

Cheadle Heath Primary School

RETURN TO SCHOOL FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

A parental guide to some frequently asked questions.

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What is a Cheadle Heath Bubble?

- A **maximum** of 15 children in a bubble. We've measured the spaces so in Y6 there will be 11 pupils per classroom, 12 in Y1 and 10 in Reception.
- For Reception pupils, this bubble will be with a member of staff from the EYFS team
- For Y1 and Y6 pupils, this will either be with their class teacher or another class teacher from their phase
- Adults and children will stay in their bubble all day, with a designated indoor space and outdoor space
- Children will be spread out in the classroom and there will be staggered playtimes/lunchtimes for year groups
- Children will stay in their bubbles at playtimes, playing in designated parts of the outdoor space
- Less sharing of equipment: children in Y1 – 6 will have their own equipment and books
- Lunches and coats etc. will be in classrooms not in shared cloakrooms. We ask that no school bags are sent to school.
- Using outside spaces more, movement in the corridors reduced and one-way systems in place

Will my child be socially distanced 100% of the time?

The government has been clear in that the focus is on bubbles of up to 15. Primary-aged children cannot be expected to remain 2 metres apart from each other and staff. In Reception, social distancing is impossible and we are mindful of the emotional harm it could do if implemented fully. In Y1 - 6, children will be distanced in the classroom however, we cannot guarantee that this will be 2m due to the size of the classrooms. The focus is on:

- Minimising contact and not mixing between bubbles
- Avoiding contact with anyone with symptoms
- Frequent hand washing
- Good respiratory practices
- Regular cleaning of school

My child is in Early Years. What are you doing to keep them safe?

Reception: Social distancing between pupils will not be enforced in Reception because it is impossible to achieve and is potentially emotionally harmful for such young children. We will be utilising the entire EYFS area including nursery spaces, removing lots of equipment, increasing hygiene practices, washing hands more frequently, washing any equipment we can and spending more time outdoors. Whilst our intention is to open to Reception at the end of June / beginning of July, this is provisional and we will be constantly reviewing our plans in the meantime to ensure that what we are doing is as safe as possible.

Nursery: We currently have no plans to open our nursery provision due to space, staffing and being unable to reopen alongside re-opening Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 and the key worker provision. As the term continues, we will look at additional guidance and information being sent out and will continue to review our plans. Whilst we appreciate that this will be frustrating for those of you wanting your children to return, we can only take year groups when our risk assessment supports this as being safe.

What should my child wear to school?

In the interest of safety and ease for parents, we ask that that children come to school in a fresh/clean set of clothes each day, rather than their uniform which would be difficult to wash every day. We ask that children wear comfortable PE style clothes and sensible trainer style footwear for multipurpose activities. This means that there will be no need to change during the day for outdoor activities and prevents the need for PE kits (extra bags) in school.

What date will my child start back at school?

Stockport LA are supporting schools in adopting a methodical and personalised approach to school reopening. Our plan is conditional, subject to reopening on the 8th June to staff and 11th June to pupils, and whilst we hope this plan works, we must be transparent in stating that it could change dependent on any updates. On Thursday 11th June 2020, we are only welcoming back our Y6. On Monday 22nd June 2020, we are welcoming back our Y1 pupils. We are aiming for Reception pupils to start school at the end of June. There will be no school each Wednesday, in order to give our teachers their planning and preparation time (PPA) for both in school work and home learning. We will also complete a premium clean on this day.

As a parent / carer, how can I help?

- Take your child's temperature before you come to school. Children must not come to school with a temperature above 37.7 degrees. Do not send your child to school if they are unwell, even with mild symptoms. Utilise the Covid-19 testing on offer for pupils and please keep us informed of the outcome.
- Ensure your child has washed their hands prior to leaving home.
- Be on time for the staggered start to the day. You will be given your start time in the letter prior to return so please read it carefully as we cannot accept children who are late.
- Socially distance from the staff on the gate and other adults.
- One parent per family 'drop & go' at the gates. Please keep moving and do not stop and chat after handing over your child. Health & Safety advised this approach to reduce footfall on site so that parents / carers do not enter the playground but carry on walking.
- Send any messages for teachers via the school office phone number/email rather than on site
- Reception and Year 1 pupils are to enter and exit the site via the gate on Churchley Road
- Year 6 to enter and exit via the gate on Edgeley Road. Year 6 are strongly encouraged to come to school independently as part of the transition process.
- Parents attending keyworker provision can use either gate to reach the hall doors. Due to expanding numbers, EYFS / KS1 pupils will remain in the hall but KS2 will move to Opal classroom after half term.

