



## Frequently Asked Questions for Parents – Reopening Schools

*Please note these plans may be subject to change dependent on updated advice from the Department of Education.*

Question	Answer
Has a suitable risk assessment been completed?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The DfE has not provided schools with a coronavirus specific risk assessment, but a series of general guidance documents.</li><li>• School plans have been made using DfE guidance documents and a Covid-19 Risk Assessment written in addition to existing risk assessments for the school site.</li><li>• Local Authority guidance has been regularly given.</li></ul>
Who can be in school?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The intent is to be open to Year 6, Year 1 and Reception pupils only.</li><li>• Childcare provision for critical workers and vulnerable pupils will change. These children will be provided with access to the home learning and basic skills practice software in school in the morning and a wellbeing, relationships focused afternoon provision.</li></ul>
Is it compulsory to send my child to school?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• While attendance is encouraged no family will be penalised if they choose not to send their child to school. Indeed, under current guidance, it will not be possible to accommodate the return of all pupils before the summer.</li><li>• If you choose not to send your child to school they will still receive home learning support.</li></ul>
What happens if I have a child in another year group?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School will only be open to critical worker children, vulnerable children, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children.</li><li>• Home learning will still be set for other year groups.</li></ul>
Can I choose which group my child is in?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The teaching staff will split the classes according to numbers and risk assessments.</li><li>• We are sorry but there will be no scope to move groups once they are set by staff.</li></ul>
Who will teach my child?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It will not be possible for all children to be with their class teacher. However it will be an adult that is already known to your child.</li></ul>
Will it be possible for my child to see other members of staff?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No, the DfE recommends that children stay with their allocated member of staff for the whole time they are in school.</li><li>• As far as possible, they will have the same teacher each day they are in school.</li></ul>
Where will my child be taught?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We will make use of all classrooms to enable ease of access and use of outside space as much as possible. However, this will be within their key stage area.</li></ul>

Will arrivals and departures be staggered?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes. To minimise contact on arrival and departure each group will be given different start and finish times and locations:</li> </ul>																								
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Important</b>, if you miss your drop-off time and the gate is closed, your child will not be able to attend school that day. This is to avoid transmission of coronavirus through the use of more than one entry point.</li> </ul>																								
Where can I access school?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Visits will be strictly by appointment only</b>. Parents and carers will not be permitted to enter the school grounds. All enquiries should be made first by telephone (0191 234 2676) or email <a href="mailto:office@carvilleprimary.co.uk">office@carvilleprimary.co.uk</a></li> <li>Entrance to the school site will be via the main gate for visitors.</li> </ul>																								
Can I take my child into school?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No, to minimise contact, children must be left at the school drop-off point for each year group. Messages to teaching staff will be via the new email address <a href="mailto:talktoteacher@carvilleprimary.co.uk">talktoteacher@carvilleprimary.co.uk</a></li> <li>Parents are asked not to linger at the drop-off point to allow others to come and go safely.</li> </ul>																								
Can my child travel to and from school on their own?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(Year 6 only) This is at parental discretion but for safeguarding reasons <b>school recommends that they are dropped off and collected</b> from the pick-up point. If they do walk home on their own they must remember to socially distance from other families.</li> <li>Parents will be asked to indicate how they will get home.</li> <li><b>No mobile phones at all</b> for Year 6. These are a high risk point for transmission of the coronavirus.</li> </ul>																								

