

Holy Family News



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all safe and well and have enjoyed the Summer holidays! As I am sure you are aware it is expected that all children will be returning to school in September. Given the current rates in Oldham I know that this will be a concern for many. I would like to reassure you that we are following advice from Public Health England and the government to do everything possible to minimise the risk to children, their families and our staff.

To help us safely settle children who are new to our school we have decided that Reception and Nursery children who already have attended our school will start back on Monday 7th September. The reason for this is that we will be holding visits for the new children and a parent on the Thursday and Friday.

We look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Take care and stay safe. Mrs Booth

How will we keep your child safe?

The basic principles from the government guidance are outlined below. I have also included what school will be doing in response to this.

Prevention:

Points in black are government guidance, points in green is what the school will be doing.

- 1) minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school

School ask that a child or member of staff does not attend school if they are showing signs of COVID19. If a person is showing symptoms they must get a test immediately and inform school of the results.



- 2) clean hands thoroughly more often than usual

School will ensure that all children wash or sanitise their hands regularly. This will be upon arrival at school, before and after eating, after play time and if they change room. The children will be taught how to wash their hands correctly and be supervised where appropriate.



- 3) ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach

Children will be taught the importance of good respiratory hygiene, tissue will be available in the classroom but it would be helpful if you make sure your child has a small packet of tissues for personal use. The school has also purchased pedal bins to dispose of the tissues.



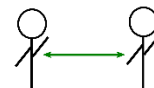
- 4) introduce enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents and bleach

Staff will regularly clean high touch surfaces such as desks, door handles etc. Toilets will be cleaned at dinnertime and at the end of the school day. High touch areas such as handles and taps will be cleaned regularly. The children from Year 2 upwards will be given their own pencil case and resources.



- 5) minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible

The school has been organized into 4 Bubbles (groups). These are EYFS (reception and nursery) KS1 (Years 1&2) Lower KS2 (Years 3&4) and Upper KS2 (Years 5&6). Children will stay within their Bubble and not mix with children from other Bubbles to reduce risk. Lessons will be given to KS2 children regarding social distancing but we recognize the this is very difficult for our younger children. Start and end times will be staggered to minimize contact.



- 6) where necessary, wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)

Children and staff will not be required to wear face masks in school. If you child uses public transport and needs to dispose of a mask, a bin and hand sanitiser will be available on arrival to ensure safe removal of the mask.

Carry on reading!!! There's more!

The second part of the governments strategy is about how we respond to an outbreak. There is the expectation that the whole of the school community engages with Track and Trace and gets tested if required to do so.

Evidence shows that symptoms are mild in children.

So, what do you need to know?

What time will my child be starting and finishing school?

To allow us to get the children into school safely and wash their hands we have had to alter the times of the day. **It is essential that parents get their child to school in the allocated time slot.** If you are late you will have to wait with your child until after the next time slot. Only **one parent** must bring their child to school.

If you have children who have been allocated different time slots, we ask that you arrive at the end of the time slot for your first child to reduce your waiting time.

Each Bubble will have a 15 minute time slot in which to arrive in.

Start of the school day

Bubble	Start	
EYFS	8.35	8.50
KS1	8.50	9.05
LKS2	8.35	8.50
UKS2	8.50	9.05

KS1 and EYFS children will enter through the main gates and go to the appropriate door. KS2 children will enter through the gates by the school kitchen and enter school through KS2 door. Myself and Mrs Needle will be on the gates to welcome you and direct your child.

At the end of the school day, again you will have a 10 minute time slot in which you can pick your child up from school. We would ask that only the parents who have children in both Bubbles arrive at 3.05pm

Home time

Bubble	start	End
EYFS	2.55	3.05
KS1	3.05	3.15
LKS2	2.55	3.05
UKS2	3.05	3.15

It is essential that you keep to the times allocated for safety reasons. Please make sure that once you have collected your child you leave the school promptly to allow others to collect their child. Again Mrs Needle and I will be on the gates to support and guide you.



What will my child need for school?

Your child will need to:

- Wear full school uniform
- Bring in a lunch if they are on packed lunches
- Bring in a water bottle everyday and take it home to be washed.
- Bring in their reading bag everyday.
- On the days that they have PE we ask that your child comes to school in their PE kit (they may wear black or dark jogging trousers) dark trainers and their school jumper. Your child's class teacher will inform when they will be having PE when they return to school.
- They do NOT need to bring in a school bag.
- If it is sunny we advise that your child brings in a sun hat.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club will open week beginning 7th September. It is important that the children are familiar with the routines before we start the Breakfast Club.

Parents using the Breakfast club will need to pay for the days they require that week on the Monday.

More information will be sent out closer to the time.



If you have any questions or need help please contact us via email: support@holyfamily.oldham.sch.uk