



Information for Parents

Full reopening of Water Street Primary School

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# Introduction

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 8th September.

We have been busy preparing Water Street for a safe reopening and we know you will have questions about our plans. We wanted to put all of the key information into one booklet for you and your family, so hopefully you will find this guide informative in helping you understand the procedures involved in reopening of our school.

We would like to explain all the measures we are putting into place and to reassure you that we will do everything we can to ensure that the safety of our pupils and staff remain our top priority. We will continue to monitor and update our plans, in line with Department for Education guidance.

Your child's class teacher will be emailing home on Friday 4 September a short film clip for you to share with your child, that will show what their new classroom will look like, which door they will enter through and any other information specific to their class.

Thank you once again for all of your support through this most unprecedented and challenging time.

**The Water Street Team**

# Year Group Bubbles

Children will be organised into year group bubbles. This means that as a year group / class they can mix together but they will not mix with other year groups. The children will be in their own class with their teacher and teaching assistant. The class / bubble can play together outside and have lunch together.

We cannot have assemblies or other gatherings with different year groups / classes. These will be done either in individual year groups or by everyone attending an online assembly.

Children will be able to take home reading books but we will have a system in place to manage them when they return.

Children in Years 2 to 6 will be sat in rows facing the front. Children will not be facing each other. Tables will be spaced out.



Where possible and depending on the age of the children, the teacher will remain at a 2 metre distance from children. Obviously, children who need support will receive it.

It will be different but staff and children will rise to the challenge!

Staff members will send home today a short video clip showing the layout and set up of their new classroom, which door they will use when coming in and out of school and where they will be hanging up their coat etc.

## Playtimes & Lunchtime

During playtimes and lunchtimes children will only mix with their own class bubble.

Each bubble will have their own allocated section of the playground and there will be staggered timings for morning break and lunch play.

Our Reception Class will use their own outside area next to their classroom and not use the main playground at lunchtimes.



# Start & Finish of the School Day

## Dropping off your child at the beginning of the school day:

Rather than having staggered start times for each class we have decided that the best and safest way to begin our day at Water Street will be an 'open door' policy!

It will work exactly like when pupils used to come straight inside in the mornings because of wet weather...

School doors will open at 8.45am—and children may arrive at any time between 8.45am and 9am. Using this system will reduce congestion in the corridors and coat areas and allow a calm start to the day.

We kindly ask parents not to come onto the school site when dropping off their child at the main playground gates—Mr Anslow & Mrs Overson will be at the gate to welcome you!



**Children in Years  
1 to 6**

**will enter  
through these  
gates in the  
morning.**

**Parents will also  
use these gates  
when collecting  
pupils at the end  
of the day**

*Please do not use the  
gate by the main  
entrance.*

# Collecting your child at the end of the school day:

Playground Gates will be unlocked at 3.05pm

- EYFS/Reception will finish at 3.10pm and leave through their own gate at the bottom of school
- Year 1 will finish at 3.10pm and leave through their own classroom door
- Year 2 will finish at 3.10pm and leave through the top corridor door
- Year 3 will finish at 3.15pm and leave through the main door
- Year 4 will finish at 3.15pm and leave through the top corridor door
- Year 5 will finish at 3.15pm and leave through the main door—after Year 3 have left
- Year 6 will finish at 3.15pm and leave through the main door— after Year 5 have left

At the end of the day parents must collect their children from the main playground (except Reception Class)

Children to go to their parents and leave the playground as soon as possible.

Parents must enter through the main playground gates and not the gates by the office entrance. **Only one parent only to collect their child from school at the end of the day.**

Year 5 & 6 pupils may leave by the gates by the office if they are walking home alone.



**Year 2 exit**

**Year 4 exit**



**Year 3 exit**

**Year 5 exit**

**Year 6 exit**



# School Meals



Our school meal service will commence on Tuesday 8 September, however we will not be able to initially offer a full range of choices and options.

Pupils will have their lunch in the classrooms as part of their class bubble. If you opt for a school meal—this will be in the form of a ‘grab bag’. There is a choice of hot or cold lunch, although the choice is limited to 2 options.

**This system will be reviewed at the end of September by Dolce** (our catering provider) to see if we are able to return to our usual lunch service with 4 choices, using the main school dining room.

The menus are ‘live’ on your School Grid Account. If you need to set up a new account or need passwords resetting - please email the school office:  
[admin@waterstreetschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@waterstreetschool.org.uk)

# Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will resume from Tuesday 8 September, opening from 7.45am until the beginning of the school day. It will operate in a slightly different way with three breakfast club bubbles.

There will be separate equipment for each bubble.

# After School Care - “Out & About”

After School Care is provided by Out & About, Helen Johnson will contact those parents who use directly with information regarding the re-opening of the club.

After School Provision will resume from Tuesday 8 September:

3.15pm to 6.30pm.

