



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 schools 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 8.50 and 9.30 and 3.00 to 3.30 pm.
- Parents will not be allowed to enter the school premises.
- All pupils will be allocated to a colour coded bubble which they will remain in throughout the day including playtime and lunchtime. There can be no changes to the bubbles and bubbles cannot mix.
- Children will work in bubbles with no more than 10 children in each bubble
- There will be one teacher and teaching assistant in each bubble.
- Classroom spaces will be look significantly different to adhere to social distancing measures. Children will have an allocated desk or carpet space (EYFS). All non-essential resources and furnishings will be removed.
- Children will be given their own stationery pack in a plastic wallet. It will contain all the equipment and resources they need. They will keep this at school at all times. Reading books will be given to use in school but unfortunately they will not be allowed to take them home.
- Children will work on technological devices (regularly wiped down) or on paper, staff will give immediate verbal feedback. They will not take work home to mark to minimise the risk of transmitting the virus.
- 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.
- 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 week
- 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 14 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 people in that bubble will be advised to isolate for 14 days.
- Activities to focus on their physical health and mental wellbeing.

Lunchtime

At lunchtime the children will have 30 minutes to eat lunch in their classroom 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.



For the remainder of the Summer term children do not need to wear their school uniform. We ask children to wear clean clothes every day to reduce the risk of transmitting the virus, as it can last on clothing for up to 5 days. Children should not wear cropped tops or beach wear, they should wear appropriate footwear as they will be doing a lot of activities outside.

Parents need to know guide

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	Any child who is extremely critically vulnerable should not attend school.
	Any child living with an extremely critically vulnerable person should not attend school.
	If your child or a person in your house presents with symptoms of coronavirus they should not attend school
	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.
	No uniform. Children can wear their own clothes to school; this is so they can wear clean clothes every day. Appropriate clothing and shoes must be worn; no cropped tops, strappy tops, party wear or flip flops.
	Please adhere to the staggered drop off and pick up times
	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.