



Guide to returning to school

At Ravensbury Community School our main focus is for the safety and welfare of our pupils, families and our staff.

We will do everything we can to make school the vibrant and exciting place it normal is but it will be a very different place, one which the children (and staff) might take a little while to get used to. But you can be assured that we will do our best to make the return to school as smooth as possible.

Protective Measures

Following guidance provided by the Department for Education school have put the following protective measures in place to reduce the risk of transmission and minimise the risk to pupils, staff and parents.

- To limit the contact between pupils as much as possible we will operate staggered start and finish times. These will range between 8.40 and 9.00 and 3.10 to 3.30 pm.
- Parents will not be allowed to enter the school premises.
- Children will work in class bubbles and will remain in these bubbles throughout the day.
- Classroom spaces will be look different so that we can adhere to social distancing measures. Children in Y1 to Y6 will sit at forward facing desks. All non-essential resources and furnishings will be removed.
- Children will be given their own stationery pack. It will contain all the equipment and resources they need. They will keep this in school at all times.
- Reading books will be collected in on Friday, allowing them to be quarantined over the weekend, before giving them out on a Monday.
- Children will work on technological devices (regularly wiped down) or in books, staff will give immediate verbal feedback.
- Lunchtimes and playtimes will be staggered.
- Children will not be allowed to bring anything in from home, except for a packed lunch in a disposal bag.
- Children will be asked to come to school PE ready.
- Learning within classrooms will focus on core skills in the morning and a wider curriculum in the afternoon.
- Regular hygiene breaks built in throughout day for hand washing.
- Additional cleaning of areas during the day and a deep cleaning of classrooms once a fortnight
- No whole school gatherings including assemblies
- If any child or member of staff presents with symptoms of coronavirus they will be sent home immediately and asked to self-isolate for 10 days. They will also be asked to access a test.
- If a child or staff member tests negative, they can return to school.
- If any child or member of staff tests positive the social bubble will be closed and close contacts in that bubble will be advised to isolate for 10 days.
- Activities to focus on their physical health and mental wellbeing.
- School based staff will be urged to take lateral flow tests twice a week.
- School staff will wear face coverings when in class and when moving round the building.
- Increased ventilation while maintaining a comfortable temperature in classrooms.

Attendance

All pupils are expected to return to school on Monday 8th March.

Lunchtime

At lunchtime the children will have 30 minutes to eat lunch in their classroom/dining room followed by 30 minutes outside to play in a zoned section of the playground. Each bubble will have a selection of equipment to play with which will be sanitised after use. We will encourage children to keep two metres apart whilst playing within their bubbles but it is unrealistic to expect them to do this.

PLEASE BE PATIENT

The health and safety of everyone at Ravensbury Community School is paramount so we ask that parents are patient when:

Dropping children off at school

When dropping children off, parents are asked to adhere to the staggered start time and queue along the pavement outside the allocated school entrance on the social distance markings. Pupils will be asked to make their way to the allocated zone on the playground and line up on the markers provided where they will be met by their teacher. If children are late they will be asked to enter through the main entrance where strict social distancing measures are in place.

Picking children up from school

When picking children up, parents are asked to adhere to the staggered finish times. Parents should queue along the pavement outside the allocated school entrance on the social distance markings. The children will line up in the allocated zone before being dismissed by their teacher one at a time. Please be patient.









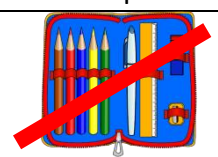





Children should be dropped off and picked up by someone who lives in their household or the person who is part of their childcare bubble.



Parents are asked to wear a face covering when dropping off and picking up children, unless they are exempt.

Parents need to know guide

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|  Wear a face covering or mask | Please wear a face covering when dropping off or picking up, unless exempt |
|  | If your child or someone in the household goes for a covid-19 test, the child should not come back into school until the test result has been received. |
|  | If your child or a person in your house presents with symptoms of coronavirus they should not attend school. |
|  | If your child has been in contact with someone who has coronavirus they need to isolate for 10 days. |
|  | Parents are asked to adhere to the 2 metre social distancing measures in place around the school at all times for everyone's safety. |
|  1 adult | Only <u>one</u> parent should drop off and pick up children from the designated areas. This must be someone who lives in their household. |
|  | Parents should not gather and chat at the gate. |
|  Please phone | Parents will not be allowed on the school premises. If you need to speak to somebody in school then please phone school on 0161 223 0370. |
|  | Your child should not bring anything in from home; they will not need their PE kit or any stationary. |
|  | If children bring in a packed lunch from home then we ask that it is put in a bag which can be thrown away. |
|  | Where ever possible children should stay in their own house. They should not go and play in anybody else's house. |
|  | Please keep to the staggered drop off and pick up times. |
|  | Children should come to school in their uniform. |
|  | Please drop off and pick up at the allocated zone for each yeargroup. |

By working together and following these guidelines we can create a safe environment for the children.