

Uffington Plan for the Reopening of Schools with effect from March 2021



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

<p>My child comes to school by taxi. Will this service be available, and will the children have to wear a face covering?</p>	<p>The school transport system is already operational. There is no requirement at the present time for a face covering to be worn on the school taxi and children from different bubbles are permitted to travel together.</p>
<p>What items should the children bring in with them?</p>	<p>The only items a child should bring in with them are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Coat<input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle<input type="checkbox"/> Packed lunch (unless you have ordered or are entitled to a cooked lunch)<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency medication, e.g. inhalers<input type="checkbox"/> Indoor shoes for PE days<input type="checkbox"/> Trainers<input type="checkbox"/> School sweatshirt / cardigan (windows will be open for ventilation so it may get chilly!)<input type="checkbox"/> Spare clothes (EYFS only) <p>NO BACKPACKS IN SCHOOL PLEASE!</p> <p>KS2 only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Fresh fruit for morning snack<input type="checkbox"/> Pencil case if desired (the following may be useful but can also be provided by the school: coloured crayons; sharpener with integrated 'bin'; rubber; fine coloured pens; blue / green rollerball pens for writing)

<p>Will staff and children have to wear a face covering in school?</p>	<p>Government guidance makes it clear that face coverings are not required in primary schools except for staff using communal areas or when providing intimate care or looking after a child displaying the symptoms of the virus. If staff or children arrive at school wearing a face covering, there is a clear protocol for its safe removal and disposal / storage.</p>
<p>How will play times be arranged so that children do not mix with each other?</p>	<p>Children will have their play times as a class group. The staggered timings during the day allow us to spread out the use of our outdoor space. A set of playtime equipment will be allocated to each classroom bubble and cleaned down at the end of each break.</p>
<p>Can my child bring their own play equipment into school?</p>	<p>Please do not send any play equipment into school unless invited by the class teacher.</p>
<p>Will the free and subsidised milk resume when school reopens?</p>	<p>Yes. This service will resume from next week.</p>
<p>My children are in Reception and KS1. Will they receive free fruit each day?</p>	<p>Yes. This service will resume from next week.</p>
<p>Will the water chiller be available?</p>	<p>No. Children need to bring in their own wide-necked water bottle which can be easily refilled from a jug. Please make sure the bottle is clearly named and fill before leaving home.</p>
<p>How will lunchtimes work?</p>	<p>There will be a rolling lunch time with all children having a 45-minute break with time to eat and play. There will be two sittings for lunch with thorough cleaning in between. Children will be seated away from the other bubble using the dining room at the same time, and children in Y5/6 will eat packed lunches in the classroom. The playground (and field when the weather allows) will be split into two separate play spaces at lunchtime.</p>

<p>I am worried that my children have fallen behind while school has been closed. What will be done to help them catch up?</p>	<p>We understand that many children will have fallen behind in their learning. Once they have settled back into the routine of school, we shall conduct individual assessments to confirm where the gaps are. As always, teachers will work hard to match learning to the age and stage of the individual child. Some children will receive additional support within the classroom from their teachers and teaching assistants. Some children will also receive government-funded small group tuition.</p>
<p>My child has special educational needs. What support will there be?</p>	<p>All individual plans will be reviewed in line with the usual review cycle. Some children do need personal care and therapies which require contact – these have been risk-assessed and will resume with minor adjustments such as the wearing of PPE. Where children would normally receive support from visiting specialists, these sessions will resume with immediate effect</p>
<p>My child is very anxious about the return to school. What support will there be for emotional health and wellbeing?</p>	<p>We recognise that some children are anxious about coming back to school. All children will be supported through transition activities and engage in The Five Ways to Well-being programme on a daily basis. Where children are really struggling, a programme of individual / small group support will be explored.</p>
<p>Will you still have visitors and volunteers in school?</p>	<p>We will continue to limit the number of additional adults on site to those who are essential, such as specialist services e.g. speech therapists. Other non-essential visitors such as volunteers and visiting speakers will not be returning to school at the moment.</p>

<p>Will there be any after-school clubs?</p>	<p>Woodwind lessons will resume next week as these have continued throughout lockdown – these will take place in a well-ventilated room with a maximum of two children playing side by side and a screen between the tutor and pupils. No other clubs will be offered until September.</p>
<p>Will the children come together for collective worship and other whole school events?</p>	<p>No. One of the main control measures is to minimise mixing. Daily worship will take place in classrooms. If social restrictions are lifted at the end of June, we may be able to organise some whole school events but no decisions are being made until then.</p>
<p>When will swimming lessons resume?</p>	<p>Although indoor pools may open in April, we do not plan to have swimming lessons until September.</p>
<p>Will the school take part in local and district sporting competitions?</p>	<p>Inter-school sport is not permitted at the present time. We hope to resume inter-school sport later in the year.</p>

SUSPECTED AND CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID-19

Is a child going to be sent home just because they have a cough?

We are required to take a robust and precautionary approach to anyone on site with any one, or more, of the three main Covid-19 symptoms. We will be sending such persons home and advising that they take a test. We anticipate that everyone will support and follow this advice. In any event, we will be keeping a register of everyone sent home for testing and no-one will be allowed to re-enter the building for the recommended self-isolation period as advised by the Government without a negative test result being received. We will ask to see evidence of the test results before the person can return to school.

Children who are unwell should not be in school whether they have coronavirus or the usual colds and other viruses that can make them poorly.

What will happen if the teacher is ill or self-isolating and cannot come into school?

We will make every effort to deploy existing staff to cover staff absence, engaging supply staff as a last resort in order to keep the school open.

If teachers are well but required to self-isolate, live lessons will be streamed into classrooms.

What if there is a further period of national or local lockdown?

We will be guided by Public Health England and other government agencies. In the event of a further school closure, a full curriculum offer will be provided through our remote learning platforms.

<p>Would the school have to close altogether if too many bubbles are closed, or if too many staff members are unwell or self-isolating?</p>	<p>Yes. The virus has not disappeared but its prevalence in the community is such that reopening is currently possible. This situation may change. The Health Protection Agency is keeping the situation under review and will liaise with the school if the situation changes. It is, of course, incumbent upon all of us in the community to work together and follow the guidance to avoid this happening.</p>
<p>How long will these measures be in place?</p>	<p>We anticipate that these measures will apply until the end of the school year but the plan will be under constant review depending upon the local and national situation.</p>

If you have any other queries, please contact Mrs Simms via enquiries@uffingtonprimary.co.uk