

### What would happen if the R rate increases and the death toll rises in between now and the 1<sup>st</sup> June?

We are following government advice and will continue to do so. Should anything change, we will update you. Our operational plan states that we constantly review our position.

### Will the children/staff have their temperatures taken before they enter school?

We not be administering daily temperature checks. Completing checks on such large numbers of children and staff presents difficulties with hygiene as well as being potentially intimidating for younger children. If a staff member or a child feels at all unwell they should not attend school.

### What will the school do to reduce the chance of the infection spreading?

We are doing everything we can to reduce the risk of spreading infection. We have strict risk assessments in place. We are following all government advice, which includes: creating small 'bubbles' of children(maximum 15) to ensure we are minimizing contact and mixing, have given designated spaces for each 'bubble', will carry out regular cleaning of surfaces during the day, children from Year 1 upwards will have their own resources and will not share. We have spread desks around to enable children to distance in class as much as possible. Younger children will have designated carpet spaces for direct teaching and will be supervised when in the areas. As much teaching as possible will be taken outside as infection rates are lessened outside. Hand and respiratory hygiene guidance will be strictly followed and we will be adhering to the latest DFE guidance. We have removed all soft furnishings and will be cleaning surfaces both throughout the day and a deeper clean each evening. Friday afternoons will see the school closing early to allow for a deep clean. We have updated our behaviour policy and children will be expected to follow the rules at all times. If a child can't do this and as a result their behaviour may impact on others, they will be removed from the classroom. Children will not be allowed to bring bags into school or PE kits. They will be allowed to bring one water bottle only. All books will remain in school and will not be passed between children.

### How are you going to ensure social distancing will happen?

We know that, unlike older children and adults, early years and primary age children cannot be expected to remain 2 metres apart from each other and staff. This is not achievable. Instead we are aiming to reduce contact between children and staff as far as possible, and are taking steps to achieve that and reduce transmission risk by ensuring children, and staff where possible mix only in a small group and keep that small group away from other people and groups. Children will be taught the importance of good hand and respiratory hygiene and there will be strict adherence to this.

### Can my child return the week after the 1<sup>st</sup> June (w/c 8<sup>th</sup> June)?

Yes, if your child is in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 or Year 6 and you would like to send them back the w/c 8<sup>th</sup> June or any time after this date if they are in the designated groups. (N,R,Y1,Y6) Please notify us well in advance if you intend for this to happen so we can plan for their return.

### Can my children attend certain days?

Children and young people in eligible year groups are strongly encouraged to attend full time (where there are no shielding concerns for the child or their household), so that they can gain the educational and wellbeing benefits of attending.

### How many days will my child be attending?

Nursery	usual full days or ½ days that were set before school closed
Reception	5 days
Year 1	5 days
Year 6	5 days
Keyworker children	when required & you have no other childcare option

However these days will be staggered and will not follow the usual start and finish times.

### Will the online learning still be available for those children who do not attend school?

Yes, we will provide links to online learning for both children who are in Y2,3,4 and 5 and those whose parents decide that they do not want their child to return.

### What if my child is a keyworker and is part of the returning year groups? Will they be part of the keyworker group or their usual year group?

Your child will be part of their returning year group and will start and end school with the rest of their year group.

### Will my child be taught in their usual classroom?

Not necessarily – the children are going to be taught in small groups therefore we will be spreading out across different classrooms.

### Will my child be taught by their usual teacher?

Not necessarily – all children will be taught by a teacher and will have a teaching assistant to support them alongside the teacher.

### Will my child remain in their group of 15 (or less) children?

Yes, this is one of the safety measures we have put in place. Your child will be able to mix with their group of 15 (or less) children. When we are grouping children, we will take friendship groups/needs into account as much as possible.

### What will lunchtimes look like for my child?

We will be providing packed lunches, rather than the usual hot school lunches. The reason for this is that packed lunches can be eaten easily and hygienically at the children's own work space. This means we will not have several groups of children using the school hall at the same time. Once the children have eaten their lunch, they will be taken onto the playground for their playtime. All eating spaces will be sanitized before and after food consumption.

### What will the Nursery and Reception setting look like?

I understand many of you will be concerned about the images you have seen in the media, which show bare classrooms and children playing alone. Children's mental health and wellbeing is one of our top priorities and every decision we have made has been made with wellbeing and safety at the core. We will be sharing pictures of what the classrooms look like on the website for your information.

For younger children, the resources made available will be carefully considered. For example, malleable resources, such as play dough, will not be shared and consideration will be given to their safe use, depending on circumstances.

Resources for activities such as painting, sticking, cutting, small world play, indoor and outdoor construction activities will be washed before and after use and where possible, children should be discouraged from sharing these.

