

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING SEPTEMBER OPENING AT ACRE HALL PRIMARY SCHOOL

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

We look forward to September and plan to open fully but with a few restrictions which are detailed below. If there are any changes over the summer, we will communicate them immediately. By the end of the summer holiday, our school website will again have been updated with advice and risk assessments on our front page 'Coronavirus' section.

The DFE guidance for school opening in September was released earlier this month. Since then we have been working on our risk assessments and developing plans for a full reopening on 3rd September, (with the exception of our nursery and reception class children who will join us for shorter sessions to begin with – separate information has been sent to the parents of these children).

The full guidance can be found by following the link below

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/guidance-for-schools-coronavirus-covid-19>

Headlines from the information

- We will need to stagger start and finish times to ensure there are not as many parents and children arriving/leaving at the same time. We understand that this can be problematic for families who have children in different classes/key stages but ask that parents try to keep to these times wherever possible.

Class	Doors Open	Registration – children must be in class for this time	Finish Time	Entry/Exit Point
Nursery – Mrs Jones	8.40am	8.45am	3.20pm	Classroom door
Reception – Mrs Moore	8.40am	8.45am	3.20pm	Classroom door
Reception/Y1 – Miss Breslin	8.40am	8.45am	3.20pm	Classroom door
Y1 - Miss Forlani	8.45am	8.50am	3.25pm	Classroom door
Y2 - Mr Brierley	8.45am	8.50am	3.25pm	Classroom door
All Small Classes	8.40am	8.45am	3.20pm	Classroom door
Y3, Y4 and Y4/5 – Mrs Kan, Mrs Edwards and Mr Stevenson	8.45am	8.50am	3.25pm	Fire doors at the end of building – rear of school
Y5 and Y6 – Miss Atherton and Miss Thake	8.50am	8.55am	3.30pm	KS2 playground door

This is a temporary arrangement during these unprecedented times.

- There will be a one way system around the school grounds to ensure that there is enough space for families to go through gateways safely. The gate entrance from Woodsend Crescent Road leading to the front of the building (old nursery path) will be the way in and the way out will be the gate next to the staff car park on Woodsend Crescent Road. The main front drive can also be used as a way in (keeping to the RHS) and if you are entering along this path you may exit by keeping to the left. This path can be used for breakfast club and EYFS. The EYFS play area will also be part of the one way system; enter by the school office gate and exit by the gate near Miss Breslin’s classroom. There will be signage around school and staff in place to direct you until everyone is used to the system.
- We respectfully ask that parents do not arrive too early – the gates will not be opened until 5 minutes before the first arrival/collection time. If you are waiting outside school please make sure you stand away from other families. Whilst waiting to pick up children please observe social distancing and if you wish to chat with other families please move off the playground and to an area outside of the school grounds where there is more space.
- Normal attendance procedures and our uniform policy will be reinstated. Summer uniform may be worn until October half term. Attendance will be statutory again and no holidays will be authorised during term time.
- The increased focus on good hygiene practices will remain. Additional cleaning hours have been arranged and will mean that toilets, door handles, bannister rails and other touch contact areas will be cleaned once during the day and also at the end of the day. Foot pedal operated hand sanitising stations will be in place in all classrooms as well as at breakfast club and ‘After Acres’ after school club. Children will sanitise on arrival at school and after breaks and PE sessions. There will also be hand sanitiser available on the playgrounds and sanitising stations in the corridors. The sanitiser used is PURUS 360 which has the same virus killing properties as alcohol based hand gel but is much kinder to hands and is halal certified. Special bins have been purchased with appropriate signage for disposing of paper tissues to avoid spread of any possible infection. These are emptied daily.
- Each class will be a bubble by itself and also part of a key stage bubble for break times. We are fortunate to have a number of play areas and key stages will be separated at break and lunch times. The EYFS, KS1 and Small Classes will eat lunch in the dining room but with space between each class bubble. The KS2 classes will eat lunch in their classrooms. Normal lunch arrangements will take place i.e choice of packed lunch from home, school sandwiches or hot lunches. KS2 pupils requiring a school lunch will have a lunch bag taken to their classroom if sandwiches are required or hot lunches will be taken to them in meal boxes.
- Assemblies in the hall will not take place at present but will be done via Zoom with class teachers logging in so that pupils can join in via the class smart boards. We hope that we will be able to resume class assemblies at some point but this may well be via Zoom, with links sent to parents to log in from home.

