



Plan for Autumn 2020

Re-opening



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We are busy preparing Sherford Vale School for a safe reopening for the Autumn Term and I know you will have many questions about our plans. I wanted to put all the key information into one booklet for you and your family, so hopefully you will find this guide informative. This guide explains our plans for reopening our school.

We want to explain all the measures we are putting in place and to reassure you that we will do everything we can to ensure that the health, safety and wellbeing of pupils remains our top priority. Our planning will mean that your child/children can access school without concern. We will continue to monitor and update our plans, in line with the government guidance. Sherford Vale School has proactively and successfully managed the impact of the pandemic to date and wish for this to continue in the future.

(I have made this information guide alphabetical to make the information easy to find and check.)

After school Club

We are able to provide after school club (wrap around care) from 3pm-6pm daily. This will be situated either in the studio or the hall depending on numbers. Please pick up from the office doors. There is a fee for this service and can be paid via Parent Pay and bookings made via the office. Children will be split into KS1 and KS2 bubbles.

Attendance

It is vital for all children to return to school to minimise as far as possible the longer-term impact of the pandemic on children's education, wellbeing and wider development. Those children with higher overall absence tend to achieve less in both primary and secondary school. School attendance will therefore be closely monitored again from the beginning of the autumn term. This means that from September, the usual rules apply.

If your child is unwell we recommend that parents contact the GP in the usual way. Medical advice is available 24/7, please telephone 111. If your child is going to be absent from school, we ask that you contact the school in the usual way by telephoning school 01752 891795 or email: admin@plymouth.gov.uk.

Breakfast Clubs

We are pleased to say that we are able to offer breakfast club from 3rd September. This must be pre-booked via contacting the school office- we are looking to make an online booking system to make this process easier and more efficient. Children will be split into KS1 and KS2 bubbles and will be required to wash their hands on arrival and exit from the club. We are open 07:30-9:00 and this will be in the school hall.

Drop off zone will also be available from 08:30-08:45 daily from the front of the school. We will ensure that your child makes it to class at the correct time. There is no charge for this service.

Bubble groups

Each class/year group will be treated as a separate 'bubble' in order to reduce grouping children together and also to avoid contact between other groups. We aim, as much as possible, to keep bubbles separate at lunch and playtimes. We will continue with staggered lunchtimes, minimising the number of children in the dining hall. Children will be sat in their year group bubbles within the larger Key Stage 1 bubble. In the playground class group bubbles will have designated places to play.

'Catch it, bin it, kill it' approach

We will be promoting good respiratory hygiene at all times. Children are encouraged to always carry tissues (this will be provided in all classrooms) and to sneeze or cough into a tissue, dispose of the tissue in a bin and then wash their hands as soon as possible. Contaminated waste will be double bagged and stored for 72 hours before disposal.

Class Sizes

Staff may be needed to alter classroom layouts to maximise the distance between all teachers and pupils. Each classroom has cleaning equipment to regularly wipe down surfaces, door handles and equipment. The classrooms are well ventilated and we use the outdoor environment as much as possible.

Cleaning

Rigorous cleaning and disinfecting of classrooms and furniture will take place at the end of every day. Toilets are cleaned at the end of the day and also after lunchtime. This includes common touchpoints, such as door handles, light switches, taps and soap dispensers. Table top surfaces are also being wiped after lunchtime. All classrooms are cleaned at the end of the day

Covid-19 Signs and Symptoms

We ask that if someone in the household has Covid-19, that the child does not come to school.

Anyone who displays symptoms whilst in school, will be isolated immediately and parents contacted. Anyone who displays symptoms can and should get a test. Tests can be booked online through the NHS testing and tracing for coronavirus website or ordered by telephone via the NHS 119. We ask parents to inform the school immediately of the test results. If someone tests negative they can stop self-isolating. If someone tests positive they should follow the 'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus infection' and must continue to self-isolate for at least 7 days from the onset of their symptoms.

