



September 2020 – plan for re-opening Turnfurlong Infant School

This document outlines Turnfurlong Infant School's plan for re-opening the school in September 2020.

At the time of writing (July 2020) the message from the Government is a clear aim that all schools will be fully re-open to all pupils in September 2020. **Attendance at school will be statutory for all pupils from September 2020.** (*Guidance for re-opening: schools, 2.7.20, Department for Education*)

In September we will also be continuing to take additional health and safety measures to reduce risk to pupils, staff and visitors from infection with an appropriate risk assessment in place. This will include:

- A staggered start to the beginning and end of the school day for different year groups to reduce risk of congestion at the school gates
- Washing hands frequently
- Children eating lunch in their classrooms to reduce mixing of groups
- No whole school activities in the hall
- No Parent Involvement mornings until further notice
- No face-to-face parent workshops until further notice
- Visitors and parents will not be able to come onto the school site without prior agreement
- No playing of 'contact' sports in PE

We do, however, need to be mindful that the plan for re-opening will be responsive to government guidance and expectations. Whilst we hope that restrictions continue to ease, it is possible that restrictions may be re-imposed if risk increases. The school may therefore move between plans for the following four scenarios **at any point** in the coming academic year.

This plan outlines the four different scenarios that the school may face in the coming weeks and months ahead as we respond to the challenges of COVID-19 and the plans that we have made for these.

- Scenario 1 – All children back in school in September, attending full-time every day in classes of 30 with additional health and safety to reduce risk of infection. **This is what we expect to happen.**
- Scenario 2 – All children back in school in smaller bubbles, attending two full days a week, due to national or local need for social distancing and significant additional cleaning to reduce risk of infection.
- Scenario 3 - A bubble/group cannot come to school following a positive test for COVID-19.
- Scenario 4 – School is only open to children of keyworkers due to a national or local 'second wave' of COVID-19 and a 'lockdown' is in place to manage risk.

As a school we have learned a lot from our experiences in 2020. We have therefore recently taken advantage of Government funding to support schools in developing and using effective digital learning platforms. We will be improving our model for remote learning by introducing Microsoft 365 Education from September. The implementation and impact of this will be a key priority in our School Improvement Plan next year. Alongside this, we will be implementing a new policy for managing remote learning that will outline the arrangements and systems that the school has in place and the expectations of staff, pupils and parents in the event of whole or partial school closure. This will be taken to the first meeting of the Governing Body at the beginning of the Autumn Term 2020-2021 and will then be shared on the school website.

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Scenario 1 – School is re-open to all children in September

This is our current plan. Turnfurlong Infant School will be open to all children and attendance is required by law

What time will school start and finish?

Different year groups will start and finish at different times. We know that this could be challenging in the mornings for parents with children in different year groups. If you are dropping off a child in Nursery or Reception, we will have a 'drop off' room, supervised by a member of staff, where you can leave a child in Year 1 or 2 at the beginning of the day.

	Start of the morning	Pick up time in the afternoon
Nursery	8.30am / 12.30pm	11.30am / 3.30pm
Reception	8.30am	3.00pm
Year 1	8.45am	3.15pm
Year 2	9.00am	3.30pm

The staggered start and finish aims to reduce congestion at the school gates. We would therefore ask that you support us with this by being punctual and by walking, cycling or scooting to school whenever possible.

Will there be breakfast and after school clubs?

We know that reliable wraparound childcare is really important for working families and it's often a case of putting a complex childcare jigsaw together! If you are using wraparound childcare, please note that the government is advising you to limit the number of providers that you use as far as possible.

Little Rascals will be running after an 'after school' club between 3.00pm and 6.00pm for children from Turnfurlong Infant School and Turnfurlong Junior School.

From September 2020 Breakfast Club will be run by Little Rascals. This will be just for Turnfurlong Infant School children and will be run in the hall. Families that have already registered with the current TIS breakfast club will be contacted directly by Causica Suresh and Denise Ridgway so that your bookings and details can be shared with Little Rascals.

Little Rascals will have their own COVID risk assessment and we will work closely with them to support each other with this.

The Jonathan Page Play Centre After School club will also be running from September. Children will be collected from our school at 3.30pm and taken to JPPC in their minibus.

What should my child bring to school?

- PE kit (brought into school at the beginning of term and then taken home to be washed at half term)
- Book bag
- Wellies for children in Nursery and Reception (named please)
- Spare set of underwear
- Lunch box (if not eating a Chartwells lunch)

- Named water bottle
- Named bottle of high factor suncream

Will the children have to wear school uniform?

Yes, from September children will need to wear school uniform. Please contact us if this is going to be difficult for you.

The guidance from government is that children do not need to wear a complete set of freshly laundered clothes each day.

How will the classrooms be arranged?

The children will be organised into class 'bubble' groups of 30. They will spend most of their time indoors and outdoors with their class and will not spend time together as a whole year group.

Our Year 1 and 2 classrooms will be organised with tables in rows to seat two children. This is similar to how the classrooms have been organised this term. Children will not be working in 'table groups' that face each other until further notice.

We know that sitting at tables won't work for Reception and Nursery children so, as we have done this term, we won't have resources that are difficult to keep clean in the learning environment. This means no soft toys, cushions or rugs in the classrooms. We still won't be able to use sand, water, soft toys and shared malleable resources like playdough, but we will be able to reintroduce the large climbing frame, bikes and scooters and other climbing equipment. Children will be able to play, and move around, with the other children in their whole class bubble.

The children in Reception will not be able to free-flow between the classrooms at the moment and they will have timetabled access to the outdoor area as a whole class. In the outdoor area, each class will have a trolley with resources that only their class uses. Bikes and scooters will be wiped between groups. These are all measures designed to reduce cross contamination.

