

Re-opening September FAQs

Dear Parents and Carers,

On **Thursday 3rd September** the children returned to school. To further communicate our plans we have collected and responded to the frequently asked questions below. Please be aware that we will continually review our plans against the most up-to-date information, therefore our plans may be subject to change. Should there be any changes to the current situation we will inform parents/carers via email, the school App, school website and social media.

We accept that it may be impossible to answer all possible scenarios but hope these responses give enough information to support you with making an informed decision about whether your children will attend school or not.

What will my child need to bring to school?

To limit the potential for transferring the virus in and out of school, there will be a limit to what the children need to bring to school. Children should come to school dressed in full school uniform. The children will need to wear their PE kits to school on the appropriate day.

PE days (starting from Monday 7th September)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 1 Year 3	Reception Year 2	Year 5	Year 4	Year 6

All children need their own water bottle - clearly labeled. Children having a home packed lunch are permitted to bring a lunch box. Children in KS2 are permitted to bring a healthy snack. Children in EY and KS1 will be provided with fruit or vegetables every day beginning from Monday 7th September. Until then, children in Year 2 may bring their own healthy snack.

Will school lunches be available?

To begin with, we will only be offering cold lunches as children will be eating in their classrooms – the exception is YR and Y1 who will be eating in the KS1 hall. Each year group will be allotted a zoned area to play in during break and lunchtimes. As the term progresses we will introduce hot lunches.

What should I do if I suspect my child has symptoms of the virus?

If your child has any of the symptoms listed below the child and any siblings should not attend school. A test should be booked as soon as possible. Until the outcome of the test is known a child with symptoms must isolate for 10 days and any siblings for 14 days. As soon as the test results are known, please inform the school.

What will happen if a child or an adult develops symptoms at school?

A child with symptoms will be isolated immediately in a designated area. Staff will attend to the child in PPE and await a parent/carer to collect the child. Those with suspected symptoms should seek a test as soon as possible. The school will not administer tests to children. The result of a positive test will inform what happens next. [Click here for a step by step guide of the process.](#) Schools will be required to seek advice and follow next steps from the Local Authority. If a staff member develops symptoms, they will be sent home immediately.

What will happen if someone else in my household develops symptoms?

The [guidance](#) says that as soon as a member of the household develops symptoms, they must seek a test. In the meantime the household is to isolate for 14 days or until a negative test result is received.

My child qualifies for Free School Meals, will we still receive a school meal everyday?

Yes. All children in Reception - Y2 have the option to receive a free school meal daily. Children in Y3-Y6 will only be entitled to a free school meal if they meet the government's means test. If you think your child may be entitled to free school meals please apply for via this [link](#)

How will the children be organised?

Children will be organised into classes as usual. Preschool, YN, YR and Y1 classrooms will be set up to reflect high quality EY practices. These classrooms will not look much different to usual although we will have removed most of the soft furnishings and reduced equipment to make cleaning easier.

In Y2 – Y6 classrooms, tables and chairs will be set up in a horseshoe shape so that pupils are not directly facing one another. Class teachers will consider where pupils sit. Those pupils who have had low levels of engagement during lockdown or who have special educational needs and disabilities may require additional support and will be seated nearer to teaching staff. Each pupil will have their own set of resources in a clear pencil case on their table space, to limit movement around the class.

To limit contact with other children, each year group will have staggered break and lunchtimes. Lunchtimes will be divided into 30mins eating and playing inside the classroom and 30mins playing outside.

Will my child attend everyday?

Yes the children will attend everyday and any absence needs to be reported via attendance@wormleyprimary.co.uk, ideally, BEFORE the start of the school day.

I have a code for 30 hours provision in Nursery, will this be available?

Yes this will commence from Monday 7th September.

What protective measures will be put in place?

We will implement a range of protective measures including increased cleaning, routine hand washing, teaching personal hygiene, social distancing (where possible), reduced 'pinch points' (such as parents dropping children off at the start and end of day), and use of outdoor space (weather permitting). We will encourage social distancing as appropriate but not at the detriment of a nurturing environment for young children. Click here to see how you can ['Play Your Part'](#).

Can my child wear a mask to school?

The school does not encourage the wearing of masks at this moment in time but will not prevent children from wearing one if it is essential for their attendance. Benefits of young children wearing masks is not clear. One of the biggest concerns of wearing a mask is the hygiene risk posed because of the need to carefully handle and store masks. [Click here for guidance on using a mask safely](#). If your child needs to wear a mask they must have a sealable bag to place the mask into when it is not being worn and fresh masks for throughout the day. We will follow any changes in guidance from the government.

My child loves coming to school but I'm worried school will be a sterile environment which my child will not enjoy.**Will school be a sad place where the children will be forced to sit apart from each other?**

School will still aim to be as warm, friendly and as fun as always. We are a nurturing and therapeutic school and this will not change. That said, there is no escaping the fact that the children will be limited in their contact with children across the school and there will be an emphasis on good hygiene routines. This is outlined in the conditions of re-opening and is to protect everyone.

How will the children enter and leave school?

A detailed plan of entry and exit procedures has been shared with all parents and is available [here](#).

There will be signage around the school to support parents with these procedures. It is essential that all parents and carers attending the school take the time to understand these procedures and follow them to the best of their ability.

We ask that parents do their very best to arrive within the appropriate time slots. ***Please do not be onsite too early or too late.*** Teachers will understand if you are a little late because you have multiple children to drop-off or collect.

It is hoped that parents and children will not have to queue as staff will be ready to receive the children as soon as the gates are open. It is hoped that parents will arrive all through the window of time limiting the number of people onsite at any one time. A member of the leadership team will be on hand to direct people and support this process.

These processes will be reviewed daily and changes communicated.

Can a friend drop off and pick up my children from school?

Ideally, a parent or carer from your own household should drop off and collect their own child(ren). If you need support with pick up and drop offs, consider sharing this with the same people each time. Ultimately, everyone in the community should follow government guidance on contact with others. Current government guidance can be found [here](#).

I have children who need to enter through different gates at the same time. Can I send them all through one gate?

All children must go through the appropriate gate for their year group. This is to limit the number of adults and children coming into contact with one another and to ensure adults can remain focused on welcoming the children safely into the classroom. We accept that there will be some families who will have to send children through different gates in different locations of the school perimeter. Teachers will understand if some children are slightly later to the classroom because of this situation. We will continue to observe and review this procedure as needed. If you feel this is presenting you with a significant challenge, please contact the school.

How will I communicate with the teacher?

This will only be possible via phone call or email. Staff will not be available to talk to parents/carers at the beginning or end of the day. The flow of adults on and off the playground must be as smooth and swift as possible. If you need to pass on a message, phone or email the school.

What learning is expected of my child when they cannot attend school?

A variety of tasks will be available via the Google classroom which can be completed at home. Each child can purchase a set of maths books and grammar, punctuation and spelling books for learning at home. Details to follow.

Will my child be given a reading book?

Children will receive a reading book to take home. They will be given a particular day(s) to change their book and the books will not be reissued for 48 hours.

Will there be breakfast and after school clubs?

We are working to get the Breakfast and After School Club up and running as soon as possible. Details will follow. This half term, there will be no other after school or lunchtime clubs.

Will I get into trouble if my children do not attend school?

All children are expected to return to school as normal and the school attendance policy will be followed. If you are concerned about your child returning, you need to contact the school as soon as possible so we can work together to support you and your child.

We have been on holidays. Do we need to quarantine?

If you travel overseas you will need to follow the guidance set out by the government. Check details [here](#).