Covid-19 Testing

Testing facilities are available at our nearest NHS testing centre which is at Derriford. NHS testing is now available to anyone in the UK that is showing COVID-19 symptoms, including under 12s. If a child displays symptoms, they will be required to take a test

Classrooms

All pupils will, as much as possible, sit side by side facing forwards towards the front of the classroom. Resources such as books and games can be used and shared within the bubble but will be cleaned regularly. Any resources, such as science equipment can be used across bubbles but this will be cleaned with the appropriate products. Children will have access to the toilets within their classroom only and will not be able to use any other toilets in the school.

Communication

We will continue to communicate via Teachers2parents, Facebook, Newsletters, website, Class Dojo and Tapestry. It is really important that we have correct and up to date information. Please could you inform the office if you have changed your number or moved so that we can update our systems. Communication is key for smooth operations and keeping you up to date with the ever changing guidance and systems.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

RugbyTots, Eolas+ and Saints South West will be running after school clubs but will only be for one key stage at a time- this will be specified on the letters which will be sent out.

Teacher led clubs will not happen for Term 1.

Face Masks

Face masks can be worn by any pupil or teacher who wishes to do so (although not recommended). However, if pupil's face masks become wet or uncomfortable this arrangement may have to be reviewed. Pupils must not swap face masks with other children. Staff are able to use facemasks if administering intimate care or first aid.

Hand Sanitiser

Hand sanitiser is available along the school corridor and staff are required to make use of it regularly. Hand sanitiser is also available in every classroom along with antibacterial hand wash in all toilets. All visitors to the site will be required to use anti-bacterial hand sanitiser.

Hand Washing

Thorough handwashing routines will be implemented throughout the school day. Pupils will be asked to wash their hands when they arrive in school, before and after play time, before

and after lunch time and at the end of the day before returning home as a minimum. They will also need to wash their hands before entering after school club.

Home Learning

Over the last few months, school has shown that it can deliver home learning to a very high standard while the school has been closed. The Class Dojo platform has been well received by parents and children. We are looking to continue this from September with home learning and children can still earn Dojo points for their efforts. This is also a quick communication tool to contact the class teachers, TAs and Headteacher directly. For any child or group self-isolating, home learning will continue through Class Dojo.

Learning

Children will be learning RWI in their own classes for the first week until they are set and grouped. Children will then work in their RWI bubble within their KS1 larger bubble.

Learning reviews (parent's evenings) will be held at the end of Term 1, and parents will be offered meetings face to face, via telephone or preferably via Microsoft teams. DfE guidance states that ideally adults should maintain a 2m distance from each other, and from children. We know that it is not always possible, particularly when working with younger children, but if adults can do this when circumstances allow, it will help.

The first week back we will be having a whole school approach which will focus on the children's mental health and wellbeing. We will be teaching through PSHE and ensuring children have the opportunity to make sense of COVID19 and their worries. We will be basing our English learning around the 'Book of Hopes' and creating a whole school celebration at the end of the week. 'Sherford Book of Hopes'. We will also focus on team building, relationships, using the outdoors and physical activity. We want children to feel safe, happy and secure back at school and staff to build strong relationships with the children, knowing exactly how to support them socially and academically.

During the first few weeks back, teachers will prioritise identifying gaps and re-establish good progress in the essential areas of phonics, reading, increasing vocabulary, writing and mathematics. Our curriculum will remain broad, so that the majority of pupils are taught a full range of subjects over the year, including science, art, geography and history. Some pupils will receive additional support from teachers, teaching assistants or possibly a tutor via online platforms.

Lunch

From September, a hot meal will be available to order from the school kitchen with a more varied menu. Timings of each bubble in the dining hall will be staggered, with bubbles kept separate from each other. Tables will be wiped after each year group. There will be a one-way system to enter and exit the hall in order to avoid creating busy corridors. Children briefly passing in the corridor or playground is low risk. Playground time and where the

children are playing are also timetabled to stop cross contamination of bubbles as much as possible.

Playground Equipment

We will restrict the number of children playing on equipment at any one time. The equipment is cleaned after each bubble has used it.