In the Nursery, we will split the classroom in two. The morning group will use one end and the afternoon group will use the other end. This means that we can keep resources separate between groups. Large wheeled toys and climbing equipment in the outdoor area will be wiped down between the morning and afternoon groups. Again, this is designed to reduce the risk of cross contamination.

What about lunchtimes?

One of the greatest challenges is managing lunchtimes. Therefore, until further notice, children will eat lunch in their classrooms before playing outside in class groups in separate areas of the school grounds. We will stagger the timings of this so that Year 1 and 2 are not outside at the same time.

This means that for the first half of the Autumn Term we are asking parents to order a sandwich lunch from our catering provider. Please remember that all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to this free of charge. Children in Reception will take turns to play in their class group in the Reception outdoor area.

How will you keep groups separate at other times of the day?

Children in Year 1 and Year 2 will also have a supervised morning playtime in their class groups in separate areas of the school grounds. We will be able to reintroduce access to the climbing equipment.

The children in Reception will have timetabled access to the outdoor area as a whole class in the morning and afternoon sessions.

Will children be able to take reading books home?

Yes, we will be able to send reading books home with children. When reading books are returned to school we will keep them out of circulation for 72 hours to prevent cross contamination.

When must children stay at home?

- If your child has an episode of sickness or diarrhoea they must stay at home for 48 hours following the final episode. This advice is unchanged.
- If your child displays symptoms of Coronavirus you must follow the Government's advice and arrange for them to have a COVID-19 test. If the result of the test is negative, your child may return to school. We will ask to see the result in writing before your child returns to school.
- If your child has a positive result you must inform school immediately. Your child should stay off school for seven days, even if they don't have any symptoms. This is so that we can take advice from Public Health.
- Following a positive result your child can come back to school after seven days if they do not have any symptoms or if they just have a cough or a change to their sense of taste or smell.
- If, following a positive test, your child continues to have symptoms they should continue to self-isolate until symptoms have gone.
- Your household will need to follow advice to self-isolate for 14 days if your child tests positive.
- If another member of your household displays symptoms of Coronavirus you should arrange for that person to take a COVID-19 test. You must wait for the results of the test and then, if the result is positive, your child must self-isolate for 14 days even if they don't have any symptoms.
- If you receive notification from the NHS 'track and trace' system you should self-isolate for 14 days.
- **If a child develops a high temperature or a cough whilst at school, we will send them home immediately. We will request that they take a COVID-19 test before returning to school.**

A link to the NHS advice on isolation is below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/how-long-to-self-isolate/>

Scenario 2 – All children able to be in school but social distancing is in place and children must be in groups of a maximum of 15

This scenario assumes that there would still be a need for bubble groups, but that staff are not restricted to working with one bubble of 15, as they are currently. This, along with available space, has been the most significant barrier to re-opening our school.

It also assumes that risk needs to be managed by additional cleaning measures between groups and the removal of resources from classrooms that are harder to clean and that may spread infection e.g. soft toys and furnishings, toys with intricate parts. We are currently washing the resources that children play with at the end of every session in Nursery and Reception and this takes a long time.

This model would be a 'blended learning' model where children received two days a week of 'face to face' teaching and completed planned learning activities at home for three days. Learning would be available via the Microsoft 365 Education platform and on the school website.

- Classes would be split in half with half of a class being in school on a Monday and a Tuesday and the other half being in school on a Thursday and a Friday
- Nursery children would all attend in a morning session
- The school would be closed to all children other than keyworkers on Wednesday for 'deep cleaning'
- Online learning would be provided via Microsoft Education 365 for the three days that children are not in school
- The school would provide 'wraparound' care between 8.45 and 3.15 for children of keyworkers on the days that these children were not with their teacher, including on Wednesdays
- Wraparound care would be staffed by support staff and PPA staff on a rota basis
- Keyworker places would be dependent on staffing and space
- Timings for pick up and drop off would be staggered 8.30-3.00, 8.45-3.15
- Lunch and breaks would be staggered

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Group 1	Group 1	Deep clean day in between groups	Group 2	Group 2
		Staff Meeting (remote)		
		Year group meeting (remote)		
		PPA (remote)		
Wraparound care open for keyworkers				

Scenario 3 - A bubble/group cannot come to school following a positive test for COVID-19

In this scenario, we would first take advice from Public Health England and we would then inform parents.

- Children in that group would not be able to come to school until they had isolated for 14 days
- The classroom would be deep cleaned before children returned to school
- Learning would take place via Microsoft 365 Education until it was safe to return to school
- If a child showed symptoms of COVID-19 they should be tested. If the result of the test was negative, your child could return to school. We will ask to see the result in writing before your child returns to school.
- If your child had a positive result you must inform school immediately. Your child should stay off school for seven days, even if they don't have any symptoms. This is so that we can take advice from Public Health England.
- Following a positive result your child could come back to school after seven days if they did not have any symptoms.
- If, following a positive test, your child continues to have symptoms they should continue to self-isolate until symptoms have gone.
- Your household will need to follow advice to isolate for 14 days if your child tests positive.

It is likely that the school would remain open to other groups unless we were advised otherwise.

Scenario 4 - School is only open to children of keyworkers due to a national or local 'second wave' of COVID-19 and a 'lockdown' is in place to manage risk

- In this 'worst case' scenario all learning for children, other than keyworkers, would take place via Microsoft 365 Education until advised by Government that it was safe to re-open school
- Work set by teachers would also be available on the school website
- Children would meet 'online' through Microsoft 365 with their teachers and classmates each day for a short period of time to support their well-being
- The management of the re-opening of school would be led by guidance from the Department for Education.