



## Frequently Asked Questions for Parents – Reopening Schools

Question	Answer
Has a suitable risk assessment been completed?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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. This Risk Assessment is being constantly updated with the latest advice (currently in Version 3) and has been approved by the governors.</li> <li>● Children will be placed in Bubbles of between 8 and 12 children – <b>less than</b> the government recommendation of 15.</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.</li> <li>● If you choose to send your child we would ask that you attend every day and on time. Should this become difficult, please contact school.</li> <li>● If you choose not to send your child to school they will still receive home learning support on Seesaw and a final work pack from 6<sup>th</sup> July.</li> </ul>
Can I choose which group my child is in?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The children will be split according to numbers, available staff and risk assessments.</li> <li>● We are sorry but there will be no scope to move groups.</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>● Teaching will be in <b>one room per Bubble group</b> and will make use of outside space as much as possible.</li> </ul>

<p>Will arrivals and departures be staggered? Where do children access school?</p>	<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> <p><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.</p>
<p>Where can I access school?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Parents and carers will not be permitted to enter the school grounds except through the main gate to collect lunches or work packs. 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></b></li> <li>• <b><u>Visits will be strictly by appointment only</u></b></li> <li>• Entrance to the school site will be via the main gate for visitors.</li> </ul>
<p>Can I take my child into school?</p>	<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>
<p>Can my child travel to and from school on their own?</p>	<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><u>No mobile phones at all for Year 6.</u></b> These are a high risk point for transmission of the coronavirus.</li> </ul>
<p>Can I order a school lunch?</p>	<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> </ul>
<p>Does my child need to wear a school uniform?</p>	<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>

<p>Will the school have extra cleaning?</p>	<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, including toilets, at lunchtime.</li> </ul>
<p>What will it be like in the classroom?</p>	<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 5 and 6 children are expected to maintain a 2m social distance while in school as far 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>
<p>What personal hygiene rules will be followed?</p>	<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 roughly hourly intervals).</li> <li>• Children will use tissues if needed and will dispose of these in lidded bins.</li> <li>• All children will be given regular opportunity to go to the toilet and be supervised washing their hands for 20 seconds.</li> </ul>
<p>Where in the school will my child be able to go?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your child will only have access to their allocated classroom directly from outside. Communal areas 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 except with supervision to go to the toilet.</li> </ul>
<p>Will my child be able to mix with others at break and lunchtime?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Bubble groups have their own space on the yard. This is a space for the group, <b>children are not in individual squares or circles</b>. They will be able to play freely with children in their group, but be mindful of age-appropriate social distancing.</li> <li>• They will not be able to play with children in other groups, but may be able to talk to them across their Bubble areas.</li> <li>• Children will be taught games to play that require no or minimal equipment. Equipment given to individual pupils will be cleaned after use.</li> </ul>

<p>What happens if my child needs first aid?</p>	<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>
<p>What will my child be taught?</p>	<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 appropriate year group curriculum to review and revise learning from earlier in the year.</li> </ul>
<p>Will the Behaviour Policy be in force?</p>	<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> <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>
<p>What happens if someone in my child's group has symptoms of coronavirus</p>	<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 our risk assessment, based on DfE and Public Health England advice.</li> <li>• Any children showing symptoms will be removed from their group and supervised by an adult in PPE in a separate, isolated room. Parents will be contacted to collect their child immediately.</li> <li>• In line with our agreed risk assessment, as a precaution the child and everybody in the child's Bubble group, including staff, will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. Parents are advised to participate in the government 'Test and Trace' programme if contacted.</li> <li>• Parents need to be contactable at all times.</li> </ul>

These questions and answers are not definitive. If you are unsure or want more information about anything, please contact school, 0191 234 3676, [office@carvilleprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@carvilleprimary.co.uk)