What about Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 pupils?

At the moment, Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 will stay at home. For the time-being, they will continue to learn virtually using work set by teachers via class dojo. You can continue to contact teachers using email or dojo message.

In order to reopen, our teachers will be asked to do considerably more on site than during the period of partial school closure. In the next few weeks, Y5/6 teachers will be teaching in Y6, Y1 teachers will be teaching in Y1 and EYFS teachers will be teaching in Reception. Where bubbles reach maximum capacity, teachers from other year groups may be asked to teach different classes and some will be running keyworker provision. Therefore we will not be able to increase the amount of teacher input for returning year groups alongside the current approach to setting work. All our staff will have Wednesday as Planning, Preparation & Assessment (PPA) time to plan for and provide home learning activities whilst school undergoes a premium clean prior to pupils returning the following day.

What will happen if my child is in the specified year group to attend school but I choose not send him/her back?

The government will not be issuing fines to parents whose children do not return after Whit and, as a school, we fully respect your parental choice and encourage you to make a decision that is right for your family. Our teachers are amazing at multi tasking but they cannot run a full time physical and full time virtual classroom so there may be some changes to how we support home learning for those choosing not to return. We may have to share the workload amongst teaching staff from different year groups to continue providing home learning for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 but this is to help with the continuation of structure and ideas at home, and will not be necessarily personalised by your own year group teacher.

If my child does attend school, what will their day look like? Are they being taught or offered childcare?

For all children returning, our primary aim is to support mental wellbeing, especially given the fact that so many of them will have missed friends and staff, and will find themselves returning to a different school experience from that which they left on 20th March 2020. Initially, we will spend time doing lots of activities to support well-being. As children settle back into school, we feel it is important to provide routine and structure within their day and normalise being back in school as much as possible. At this point, children will receive structured teaching sessions. We will not put children under pressure to catch up on missed learning; instead, we will plan learning opportunities which will build on prior learning and utilise the school grounds.

Will my child get to see and play with their friends in school?

Children will be placed in a bubble dependent on the number of pupils who return. This means that they *could* have some of their friends with them, but not all. This bubble will stay together throughout the day, but they will not mix with other bubbles. Given the level of planning and organisation currently needed to reopen safely, we do not have the capacity to organise bubbles by way of friendship groups. Logistically, we cannot personalise each bubble, especially given that so many families will be undecided about their return up until the date of school reopening. Health and safety must be a priority as we reopen.

What will Cheadle Heath Primary School do if there is a suspected COVID-19 case?

- We have identified a separate, ventilated quarantine room which will only be used for suspected cases
- The child will be supervised by an adult who will wear PPE
- The parent / carer will be asked to collect the child immediately so it is essential that contact details are up to date
- The child will be given a face covering to wear (to protect others) when they leave the building to go home
- The quarantine room will then be thoroughly cleaned

What happens if there is a confirmed case?

- The child/staff member would self-isolate for 7 days, with rest of their household isolating for 14 days.
- Any child or member of staff who displays symptoms are encouraged to be tested for COVID-19.
- Where the child/staff member tests negative, they can return to school.
- Where the test is positive, the rest of the 'bubble' will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days.
- Household members of the bubble do not need to self-isolate unless the child/staff member subsequently develops symptoms.

What is the position with shielded and extremely clinically vulnerable families?

Children classed as extremely clinically vulnerable due to pre-existing medical conditions are not expected to return to school. Those classed as clinically vulnerable should follow medical advice as to whether a return to school at this time. If your child lives with an extremely clinically vulnerable adult then they should only attend 'if stringent social distancing can be adhered to.' As a school we cannot guarantee that, therefore your child is advised to stay at home.

How can I communicate with the school office?

- For the safety of our staff, we ask you to communicate via email and phone, even if you are dropping your child off.
- All items required for the day should be brought to school by the child. Forgotten items will not be accepted.
- If you do have to come on to the premises during the day, access will be via secure video entry on the Churchley Road gate and you will be asked to stand at least two metres from the table in the playground near the main office. There will be no access into the building or main reception area.

Safeguarding

Our key priority is always the care and safeguarding of children. We are in regular contact with many families and pupils but, if you have a non-urgent safeguarding issue, please phone school and ask to speak to either Ms Meekley or Mrs Vallance. If something is urgent, you can contact the MASSH (multi-agency safeguarding hub) on 0161 217 6028 or 0161 718 2118 (evenings and weekends) or the police on 999.

"What do you want to be when you grow up?"



"Kind," said the boy

Charlie Mackley

"What is the bravest thing you've ever said?" asked the boy.



"Help," said the horse.