



Guidance for Parents/Carers for Children in Year 6 potentially returning to school from 1st June

The Government have deemed it safe for limited pupils to potentially begin returning to school from 1st June and have decided that schools should take in year 6 pupils in the first instance. We will be endeavouring to follow their guidelines to ensure that the pupils are as safe as possible and will be putting procedures into place to maximise this and these are within this booklet. It is up to parents to decide if they feel it is safe for their child to return to school under these circumstances. Whilst you are encouraged to take up the place offered there will be no fines for non-attendance and schools are not being held to account for low attendance. The government is clear in the guidance that we cannot be expected to maintain a social distance of 2m at all times with pupils but we will be working through a hierarchy of measures that include:

- **Avoiding contact with anyone with symptoms – any child displaying any symptoms at home must not be sent into school and any child with symptoms in school will be isolated and sent straight home**
- **Frequent hand cleaning and good respiratory hygiene practice**
- **Regular cleaning of settings**
- **Minimising contact and mixing**

It is hoped that the following guidance enables you to be clear about the approach we will be taking. We have surveyed parents to enable us to plan our groups in school.

Class Sizes

Pupils will be taught in classes no bigger than 10 pupils. They will be mostly taught in the same classroom throughout the week and will always stay with the same group of pupils. We will utilise some specialist teaching areas and these will be cleaned between groups. Desks in the main classroom will be spaced out and they will have their own space which will remain the same throughout the week. Classrooms will be fully cleaned at the end of each day.

All bags and belongings will be kept in the classroom by their desk, we will not be using cloakroom areas or changing rooms.

We will be using R1 , R5, R20 classrooms as these have external doors. Critical worker childcare in R21 & R17.

Teaching Structure

Pupils will have contact with as few adults as possible in the classroom (including teaching assistants) and they will be instructed to wash and/or sanitise their hands at regular intervals.

Lessons will be focused on core subjects in the morning (Maths and English) with a wider variety of subjects in the afternoon. Pupils will have sessions outdoors during the week, as long as the weather allows. We are aiming to allocate staff with one group of pupils as much as possible. **This is highly unlikely to stay in place if further year groups come back.**

Learning will look different. Pupils will have teacher led lessons but will use only one book for all lessons which won't be marked. Feedback will be as a whole group guided by the teacher from the front of the classroom. There will be no homework set.

Pupils do not need to bring any equipment to school. Resources will be provided.

Break times and Lunchtimes

Pupils will be with their own group. We will assign each group an area in which they will have their break/lunch and they must abide by that.

Catering

School dinners will not be available at lunchtime. Pupils will need to bring a packed lunch. **There will be no break time service from the canteen.** Pupils will need to bring their own snack and drink (water in a sports bottle please with a lid) which they will store in their classroom.

Uniform

Pupils will not be expected to wear school uniform. Guidelines encourage people to change clothes as soon as they get in and place them straight in the wash so a change of clothes is necessary each day. Pupils will need to be dressed ready to participate in PE activities, there will be no access to changing rooms.

Entry and Exit

These will both be staggered to allow as low a number of people as possible to be entering and exiting school at the same time and to manage the flow. Further information on timings for each group will be provided as soon as all planning is complete.

Year 6 pupils will enter via the normal gate and be greeted by Catshill Middle School staff. Pupils who are attending the Critical Worker Childcare will enter via the bottom gate and be greeted by different Catshill Middle School staff.

No parents will be allowed on site at any time. Any communication with school needs to via email or phone calls to the school office. There are no after school clubs this term.

Transport to and from School

Where possible pupils should walk or cycle to school. Parents are encouraged to use their own cars to transport pupils to school where it is not possible for them to walk or cycle. School transport provision will not be functioning and neither will the bus from Lickey End.

Movement around School

A one way system will operate in corridors and outside the school building. Social distancing markings are placed along the floor in all the corridors, pupils will need to abide by these as they move.

Cleaning

As prior to closing, there will be continual cleaning of all touch points, i.e. handles, taps, toilets, doors etc. Each classroom used will be thoroughly cleaned each evening. Pupils will be asked to wash and sanitise their hands frequently throughout the day.

Please discuss all the published safety protocols at this time with your child.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including face coverings and face masks

Wearing a face covering or face mask in schools or other education settings is **not recommended**. Face coverings may be beneficial for short periods indoors where there is a risk of close social contact with people you do not usually meet and where social distancing and other measures cannot be maintained, for example on public transport or in some shops. This does **not** apply to schools or other education settings.

Shielded and Clinically Vulnerable Children

For the vast majority of children and young people, coronavirus is a mild illness. Children and young people (0 to 18 years of age) who have been classed as clinically extremely vulnerable due to pre-existing medical conditions have been advised to shield. We do not expect these children to be attending school or college, and they should continue to be supported at home as much as possible. Clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable) people are those considered to be at a higher risk of severe illness from coronavirus. A small minority of children will fall into this category, and parents should follow medical advice if their child is in this category.

If a child, young person or a member of staff lives with someone who is clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable), including those who are pregnant, they can attend their education or childcare setting.

If a child, young person or staff member lives in a household with someone who is extremely clinically vulnerable, as set out in the COVID-19: guidance on shielding and protecting people defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable guidance, it is advised they only attend an education or childcare setting if stringent social distancing can be adhered to and, in the case of children, they are able to understand and follow those instructions. This may not be possible for very young children and older children without the

capacity to adhere to the instructions on social distancing. If stringent social distancing cannot be adhered to, we do not expect those individuals to attend. They should be supported to learn or work at home.

Government Guidance

There is a set of additional questions with answers such as *what happens if someone becomes unwell at an educational or childcare setting?* in the guidance on the link below entitled Coronavirus (COVID-19): implementing protective measures in education settings:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings>

The link to the government guidance for parents/carers is:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

It is important to note that the plans for school opening may change as close as 48 hours before the 1st June depending on government guidance and infection rates. If we are advised to change our offer of provision or have to for any other reason this will be communicated by email which could be right up to Sunday 31st so please check your inbox on Sunday evening just in case.

Pupils will be accessing school one week and working from home the next.

The poster features the Public Health England logo in the top left corner. The title 'Education guidance' is centered at the top in a large, white font. Below the title, the text reads 'The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)'. Three circular icons are arranged horizontally, separated by the word 'or'. The first icon shows a person coughing, with the text 'new and continuous cough' below it. The second icon shows a person with a thermometer in their mouth, with the text 'high temperature' below it. The third icon shows a person holding their nose, with the text 'loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)' below it. To the right of the icons, there is a text box with the following information: 'If you have symptoms of coronavirus, you need to self-isolate for 7 days. If you live with someone who has symptoms, you need to self-isolate for 14 days from the day their symptoms started'. At the bottom right, a green box contains the text: 'For most people coronavirus will be a mild illness. However if you have any of the symptoms you should self-isolate at home'.