



MALCOLM SARGENT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS COVID-19 PLAN FROM SEPTEMBER 2020 FOR ALL CHILDREN

In order for the class pods to work successfully, we will be relying on families following the Government's social distancing rules at all times. Thank you.

<p>My main worry is childcare. Can my daughter attend breakfast club and after-school club and still be with her class in her class bubble?</p>	<p>All children will be taught in their class pod. Then, after/before school your child can attend the breakfast/after school club.</p> <p>The Acorn Childcare Centre has its own guidance from the DfE, also based on the principles of separation and distancing. They will be establishing consistent groups to minimise mixing, maintain social distancing and maximise use of outdoor space, as far as is practicable.</p>
<p>Will the children be able to use the school library?</p>	<p>Reading is critical to a child's education. However, we have put in adjustments so that books will be delivered to each classroom pod from the library and children will be able to choose their book from a selection. Book covers will be wiped down and left for 72 hours between users. Class teachers will be responsible for this in their pod supported by Mrs Morpeth, our librarian, overseeing this across the school.</p>
<p>Will there be any music lessons with the peripatetic music teachers?</p>	<p>For the time being, music lessons will not recommence. The DfE has notified us of particular additional risks of infection during singing, chanting, playing wind instruments etc. Many music staff have migrated their tuition to online lessons and so Mrs Town will be sharing the music teachers' details with you so that you can make contact direct with the teachers regarding their lessons. We will keep this situation under review.</p>

<p>What will happen at lunchtimes?</p>	<p>Lunches will be staggered, for 45 minutes each, as near to the middle of the day as possible. We are anticipating a full school meal choice or packed lunch option, which the children in the class pod will eat together. Menus and order forms will be sent out shortly.</p>
<p>Will the shared cloakrooms be closed?</p>	<p>As far as possible, the children will keep their belongings with them in the classroom pod although when winter arrives we may need to make use of the cloakroom spaces. At that point, we will separate those out for each class. Y6 lockers will not be used. For the time being, children will store their belongings under or on their desk, or on the back of their chair.</p>
<p>Will you still have visitors and volunteers in school?</p>	<p>We will continue to minimise the number of additional adults on site to only those who are essential, such as specialist services ie the educational psychologist. Visitors who teach essential curriculum subjects will be allowed to teach following social distancing and hygiene guidance. Other non-essential visitors such as volunteers and visiting speakers will not be returning to school at the moment.</p>
<p>How will play times be arranged so that children do not mix with each other?</p>	<p>Children will have their play times as a class group. The staggered timings during the day allow us to spread out the use of our outdoor facilities. Playtime equipment is allocated separately to each classroom pod and cleaned down at the end of each break. The outdoor area has been zoned so that each pod has its own area in which the children can play.</p>
<p>Will the Meet & Greet and Goodbye Teams still be on the gates?</p>	<p>No, none of the teams will be on the gates at the start and end of the day. We have created additional flexibility to ease congestion on and off the site. Please ensure that you follow the one-way signage in operation. TAs have</p>

	been re-deployed to support teachers & children in their classroom pods.
Will the Drop Off Zone still run?	The drop off zone will not be running for the foreseeable future.
Will Sensory Circuits be on?	Sensory circuits will not be running for the foreseeable future.
Will the walking bus be running?	The Walking Bus will not be running for the foreseeable future.
Will the free and subsidised milk resume in September?	Yes, we will recommence milk from September for the children whose parents have ordered/paid for it.
Will free fruit for infants (FS and Y1/2) resume in September?	We are expecting the free fruit scheme for infants to recommence in September but have not yet received confirmation of this.
Will you be attending and hosting sports events with other local schools?	No sports events will be held with other local schools at present.
Will you be able to give medication again?	We will continue to administer only essential controlled medication and long-term antibiotics in school.
Will the water fountains be re-opened?	No, these will not be re-opened. Children need to bring in their own-labelled water bottle, containing only water.
What items should the children bring in with them?	<p>The only items a child should bring in with them are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water bottle Packed lunch (unless you have ordered or are entitled to a cooked lunch) Sun cream and hat Emergency medication (AAI or inhalers) PE Kit Mid-morning snack <p>Children should not bring in any stationery, as this will be provided.</p>

What shall we do with the books, which the children have been using at home?	Books, which the children have been using at home, should be brought in on the first day back into school and will then remain here.
What will happen with parent consultation evenings?	We are hoping to run these remotely on MS Teams if possible (or by telephone), but further information will be released in due course.
What will happen to my child and their attendance if they are high risk, or a member of their family is high risk?	This is specifically covered in the risk assessment. If you have further questions after reading our risk assessment and the associated guidance, please consult your GP.
Will pupils still perform plays and will parents be able to attend them?	Not at the moment.
What will happen with choir and band performances?	These will not be taking place at the moment.
What will be put in place for student wellbeing following this long period of closure?	The best thing for pupil wellbeing is to be back at school. From September we will be instigating a recovery curriculum to help children readjust to being in school, to catch up with their education and help them process their experiences during this lockdown period.
Is a child going to be sent home just because they have a cough?	We will be taking a robust and precautionary approach to anyone on site with any one, or more, of the three main Covid-19 symptoms. We will be sending such persons home and advising that they take a test. We anticipate that everyone will support and follow this advice. In any event, we will be keeping a register of everyone sent home for testing and no-one will be allowed to re-enter the building for the recommended self-isolation period as advised by the Government without a negative test result being received.

May the school have to close altogether if too many pods are closed, or if too many staff members are poorly?

Yes. The virus has not disappeared but its prevalence in the community is such that re-opening is currently possible. This situation may change. The Health Protection Agency is keeping the situation under review and will liaise with Mr Revell if the situation changes. It is, of course, incumbent upon all of us in the community to work together and follow the guidance to avoid this happening.