Children will be taught to wash their hands frequently, but particularly after using wheeled bikes, trikes and other large, movable toys. Children will be encouraged where possible not to touch their faces or to put objects in their mouths. Sharing stories, singing and playing outdoor games will help all children to socialise and resettle into familiar everyday classroom routines.

### How will groups of 15 work when the whole school returns?

At present, we are focusing on the return of the 4 year groups stated in the government guidance. We will, as always, keep you updated when we know more.

Do you have a date when the other year groups will return?

No. This remains a government ambition but it will be impossible for us to implement if the government insist we stick to class sizes of no more than 15.

Will Wrap around care still be available?

School breakfast club and after school clubs will not be available as we can't ensure that our measures not to mix can be adhered to. Wraparound will be operating a very limited service so should be contacted directly.

If my child was due to start Nursery at Easter, will their place be held until September?

Yes.

Will my child be expected to wear a face covering?

No. Children are not able to wear face coverings. It is not practical, they will struggle to fit them independently and will be uncomfortable for them. If they put them down on a surface this will not be adhering to the strict respiratory hygiene guidance.

Why aren't the staff wearing PPE?

We are following government advice. PPE is only advised only if somebody is experiencing symptoms or a staff member has to work closely with a child e.g. to clean up after a child that has become unwell.

Can you ensure my child's safety?

We cannot say that there is no risk coming into school - we can only ensure that we do all we can to reduce risk. It is then the parent's choice as to whether they send their child or not.

Can I come in and see what you have put in place for the children?

No. Parents will not be allowed to enter the school building unless visiting the school office by appointment. Parents should only visit the school office if they have an issue that cannot be addressed via phone/email. We will be putting a photograph on the website of what the classrooms will look like once they are set up.

### What time will my child start/end school?

**Suggested staggered start times: (Please note as yet these are suggested and may be subject to change)**

Year Group	Start time:	End time: Monday-Thursday	End time Friday
Nursery (am and pm groups)	9:05- 11:45	1:00 – 2:25pm	2:15pm
Nursery (Split week)	To be confirmed		
Reception	9:25 am	2:05pm	1:15pm
Year 1	9:45am	2:45pm	1:35pm
Year 6	10:05am	3.05pm	1:55pm
Keyworker children	8:45 am	3:30 pm	3:30pm

**Fridays will finish early to ensure that there is enough time for a deep clean.**

We will also reopen slowly, with not all children returning in the first week. This is to ensure we get each year group settled before the next one comes in.

### What if I have children in different year groups and they have different start/end times?

Your children must arrive at the same start time and leave at the same end time. If you have children in two different year groups, your children will start at the later time and leave at the earlier time.

### What if my child needs First Aid, changing or some comfort?

Our staff will look after your child to the same high standards they always have. Our staff are passionate about your child's school experience and are conscious of the impact school changes may have on their mental wellbeing. We would never refuse to help or comfort a child in need. If a children requires first aid this will be administered in accordance with our risk assessment.

### How many children will be on the playground at one time?

30 children will be permitted onto the playground at one time. The playground will be divided into two spaces so that the children are only mixing with their group of 15. All children will have access to outdoor space throughout the day.

### Will I be penalised if I choose not to send my child to school?

The Department of Education has revealed that families who do not send their children back to school will not face a penalty - although they will be strongly encouraged to, unless a child or a family member is shielding, or the child is particularly vulnerable due to an underlying condition. They will be requested to notify the school each day to say if their child is not attending.

### What will be child's learning look like when they are back at school?

When your child returns to West Park Academy our priorities for our pupils will be to:

- consider their pupils' mental health and wellbeing and identify any pupil who may need additional support so they are ready to learn
- assess where pupils are in their learning, and agree what adjustments may be needed to the school curriculum over the coming weeks
- identify and plan how best to support the education of high needs groups, including disadvantaged pupils, and SEND and vulnerable pupils
- support pupils in Year 6, who will need both their primary and secondary schools to work together to support their upcoming transition to Year 7
- Support our Nursery children in their transition to school
- Ensure safety is at the forefront of everything we do

### What will my child need to wear when they return to school?

We would like the children to wear uniform where possible. All children's clothing must be washed daily. Children can wear comfortable, weather appropriate clothing if their uniform is not washed/ they have outgrown it. The children are not going to change clothes for their PE lessons, therefore we would like the children to wear sports shoes rather than school shoes. We also asked that all long hair is tied back and finger nails kept short.

### Where will my child line up at the start/end of the school day?

This will be detailed with you before your child starts. Each year group will have a different drop off point that will be clearly signposted for you. Children will be welcomed into school, if not by their teacher then by an adult that they are familiar with.