- Breakfast club will reopen on Thursday 3rd September and children will be organised in to key stage bubbles so that they mix with as few others as possible. 'After Acres' will also open on the first day back and will organise pupils in a similar way. Extensive risk assessments will be completed and added to the school website before the start of term.
- PE sessions will take place outside wherever possible and children will need a PE kit to be in school at all times. Equipment will be organised so that it does not 'cross' bubbles without being sanitised. A similar system will be in place for musical instruments; no 'blown' instruments will be used and there will be no group singing.
- Children should not bring pencil cases from home; all resources will be provided at school and kept to specific groups. Pupils should bring a water bottle and coat etc. A small bag or rucksack may be brought to hold a lunch box etc. Toys or other items from home should not be brought in. Homework will be set using the Seesaw system and should be completed on line. It is important that everyone engages with this system as we need to keep it up and running should we have to close at any point due to a coronavirus outbreak or should any pupils require classwork to be set for completion at home if they have to self - isolate.
- We are developing a system for distributing reading books and will share this information with you in September.
- Our curriculum will promote pupil development; initially this will be assessments of each pupil's starting point in reading, writing and maths, enabling staff to identify gaps in skills and knowledge and re-establish school learning. We will broaden these subjects to include the usual full curriculum as soon as possible. We will also focus on PSHE work, supporting our pupils to rebuild friendships with others, understand issues around loss and to support their well - being by discussing any anxieties and worries they may have.
- We ask that all families engage with NHS testing and tracing for coronavirus. It is important to remember that anyone displaying COVID-19 symptoms should book a test which is available for everyone including children under 5. Adults and children displaying symptoms must not come in to school. If symptoms develop during the school day pupils/school staff will be sent home to self - isolate and book a test. Further guidance will be given from NHS direct/test and trace regarding next steps after a test has been taken. In order for us to be able to contact parents should a child begin to display symptoms of coronavirus, please make sure all contact details are up to date. We will re send contact details checklists out at the start of the new term.
- We ask that all families adhere to government social distancing guidance and obey restrictions regarding large gatherings etc.
- The DFE guidance is quite clear in that pupils do not need to wear face coverings in school. We understand that this is a worry for many parents. Most children would find it difficult to

keep a face covering on for a long amount of time and would have to remove it for eating and drinking etc. This may induce more risk of contamination than not wearing a face covering would do. We therefore respectfully ask that children do not wear them in school.

- Staff will only wear a face mask if dealing with a child who has symptoms of coronavirus.
- All staff will be supplied with a clear face visor to be used only if giving first aid or for very close contact with children where social distancing is not possible and a plastic screen is not available. We will explain to children why this is used.
- If pupils travel to school by public transport they should be accompanied by a parent/carer who can be responsible for supervising them to wear a mask if needed.
- Pupils from our small classes will travel on school transport and we have created a 'small classes' bubble so that they can all be together without crossing any other bubbles.
- If a case of coronavirus does occur in school, or we are informed by NHS test and trace that there is a community case relevant to us, we will engage fully with Trafford Public Health and take all appropriate actions as recommended by them.
- If any pupils are worried or upset about starting back at school please contact us at the earliest opportunity so that we can meet them or speak to them to allay any fears.

This list of precautions and safety measures is as full as we can make it based on the current guidance. Please contact us if you have any further question or information you wish to share.