



Frequently Asked Questions about the phased return to school

Are all children returning to school on the 1st June?

No. There will be a phased return to school for year six, year one, Reception and Nursery (Butterflies) following the plan below:

Monday & Tuesday 1 st & 2 nd June	Year 6 only return to school 9am- 3.15pm
Wednesday 3 rd June	School is closed for additional cleaning, staff de-brief and PPA
Thursday & Friday 4 th & 5 th June	Year 6 attend school 9am- 3.15pm Year 1 return to school 9.15am-3pm
Monday & Tuesday 8 th & 9 th June	Year 6 attend school 9am- 3.15pm Year 1 attend school 9.15am-3pm Reception return to school 9.30am-2.45pm
Wednesday 10 th June	School is closed for additional cleaning, staff de-brief and PPA
Thursday & Friday 11 th & 12 th June	Year 6 attend school 9am- 3.15pm Year 1 attend school 9.15am-3pm Reception attend school 9.30am-2.45pm Nursery am OR pm sessions will return AM- 8.45am- 11.45am PM- 12.15pm-3.15pm (Please note we will NOT be offering 30 hours, parents will need to decide on the am or pm session) Group numbers are limited.
Week Beginning 15 th June	Year 6, year 1, Reception, Nursery am and Nursery pm to attend BUT school will be closed on Wednesday 17 th June.

Children can only return to school once their parent has completed the online survey to approve the risk assessment. If this is not completed or parents do not agree to it, we are unable to accept the child.

PLEASE DO NOT COMPLETE THE RISK ASSESSMENT APPROVAL SURVEY UNTIL YOU HAVE RECEIVED A PHONE CALL FROM THE CLASSTEACHER BECAUSE YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COMPLETE ALL THE SECTIONS. YOU WILL THEN HAVE TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY AGAIN.

What about if I am a keyworker? Can my child attend school?

We will continue to provide childcare for key workers and vulnerable children everyday (including Wednesdays). Before your child attends you must:

- Read the Risk Assessment and policies and complete the online survey.
- Inform Mrs Fellows via email: info@brook.dudley.sch.uk of your childcare needs by the Thursday at 6pm of the previous week.
- Understand that you will drop off and collect your child(ren) to/from the school reception front door. Drop off time will be 8:30am and collection time will be 3:30pm. If you require different drop off/ collection times, these will need to be discussed so that they do not crossover with the year group drop off and collection times.

Children who are in the key worker group cannot move to their group when they return. We are operating a 'bubble' system to limit cross contamination so once in a group they will not be able to move to a different group.

We only have 30 key worker places, parents and children cannot just 'turn up' or give last minute requests for a place. We will do our very best to accommodate your needs but any requests after the previous Thursday may result in us being unable to provide care.

How will my child's day be organised? What provision has been made to keep them safe?

- School will be operating a 'bubble' system. These bubbles will allow us to keep small numbers of pupils together and reduce cross contamination of resources, rooms, and adults they come into contact with. There will be no more than 15 pupils in each bubble.
- Children in each bubble may not be with their own teacher and may be working with teaching assistants instead, under the supervision of teachers recommended guidance. Once allocated a bubble they will not mix with any other children. We will be placing children in bubbles to best suit the individual pupil.
- Regular hand washing will take place during the day and there will be hand sanitising stations placed throughout the school.
- Site staff and teachers/teaching assistants will ensure that as many surfaces, door handles etc are cleaned as frequently as possible.
- Break and lunch time will be staggered to ensure pupils remain within their bubble. Outside spaces will be sectioned off to allow space for individual groups.
- Desks will be spaced as far apart as possible BUT due to limited space this may not be the recommended 2 metre distance.
- Staff will continue to send out work for those who remain at home.
- EYFS pupils will have limited access to resources and any soft toys, furnishing and intricate toys will be removed from EYFS bubbles.
- We will endeavour wherever possible to give all children some time outside. If the weather is fine this may include eating their lunch.

- The older pupils will, wherever possible, have access to ICT equipment which is easily cleanable. Any other work will be completed using loose paper. Children will not be allowed to share ANY equipment for hygiene reasons.
- All children returning to school will NOT be required to wear school uniform. This is to ensure that own clothes worn can be washed upon return from school each day.
- If a pupil or staff member in a bubble displays any of the COVID-19 symptoms, including a loss of smell or taste, the rest of the group must self-isolate for the 14 day period and these pupils and staff will be asked to remain at home. We will also notify Public Health England and the local education authority to gather advice.
- Wherever possible, we are going to try to enjoy the grounds of our school, utilising our outside areas etc. Therefore, would you please ensure that sun cream is applied before attending school and send your child with a water bottle filled with fresh water daily.
- Pupils will not be allowed to play in the school grounds before the start of the day. For those pupils arriving in Reception and Year 1 – please encourage your child to move to their room on arrival to school and leave immediately they are dismissed.

CHILDREN WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO WEAR SCHOOL UNIFORM.

Will staff be wearing PPE?

The latest guidance tells us that staff do not need PPE. At Brook we will be providing PPE equipment (gloves/ aprons/masks) for staff if they wish to use it and when giving first aid or intimate care.

What provision will there be for lunches?

The school has made the decision to not have cooked meals at this time. We will offer 'grab bags' for Reception, Free School meals and KS1 children instead of the universal free school meal that they have been receiving over the last few years. Year 6 pupils will be required to bring packed lunches to school unless they are entitled to free school meals. Could we kindly ask, that wherever possible, pupils bring their lunch to school in disposable containers and bags.

What will be the arrangements for dropping off and collection?

Key worker children will be dropped off and collected at the main school entrance at 8.30 am and 3.30pm. Any changes to drop off/collection times will be pre-arranged with Mrs Fellows via email.

Each year group 'bubble' will be given a drop off/collection time and place. We will attempt to contact by telephone, every parent and will give these details then.

Parents who do not follow our clear attempts to protect the school community will be asked NOT to bring their child to school.

What is different for parents?

- Parents will not be allowed in the school building. If there are any concerns or queries, please contact the school office by telephone or email.
- There will be no breakfast or after school club
- Parents must ensure safe social distancing on school grounds AT ALL TIMES.
- Only one adult will be allowed to drop off or pick up at a given time
- The school will ask you to collect your child via a particular route.
- Could we also ask that parents try to walk to school with their child to limit the number of cars. This will allow parents to observe social distancing easier.
- Some of the youngest pupils have been away from school and staff for a while now and may become distressed on entry to school. We reserve the right to assess the situation and ask that you take your child home as social distancing will make our normal routine ways of dealing with upset (consoling them etc.) extremely difficult.
- Our behaviour policy will be adapted along with other key policies. Any incidents of biting, spitting (very, very rare) will lead to your child being sent home.

Will I get fined if I don't send my child to school?

No legal action will be taken should your child not attend school.

Is the environment friendly for them under the circumstances?

We will obviously try to make this as happy and as 'normal' as we possibly can, but we also have to recognise the enormous challenge the pandemic has put on schools particularly around the social distancing for our younger pupils.

Will my child be 'told off' for not adhering to the 2-metre distance rule?

The children will be reminded regularly that they must stay 2 metres away from children and staff. Family groups in the key worker bubble will be kept together and if they live in the same household, will be able to sit together. If children refuse to adhere to the rule and are placing others at risk, parents will be contacted. We appreciate that younger children may not understand the 2-metre distance rule so we will remind them of the expectations regularly.

WE CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT PUPILS WILL BE KEPT 2M APART BUT WE WILL ENDEAVOUR TO MINIMISE CONTACT.