



Reopening Plan for Thursday September 3rd and Frequently Asked Questions

What are the logistics of drop off and pick up?

We will have staggered drop off and pick up times for each year group at both our entrances to promote social distancing. We appreciate this may be difficult for many of you with work commitments or siblings, however it is **essential** that we all follow the timings below. Times below are subject to updates in line with our risk assessments which can be viewed on the school website. Any changes will be communicated to you via email.

Group	Arrival	Departure	Drop off & collection point
Wallace	8:55	2:40	KS1 Playground
Gromit	8:55	2:40	KS1 Playground
SSBG	8:45	3:00	KS1 Playground
Matthew	8:45	3:00	KS1 Playground
RR	8:35	2:50	KS1 Playground
Concorde	8:35	2:50	KS1 Playground
Vincent	9:00	3:15	Main pedestrian entrance
Goram	9:00	3:15	Main pedestrian entrance
Brunel	8:50	3:05	Main pedestrian entrance
Cabot	8:50	3:05	Main pedestrian entrance
Blaise	8:40	2:55	Main pedestrian entrance
KW	8:40	2:55	Main pedestrian entrance
Morph	8:30	2:45	Main pedestrian entrance
Banksy	8:30	2:45	Main pedestrian entrance

Guidelines for drop off and collection:

- The main gate entrance will be used for children in KS2 (Years 3,4,5,6) from Wednesday 2nd of September.
- The usual EYFS entrance will be open and used for children in EYFS and KS1 (Years 1 and 2).
- 2 metre markings will remain outside our school entrances for you to line up at drop-off and collection times.



- We ask only one family member bring your child/ren to school unless absolutely unavoidable. If you have to bring a sibling who is not attending school, please ensure they remain by your side.
- Please walk, cycle or scoot to school (wearing helmets) to avoid traffic congestion outside of the school.
- Children will be greeted by a member of our leadership team and provided with hand sanitiser before being led into school by their teacher.

Will Breakfast Club be available?

We are hoping to be able to offer breakfast club from Term 1, week 2, but this may be subject to change depending upon government guidance. We know we will need to limit numbers and prioritise working families and vulnerable children. Therefore, we will need to implement a booking system. At this time, we can advise you that parent/carers will not be allowed to accompany their children into breakfast club due to health and safety. More details will follow on how to book this in September.

What does my child need to wear?

- All children will be required to wear **clean, full school uniform** from September 3rd 2020.
- All children will need to bring a PE kit to school for their PE lessons. We will not be providing spare PE kit to children and should they not be in appropriate clothing, they will not be able to participate in the lesson.
- As we are planning plentiful outside learning opportunities throughout the day, please ensure your child is **wearing sun cream and a sunhat** and have a **suitable coat** for cooler/wet weather.

What can my child bring to school?

- Your child can only bring into school a full **labelled water bottle** and a packed lunch if they are not having a school dinner and a school bag/book bag if needed. No other items should be brought to school, including individual stationary resources.
- Mobile phones for children in Year 5 and 6 will be permitted, only if they walk home by themselves. A new mobile phone policy will be shared with you once it is agreed by governors in term 1.

Who will my child be taught by? Who will be in their group?

- Your child/ren will be with their usual class. Their new teacher(s) were communicated to you in June and there have been no further changes, unless you have heard otherwise via email.



- There are two classes in each year group which form one bubble. Children will not mix with children in other bubbles so playtimes and lunchtimes will also be staggered. There will no whole school assemblies until guidance changes and allows larger gatherings in which bubbles can be mixed.

What are playtime and lunchtime arrangements?

- Children will remain in their bubbles for play and lunchtime and will have their own designated areas which are rotated on a weekly basis.
- Playtimes and lunchtimes will be staggered between bubbles.
- The equipment children can play with outside will be limited to reduce the risk of spreading the virus. Equipment that is used will be cleaned daily after use. Some areas e.g. climbing frames in playgrounds will be out of use.
- Staff will teach and encourage children to play a range of socially distanced games that don't require equipment.
- Hot school lunches will still be available for you to order. There will be no salad bar option.
- Lunchtimes and use of the dining hall will be staggered between bubbles which will allow us to clean tables between sittings.

What changes have been made to the curriculum? What will my child be doing each day?

- We intend to teach a broad and balanced curriculum from September.
- Routine is important for returning to normality and so children will follow a timetable they are used to (*e.g. PSHE activity/bubble assembly in morning (in place of usual assembly); physical bursts; maths input followed by a learning activity; playtime; English input followed by learning activity; lunchtime; reading; creative curriculum activities and outdoor learning*).
- Teachers have planned a 'recovery curriculum'- at the heart of this is children's wellbeing and throughout each day children will receive appropriate, positive use of PSHE lessons and a range of wellbeing activities.
- Teachers will assess children's gaps in learning and plan appropriately to support their learning journey.

