverings, however staff may need to wear them in certain circumstances for example, if they need to administer first aid.

They will not need a PE kit

Y6 will not be allowed to bring phones to leave in the office, they will have to be kept in their bags

Children will not be allowed to bring balls, Pokémon cards or any other toys that encourage interactions

Children will need to bring drinks for the day – the water fountains will not be in use

Lunch

To ensure that groups of children do not mix, children will be given set breaks

The kitchen will be open; but no hot food will be served

Sandwiches will be provided for lunch that will be eaten in classrooms. Children will be able to order a sandwich option in the morning. EYFS/Year 1 children will be provided this at no cost. Year 6 and key worker children can order sandwiches and pay in the normal way

We would expect any children attending school to be here every day available to their group, as we need to maintain the stability of the groups we put into place. We also ask parents to minimise visits to the school site, please if you have any questions, phone or email office@measham.leics.sch.uk

These plans will only be put into place, if the infection rates begin to slow further and we are certain that it is safe; we will be watching the news very carefully over the next few critical weeks.

If we do reopen, we will put some videos on Facebook so that procedures for drop off and collection are clear, please watch these with your children so that they know what to expect.

School will be a very different place – certainly this side of the summer holidays, it is important that we all understand that. I know that your children are missing school, their friends and normality – as we all are. Lunch times and break times, class times and sometimes teaching staff will be different; however we will endeavour to make the experience as positive as possible for the children.

Thank you for the time you have given to reading this information and thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Sylvie Newman

Executive Headteacher