



Key Questions and Answers

We know that as we begin to re-integrate back into school there are many questions that parents/carers may have. We hope that the questions and answers below will help reassure you that everything is in place to ensure the smooth transition of our children from home to school.

We qualify as key workers but have not yet accessed provision in school, we may need to, is this possible?

You can still access school provision, but would need to let us know. You can contact school at ourladyoflourdes@durhamlearning.net

Do children have to attend full-time?

Priority Year Groups

It is very difficult for staff to plan a fluent education for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 if children are only there for part of the week. We would encourage parents who have answered 'yes' to a return to school, to access provision **every day** when their child's year group reopens.

Key Worker Groups

We will continue to offer provision for our key workers. We have been able to be reasonably flexible with changing days over the last few months due to small numbers. With numbers rising significantly, and for our planning purposes, we ask that you only attend on the days you have indicated from Tuesday 2nd June.

Children who are Shielded

Please get in touch with Mrs Ashton

I HAVE MORE THAN ONE CHILD TO BRING TO SCHOOL, WHICH ENTRANCE DO I USE AND WHAT TIME DO I BRING THEM?

Come to school at the right time for the first child. This will give you time to take your second child to their door afterwards. Remember to keep the 2 metre social distancing at all times. **Leave promptly and do not linger.**

WILL MY CHILD KNOW WHO HIS/HER TEACHER IS GOING TO BE SO I CAN PREPARE HIM/HER?

Yes. We will publish this as soon as we have it sorted out. This is a changing picture as you can imagine so we will let you know this nearer the time.

WHAT CAN MY CHILD WEAR?

As we are returning to school for a half term only, we have decided that children will not be required to wear uniform and can wear their own clothes. During these difficult and uncertain times for everyone, we did not want families to feel the pressure of having to buy or replace uniform that children will soon grow out of. We also want our children to feel as comfortable as possible coming back to school and we feel for some children their own clothes will make them feel more at ease. As children will be wearing their own clothes please ensure that the clothes and footwear that they wear for school are suitable for a range of activities, including PE and outdoor learning. Children should only bring to school with them a light coat and a named water bottle. They should not bring anything else to school including bags, pencil cases or show and tell etc. As per guidance, we would advise that children's clothes are washed as soon as they return home from school.

DO I HAVE TO WASH MY CHILD'S COAT EVERY DAY?

No. Your child's coat will be on the back of their chair in their 'learning zone' where they sit and their packed lunch will also stay with them.

WILL MY CHILD NEED TO BRING THEIR SCHOOL BAG?

No. In the run up to the summer your child does not need a school bag as this is another item we would need to clean. We will not be sending books home and will review this for the Autumn term.

WHAT LEARNING WILL MY CHILD BE DOING?

Your child will be working on the learning we are uploading to the website each week. They will be supported in reading and writing and maths and we will identify any gaps we need to address for individuals. The online learning will continue to be uploaded for those working from home. They will engage in class activities to support social and emotional wellbeing and positive mental health. They will take part in outdoor learning activities and sports.

WHAT WILL THE CLASSROOM LOOK LIKE?

Teachers will redesign their classes to meet the needs of their new set of learners. Each age group will have a different set up which is age appropriate. We will be removing fabric type resources eg dressing up clothes, teddies, soft toys, dolls, cushions, rugs, blankets etc, as these are not so easy to clean on a regular basis. We will also be taking out any resources we feel are not essential for this period of reintegration to enable us to clean easily between sessions. Displays will remain in place for the next few weeks and we will do our best to make the environment welcoming and homely. It is important to us that the children feel safe and nurtured so we will be making sure the classrooms are only subtly different where we can. However, we must accept that we do need to make changes to enable us to keep a thoroughly clean environment.

WILL MY CHILD BE ALLOWED TO GO OUT TO THE TOILET DURING LESSON TIME?

Of course. Luckily the design of our building means that the younger children can go to the toilet straight from the classroom in most classes. Those in upper school will need to come into the corridor to access the KS2 toilets. We will make more toilets available to them during this period. Where two classes share the toilets children will go in one at a time.

WILL YOU KEEP EVERYTHING CLEAN?

We will be wiping down tables and equipment between lessons and children will wash their hands as they have been taught on entering school, after break and before and after lunch. Please make sure your child washes their hands when they return home. Our cleaning team will be on site to ensure door handles etc are cleaned regularly. We have foam soap and hand gel on supply. Our cleaning team will be deep cleaning on Friday afternoon as well as throughout the day and after school.

WILL ANYONE BE WEARING PPE?

We will make PPE available to staff to use when coming into close contact with a child for example if they have had

an accident, been hurt or feel unwell.

WILL I BE FINED IF I DON'T SEND MY CHILD TO SCHOOL?

The current guidance states no penalties will be given at this time. Schools will not be held accountable for their attendance data in the summer term.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN AT PLAYTIME AND LUNCHTIME?

Children will go out to play as a 'bubble' and will stay in a designated area. They will each have their own box of play equipment which will be cleaned after use. Fixed play equipment will not be in use as this is too difficult to clean.

Children bringing packed lunches and those on school dinners will eat in their classroom. Once they have eaten they will go out to play as a 'bubble' in a designated area. They will be supervised by the same lunchtime supervisor.

WILL YOU BE HAVING ASSEMBLIES, CONCERTS AND SCHOOL TRIPS?

Sadly we are unable to hold these events at this time as we are not allowed to have group events. We will monitor the guidance on this over time. We will not have a year 6 production, sports days or the London or Robinwood trips that were planned.

WILL VISITORS BE ALLOWED IN SCHOOL?

Any visitor wishing to come into school must be passed by the headteacher. There will be as few as possible visitors into school to avoid pupils being in contact with any more people than necessary. Essential visitors working with children will keep a 2 metre social distance and be required to wear a mask.

WILL I BE ABLE TO CHANGE MY CHILD'S BUBBLE GROUP?

Sadly no we can't allow this as it is a risk to others. That's why the teachers are setting the groups making sure everyone has a friend.

WILL MY CHILD BE OUTSIDE DURING LESSON TIME?

Yes they will! It is our usual practice in the summer term to do lots of outdoor learning and we are so lucky to have these beautiful grounds. As you all know outdoor learning is a huge part of our curriculum offer and our staff have a lot of experience now in using the outdoor environment to promote exciting and engaging learning opportunities. There are plenty of places for our bubbles to find a good place to learn