I'm worried my child has 'fallen behind'. Will there be extra support for them?

- Nova promotes inclusivity and does not 'set' children. This 'no fixed-ability ethos' will continue, though children will receive work suitable for their level of need and the appropriate level of support to go with it.
- Teachers will continue to assess children's learning and next steps and plan for these accordingly. Teaching of key skills (phonics/ reading/ maths fluency) will continue daily.
- Mrs Young, our reading recovery teacher, will continue lessons for those children currently on the reading recovery programme.



My child has SEN/SEMH needs. How will you look after them?

- We will provide extra guidance through a social story/video for specific year groups to help prepare children for their new routines and environment.
- Janet, our lead learning mentor, will continue 1:1 therapy with children who need extra support in this area.
- We have planned 1:1 adult support for some individual pupils with specific needs. If you have specific concerns about your child who has additional needs then please contact the school office.

What are the behaviour expectations?

- During the first few days, each class will develop a charter together so children are involved in discussion about the rules for social distancing and hygiene.
- We have adjusted our behaviour policy slightly in light of our current situation. This will be available for you to view on our school website.
- Children will be reminded frequently about hygiene and safe transitions around the school. They will be praised when these guidelines are followed well.
- If children (who are mature enough to understand rules) continue to break them then a member of the leadership team will speak to them and parents will be informed.

If my child needs comforting by an adult, will physical contact be made?

- Where possible teachers will use their voice to soothe and reassure children as well as teaching 'self hugs'.
- We appreciate younger children in particular need physical touch to feel safe and reassured and if your child is upset and in need of a hug they will get one (followed up by rigorous hygiene measures).

How will school ensure social distancing?

- Children within bubbles are not expected to socially distance from each other.
- In September, we will continue to take the following measures:
 - Avoiding contact with anyone with symptoms
 - Frequent hand cleaning and good respiratory hygiene practices
 - Regular cleaning of settings
 - Minimising contact and mixing with other bubbles
- Daily teaching and reminders to promote good hygiene (regular handwashing and 'catch it, bin it, kill it') will be a priority as well as the measures below to minimise risk of the spread of the virus.

What health and safety measures will be in place to keep my child safe?

- Desks will be separated and forward-facing.
- Children will be reminded frequently and given time to practice good hygiene with a wide range of hygiene measures- hand sanitiser, soap, tissues, clinical waste bins and anti-bac cleaning materials in each learning space.



- Unnecessary soft toys, furnishings and hard to clean objects will be removed from classrooms.
- Children will have their own stationery resources to use, provided by the school.

Movement around the school:

- Groups will stick to year group area and allocated outdoor space to learn and play in.
- Corridors are marked with 2 metre spacing to encourage safe movement around the school and there is divider through centre.
- Staggered playtimes and lunchtimes to minimise contact with other groups.
- Maximum 1 child in allocated toilet for group.
- Clear and plentiful signage for hygiene and social distancing.

Other health and safety considerations:

- Parents and carers will be unable to come on school site and visits will be by appointment only, but only if meetings cannot be conducted adequately by phone.
- We have communicated with contractors (e.g. catering company) to ensure rigorous observation of hygiene and social distancing measures.
- At least one paediatric first-aider will be on site at all times.
- A full health and safety site inspection will be carried out prior to opening.
- Fire safety updates will be communicated with children when they are back in school and a fire drill will take place within the first fortnight of us opening.

Will PPE equipment be used by staff?

- PPE equipment is available for staff to wear if they are coming in close contact with children when dealing with intimate care needs or if a child has COVID-19 symptoms.

What happens if someone is showing symptoms of COVID-19?

- We will enforce STRICT rules on sending home ANYONE with COVID-19 symptoms and ensuing self-isolation. We will expect the child to be tested and for you to engage with NHS Track and Trace system. If the child tests negative and is well, they can return to school. If tested positive, they will need to self-isolate for 10 days. Any family members will need to self-isolate for 14 days.
- There is an allocated room and toilet for a child to use if they are showing symptoms.
- PPE will be worn by staff who are with a child who is showing COVID-19 symptoms and waiting to be collected.



Will I be fined if I don't bring my child to school?

- It is mandatory for children to attend school fulltime from the start of September. Therefore, our attendance policy will resume and measures will be taken to encourage and enforce good attendance. This includes giving penalty notices for term time holidays. We recognise that some families may feel anxious about returning and we will support you as much as we can so that you feel confident about your child/ren returning to school after such a long period of uncertainty.
- Please inform the school in the normal way if your child is ill or cannot attend for any reason.