

COVID-19 School reopening September 2020



**RHODES AVENUE
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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The following policy will be followed by all pupils, parents and staff in the event of schools reopening on September 3 2020.

Rhodes Avenue school will be maximising control measures at all times to reduce the risk of infection.

Staff will socially distance from pupils wherever possible, although it is accepted that this is not always possible with younger children or those with SEND.

Staff will ensure that they reduce the number of other adult contacts as much as possible when at school.

Parents will only be able to enter the school premises if an appointment has been made. Parents will be able to communicate with staff via telephone, email and Zoom as applicable.

Pupils arriving at school

- All children must have their temperature taken before school. If their temperature is 37.8 or over they must remain at home and the school must be contacted immediately. Please do not give your child any paracetamol (Calpol) or ibuprofen (Nurofen) before school as this may mask a temperature. If your child needs these medications then they should remain at home.
- Reception: one parent may enter the school premises to drop off their child during the allocated time slot. Parents will need to follow the one-way system around the school and practise social distancing whilst on the school premises and while waiting to enter the gates.
- Siblings if unable to be kept at home are able to arrive with a single parent/ adult to drop and collect children.
- Y1 to Y6: Parents will bring the pupils to the designated gate during the time slot and the pupils will enter the school building to be met by staff.
- Parents will not be able to drop multiple children by 'cutting' through the school. Designated year group routes must be adhered to.
- If dropping multiple children, oldest child should be dropped off first.
- Any child who is late will need to enter the premises via the pedestrian entrance near Witham Hall.

Pupils leaving school

- There will be allocated waiting places outside the school while waiting for the end of the day.
- At the end of the day, Reception parents will enter the premises and collect their pupils from the classrooms.

- Year 1 to Year 6 pupils will leave the school building and be met by their parent at the designated meeting point/gate. Staff will be present to ensure pupils are met safely by their parents.
- Parents will not be able to deviate from the designated routes to collect multiple children.
- Gates will close 15 minutes after the dedicated pick up times.

If parents do not follow school systems in place they will politely be asked to leave the premises.

Ensuring effective infection protection and control

The school will be closely following guidance in Coronaviruas (COVID-19): implementing protective measures in education and childcare settings (12th May 2020) and Guidance for Full Opening (28th August 2020)

- School have increased the cleaning hours. There will be a dedicated full time cleaner in EYFS and all central areas and toilets.
- All staff and pupils to wash before school and wear clean clothes every day.
- All staff and pupils will wash their hands on arrival at school.
- All long hair to be tied back.
- All pupils (Y1 to Y6) to bring their own pencil case (containing pencil, rubber, ruler and colouring pencils) and own water bottle (both must be named.)
- Pupils will hang coats and bags on the the backs of their chair in their classroom.
- Lockers will not be used.
- Each child will have their own chair and table in their classroom.
- Pupils will eat lunches in the classroom. Where pupils are eating a school meal, these will be delivered to the classroom by a member of staff.
- All Reception and Year 1 pupils will be provided with a school meal.
- All pupils and staff will regularly wash their hands throughout the day using warm water and soap. Pupils will be supervised to ensure they are cleaning their hands thoroughly. There will also be hand sanitiser available for all staff and pupils.
- All pupils will remain with their 'pods' and not mix with other pupils or staff in the school.
- Staff will be able to cross 'pods' but will remain within the year group hub.
- Pupils will have playtimes with their hub. Each pod will have an allocated zone to play in.
- Pupils are not required to wear facemasks. Staff may choose to if they wish.
- If a child needs any intimate care, staff will have access to PPE (mask, gloves, apron, goggles).

Illness

- If any staff member or child becomes ill with a new, persistent cough, a high temperature (37.8 or above) or experience changes to or loss of their sense of smell or taste, they will be sent home to isolate for 10 days. They should arrange to be tested for coronavirus immediately <https://www.gov.uk/apply-coronavirus-test>
- If the child tests positive, their pod will be closed for 14 days and all the pupils and staff in this pod will isolate at home. The school will immediately contact the PHE, DfE and LCRC and follow the advice provide.
- The school will contact PHE and/or LCRC to ask for advice if a positive case is suspected a family have been unable to be tested or test results are unclear.
- When a child is waiting to be collected, they will wait in the Covid medical room where they will be monitored by a member of staff from outside the room.
- PPE should be worn by staff who are caring for the child as they wait to be collected.
- When a pupil or staff member develops symptoms they should isolate for 10 days and everyone in their household should isolate for 14 days.
- All staff and pupils who develop symptoms will have access to a test. If the test is negative, the pupil or staff member can return to school and their household members can end self-isolation.
- If the test is positive, the other pupils and staff from their pod (and the other pod that the staff work with) will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of that pod do not need to self-isolate unless the pupil or staff member they live with develops symptoms. Once the pupil or staff member develops symptoms and receives a positive test result, they should then start self-isolation for 10 days. The pod will be closed for 14 days from the day of confirmation of the COVID-19 diagnosis.
- The right to close the school, pod or hub remains with the Headteacher if health and safety are a concern.

Behaviour Policy COVID-19 Appendix June 2020

As schools reopen, it is crucial that pupils and staff are able to employ social distancing as much as possible.

We recognise the younger the children the more difficult the social distancing. Staff will remind children not to touch each other. The staff will continue to remind children, play games and sing songs as prompts.

Pupils will be expected to follow instructions from members of staff to ensure social distancing from adults is employed as much as is reasonably possible.

Where pupils are purposefully ignoring instructions from staff members, they will be issued with a Stage 3 (dependent on the age of the pupil and any SEND). A senior member of staff will meet with parents to discuss the expectations for behaviour with regard to social distancing