If you have any further questions regarding After School Care—please contact Helen Johnson.

# PE Lessons

Pupils will continue to have PE lessons throughout the week, some of these lessons will be provided by sports coaches, as well as Water Street Staff.

On PE days we are asking pupils to school in their kit as this avoids the need for children to bring in kit from home and having to change in school.

A reminder of our PE kit (for Years 1 to 6)

- Water Street PE Hoodie
- PE Tee Shirt in House Colour
- Plain Dark Joggers/Leggings (or navy/black shorts)
- Trainers (not black pumps)



**Your child's class teacher will let you know which days pupils will need to come to school in PE kit.**

**On all other days pupils are expected to be in full school uniform.**

## What can children bring into school?

- Pupils will need a named drinks bottle/container filled with water. This will need to go home each day.
- Packed lunch—if not having a school meal.
- Coat
- Small book bag (if needed) - no large bags please!
- Pupils in Year 6 may bring their own pencil case—but it will need to stay in school and not go home.
- Pupils in Years 1 to 5—will be provided with their equipment at school.
- Nothing else should be brought into school, all other equipment will be provided by the school.

# Reducing the Risk:

## Additional Cleaning

Water Street Cleaners will be working through out the school day and surfaces, door handles, stair rails will all be cleaned at regular intervals through out the day. Toilets will also receive additional cleaning.

Staff will record that cleaning has been completed and also the time.

## Hand Washing

Pupils will be encouraged to wash their hands regularly throughout the school day. Time and support will be dedicated to ensuring that this is carried out effectively.

Pupils need to wash their hands:

- Before leaving home in the morning
- On arrival at school
- When returning from playtime
- Before eating lunch
- When returning to the classroom from lunch
- Before going home



## Hand Sanitiser Stations

There are 'non touch' hand sanitiser stations in every classroom and throughout school, using alcohol based hand gel - this is not in place of washing hands with soap and hot water, but in addition!



# Social Distancing

The Department for Education (DfE) has recognised that, unlike older children and adults, early years and primary age children cannot be expected to always remain 2 metres apart from each other and staff.

We will reduce contact between children and staff as far as possible. Steps will be taken to achieve this and reduce transmission risk by ensuring children and staff—where possible—mix only within their class bubble and this group is kept away from other people and groups.

Parents will need to adhere to social distances measures on the playground at the end of the day by maintaining a 2 metre distance from other people not in their household.



# Face Coverings

Staff & primary aged pupils **are not expected to wear face coverings/masks at school**, unlike secondary aged students.

**Please could we kindly ask parents to wear face coverings when waiting on the playground to collect their child at the end of the day, even though it will be outside.**

Staff may wear visors when dismissing pupils on the playground at the end of the day.



Thank you for your cooperation.



# Medical Care

Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell in any way.

**Please be extra vigilant.**

Parents/Carers are required to check that their child is well enough to attend school each day and is not displaying symptoms of the coronavirus illness.

**These symptoms currently include:**

- **A high temperature**
- **A new continuous cough**
- **A loss or change in your sense of smell or taste**

More information can be found on the following website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

If a pupil appears to exhibit a higher than normal temperature or becomes ill during the school day, parents will be contacted and expected to make arrangements to collect their child from school immediately.

## Testing for Covid-19 and 'Test & Trace'

Any pupil attending school who begins to exhibit any symptoms of Covid-19 is eligible for a test. Should a pupil require a test, this must be arranged as soon as possible by their parent and the pupil should be isolated at home along with the other members of their household until the results of the test are known. The result must be communicated to school as soon as it is known.

- If the test is returned as **negative**, the pupil may return to school
- If the test is returned as **positive** then the whole household should continue to self isolate for 14 days from the onset of symptoms and the pupil should not return to school.

Should a pupil return a positive test then the remainder of their class bubble will be advised and may be required to remain at home to self isolate for a period of 14 days. (this will only be done if directed by Public Health England) Members of their household do not need to self isolate unless the pupil in their household begins to show symptoms.



# Finally ...

When the children return to school next week, emphasis will be placed on their emotional and mental wellbeing. They will be given support to help them understand the changes that have been made to their usual school environment and how school will operate for the foreseeable future.

In the first few weeks our focus will be:

- Settling everyone back into a school routine
- Building up children's confidence, resilience and re-establishing friendships.
- Assessing where children are in terms of their learning, ready to build upon this.
- Supporting children to re-establish their positive attitudes to learning and independence.
- Back filling any gaps in their knowledge to ensure they swiftly make progress in their learning.

**I hope we have been able to cover all of the necessary information . If you have any further unanswered questions , please do not hesitate to get in touch.**

**Thank you for all of your support over the last few months. Your understanding and positivity has been greatly appreciated.**

**We are all very much looking forward to welcoming all of the children back on Tuesday 8th September.**

**Thank you**

**Mr Stuart Anslow**

**Headteacher**