Routine

During school closure, children will not have had the same routine as being in school. We ask parents to establish a back to school routine as soon as possible as this will help your child's focus and engagement in class.

School Uniform

From September, we expect all pupils to wear normal school uniform. Uniforms do not need to be cleaned any more often than usual, nor do they need to be cleaned using methods which are different from normal. Please see the school website for details of our school uniform policy.

Social Gatherings

In order to avoid social gathering on the playground, we ask parents to socially distance from each other and avoid waiting in groups. We have introduced staggered start times to stop mass amounts of parents arriving at the same time and specified an entrance to use. Please could only ONE parent only to drop off/collect children.

Time to arrive	Year Group	Collection time	Entrance/Exit
8:30	Year 1 and 2	15:00	Car park-Classroom
8:45	Year 3 and 4	15:10	Bottom gates- Playground
9:00	Nursery and Foundation	12:00 Week 1 15:15 From week 2	Car park- Foundation/EYFS class.
9:00	Year 5 and 6	15:15	Bottom gates- Playground

Breakfast club is available from 7:30-9:00 and can be paid for via Parent Pay. Children will be split into KS1 and KS2 with appropriate activities set.

Drop off zone is also available from 8:30-8:45 at the front of the school.

DfE guidance recommends for groups/bubbles to be kept apart, meaning that schools should avoid large gatherings such as whole school assemblies. We will find creative ways to still share learning and performances with you.

Temperature Checks

We ask parents to check their child's temperature every morning before coming to school and once again after coming home at the end of the day. Should children feel unwell, school has digital infrared temperature checking facilities.

Trips and Clubs

Fortunately, the size of the school provides adequate space for healthy exercise at a safe distance from others. For at least term 1, there will be no extra-curricular activities in order to avoid 'mixing the bubbles' with the exception of external providers: Rugby Tots, EOLAS+ and Saints South West. (Details will be on the letters which will be sent out.)

In order to keep the entire school community safe, we will do everything we can to reduce contact between people and avoid large groups congregating together. Sports and activities will be conducted in such a way as to remove points of contact as much as possible.

Visitors

Updated protocols on visitors to the school building are in place. Our locked car park and secure gates restricts access to visitors from outside the school. All necessary visitors (school nurse, educational psychologist, sports coaches etc.) to the school will be required to use hand sanitiser and to leave their contact details should we need to contact them in the future. No parents will be allowed inside the school building. Unfortunately, coming onto the school site without an appointment is not allowed. Parents may enter the reception area and office staff will step back from the desk to deal with any emergencies or deliveries. Please call or email the office if you need to make an appointment. All 1:1 parent visits will be in the meeting room.

Worried or anxious?

We recognise that good mental health is essential for pupils to thrive in school. Many of our teaching assistants are trained to support children's emotional needs and we have ELSA support interventions. Through the Plymouth Excellence Cluster multi-agency support team (MAST), we can refer children for counselling or drama/art therapy and support parents by providing Family Support Workers.

We have a PSA (Parent Support Advisor) who will be available to support parents in a number of ways and also pinpoint support to help with your anxieties, mental health and wellbeing. Look at our website to see our new PSA page for more information.

I hope you have found this information booklet helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact admin@sherfordvaleschool.co.uk if you have any questions or contact the headteacher or class teachers via Class Dojo Pages.



Public Health
England

Staff or children with suspected or confirmed COVID-19?

A new continuous cough?

OR

Fever?

OR

Loss or change
in taste or smell?

3. Small numbers!

4. Avoid/ reduce mixing

2. Clean! Clean! Clean!

1. Wash your hands!

5. Declutter and
reduce sharing

All of these measures help
to prevent the spread of
infection and will therefore
protect staff and children

Isolate and test!

Call 119 or use NHS online portal

FOR A

SUSPECTED OR CONFIRMED CASE

Contact your local

Health Protection Team (PHE) on

0300 303 8162 or swhpt@phe.gov.uk

CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.



BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.



KILL IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.