Can I order a school lunch?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Catering Services will not be opening the kitchen initially, but will instead provide a packed lunch for every child attending school.</li> <li><u>Drinks will be provided</u> with the packed lunches. No water bottles should be brought to school.</li> <li>Water fountains cannot be used as they have been switched off as part of our risk assessment.</li> </ul>
Does my child need to wear a school uniform?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No. Uniform is not necessary as children will need to try to wear a complete set of fresh clothes each day they are in school. They should also wear appropriate flat-soled footwear.</li> <li>As classrooms will be ventilated, with doors and windows open, clothing should suit the weather conditions and temperature. Please provide a long sleeved layer (jumper, hoody, tracksuit top) every day.</li> </ul>
My child needs medicine, will the school administer this?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes, but staff will maintain social distancing so the child will be expected to hold oral syringes, spacers, etc. themselves. If a child needs medicine a permission form should be completed as usual.</li> <li>All inhalers should be brought into school and remain in the possession of the child.</li> </ul>
Will the school have extra cleaning?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Classes will receive a deep clean prior to opening. Thorough cleaning of the school will be completed at the end of each day. Additional contact surface cleaning (tables, chairs, door handles, low furniture, etc.) will be completed in all rooms being occupied by children at lunchtime.</li> </ul>
What will it be like in the classroom?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children must use the same desk each day they are in school.</li> <li>Children must not bring anything to school from home. They will not bring anything home .</li> <li>Year 6 children are expected to maintain a 2m social distance while in school as far as possible.</li> <li>Walkways will be marked on classroom floors and corridors to allow as much distance as possible.</li> <li>Children will keep their coats with them to avoid contact in the cloakroom.</li> <li>Children will have their own bag of stationery provided by school and will not share equipment. This stationery bag will be cleaned every day.</li> <li>Classrooms will have doors and windows open to maintain the best level of ventilation we can and to avoid point of contact on door handles.</li> </ul>

What personal hygiene rules will be followed?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children will sanitise and wash their hands on entry to school, before and after using the toilet, after break and lunchtime at hourly intervals.</li> <li>Children will use tissues if needed and will dispose of these in lidded bins.</li> </ul>
Where in the school will my child be able to go?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your child will only have access to their allocated classroom directly from outside. Communal areas such as the hall will be closed.</li> <li>Your child and their group will be given an allocated play area outside.</li> <li>There is no need for children to enter any other area of school.</li> </ul>
Will my child be able to mix with others at break and lunchtime?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>They will only be able to socialise with children in their group.</li> <li>They will not be able to meet children in other groups.</li> <li>All play must be non-contact with 2m social distancing being observed.</li> </ul>
What happens if my child needs first aid?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First aid will be provided by staff who will wear gloves, visors, face masks and aprons when appropriate.</li> <li>Children will be encouraged to use steri-wipes to clean their own small cuts and scrapes.</li> </ul>
What will my child be taught?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The initial curriculum will be largely designed to support the social and emotional health and mental wellbeing of the children and to help them understand the new rules around school. They will be encouraged to reflect on their feelings around and experience of the coronavirus and to manage their relationships with others effectively with social distancing measures.</li> <li>As the children settle and the group teacher feels the time is right, teaching will follow the school weekly topic plans format.</li> <li>It will not be possible to make up for the teaching that has been missed until a wider, more 'normal' return can take place.</li> </ul>
What about transition for Year 6?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School staff are in contact with our feeder Secondary schools.</li> <li>There will be no transition visits this year.</li> <li>Working together we aim to provide transition support that can be accessed at home and at school e.g. videos to be shared by departments.</li> </ul>
Will the Behaviour Policy be in force?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes, while in school children will be expected to behave in line with our expectations and the revised Behaviour Policy.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any deliberate breaking of social distancing will be reviewed in line with the risk assessment and the consideration to the health and safety of others.</li> </ul>
What happens if someone in my child's group has symptoms of coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No adult or child should come to school if they are ill or experiencing symptoms of coronavirus.</li> <li>We will follow the advice from the DfE which states, "When a child or staff member develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus, they should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 7 days. Their fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days.... When the child or staff member tests negative they can return to their setting and their fellow household members can end self-isolation. Where the child or staff member tests positive, the rest of their group.... Should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days."</li> </ul> <p><i>Coronavirus (Covid 19): implementing protective measures in education and childcare setting Pg 11.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any children showing symptoms will be removed from their group and placed in a separate isolated room. Parents will be contacted to collect their child immediately.</li> <li>As a precaution, everybody in the child's group will be sent home and advised to self-isolate until a test result is received for the child showing the symptoms. If this is negative, pupils will be able to return after 7 days. If it is positive, pupils should continue to self-isolate for a total of 14 days.</li> <li>Parents need to be contactable at all times.</li> </ul>