

# COVID-19 School Opening



RHODES AVENUE  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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The following policy will be followed by all pupils, parents and staff following the wider school opening.

### **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.
- All parents/Carers must follow the allocated route for their year group.
- 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.
- Parents are asked to wear face coverings if they are able.
- Siblings are able to arrive with a single parent/ adult to drop and collect children.
- 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. Registers will be kept open for 10 minutes.
- Any child who is late will need to enter the premises via the pedestrian entrance (blue Route) near Witham Hall.
- Nursery children will have their temperature taken before entering the classroom.

### **Pupils leaving school**

- There will be allocated waiting places outside the school while waiting for the end of the day. Information will be shared with parents for spaced meeting points.
- Nursery parents will collect children from their allocated classroom via the white route (January 2021)
- At the end of the day, Reception parents will enter the premises and collect their pupils from the classrooms via the white route. (Reception follow year 1-6 guidance January 2021)
- 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.
- Child care support must be reported to the school. Children will not be allowed to leave with adults not registered in their childcare bubble.

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

## **Ensuring effective infection protection and control**

### **Guidance for schools: coronavirus (COVID-19) (17 June 2020, updated 3 February 2021)**

- The school will regularly update the [Risk Assessment](#) in line with Government Guidance.
- The School has increased the cleaning hours. There will be a dedicated full time cleaners, one in EYFS and one in 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/hand gel their hands on arrival at school.
- 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.
- 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 in the classrooms and around the school building.
- All pupils will remain with their 'pods' and not mix with other pupils or staff in the school.
- Key Worker pupils will remain in their own pods and not mix with the other pupils.
- 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 to wear face covering when moving around the school building.
- PPE to be worn when welcoming Nursery children into school
- If a child needs any intimate care, staff will have access to PPE (mask, gloves, apron).

## **Illness**

- If any staff member or child becomes ill with a new, continuous cough, a high temperature (37.8 or above) or sudden loses or change to 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

- If a child is waiting to be collected, they will wait in the small back office 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 and their household (including support and child care bubble) should isolate for 10 days from the first day of symptoms or test result if asymptomatic.
- 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, all close contacts will be told to isolate for 10 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. The pod will be closed for 10 days from the day of confirmation of the COVID-19 diagnosis or first day of symptoms.
- School staff have the option to be part of the LFD testing programme. ([See separate document for further guidance](#)). Pods will be closed following a positive LFD test or 2 voids results pending PCR test results.

<b>Quick Links</b>	
Reporting every LFD test (online portal)	
<a href="https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=S9XR8RZxKNo">https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=S9XR8RZxKNo</a>	Step by step guide to COVID-19 self-testing
To book a PCR test	
	Reporting LFD test to school
<a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Reportingyourresults">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Reportingyourresults</a>	

## **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. We cannot guarantee your children will remain 2 meters from each other throughout the day. The staff will continue to remind children, play games and sing song as prompts.

Pupils will be expected to follow instructions from members of staff to ensure social distancing 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.

[Home School Agreement – Early Years](#)

[Home School Agreement – Whole School](#)

### **Related Policies**

Remote Learning Policy

Attendance Policy

Behaviour Policy