



RETURNING TO SCHOOL

Information for parents

UPDATED GUIDANCE FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

August 2021

WE EXPECT SCHOOL TO BE OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN FROM 6TH SEPTEMBER

Unless your child is unwell, or your family has been advised to isolate, we expect everyone back in school on **Monday 6th September 2021**. If the government announces any last minute changes, we will of course let you know immediately.

We will still have strict controls in place to minimise the risk of transmission of the virus, but we are advised that it is no longer necessary to keep children in separate bubbles. This will make life a lot easier for everyone, and will enable us to restart some of the things we have been unable to do for the last 18 months.

Breakfast Club, Shine and Schools Out after school clubs will be available. Details of how to book these are all on our [Before And After School](#) page on the website.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

We would like everyone to access the school site via the pedestrian gate on Park Grove, or for those with siblings in the infant school via the gate on Henleaze Park. Please avoid using the vehicle gates into the infant or junior car parks if possible.

Parents and carers will be asked to remain outside the green fence. We will open the green gates at 8:45 in the morning and 3:25 in the afternoon.

We do not require parents to wear face coverings, but many will choose to do so, and we recognise that this is widely seen to be a sensible and considerate safety precaution.

To avoid congestion at the gates, Year 6 and Year 4 will continue to enter through the gate by the cycle park. Year 5 and Year 3 will continue to enter through the gate by the willow tree.

TIMETABLE

We no longer need to stagger start and finish times. All classes will begin registration at **8:50am** and all classes will come out at **3:25pm**.

- Breakfast club is available at the infant school from 8:00
- Gates open 8:45
- Registration starts 8:50
- Morning Break is 10:30-10:50.
- Lunch is 12:00-1:05
- School day ends at 3:25

- Clubs start at 3:25
- Shine activity clubs end at 4:45
- Shine and Schools Out after-school care ends at 5:50

UNIFORM

We will be strictly enforcing our school uniform expectations in the new school year. [Details can be found on our website](#). Please note, school uniform does not include “skins”, or “under armour”. If children are cold, they should wear sweatshirts or hoodies and long trousers, or tights with skirts. Plain coloured alternatives to the HJS branded uniform items are acceptable, as long as they don’t have visible logos.

Children are asked to wear their PE kit to school on PE days to avoid the need for another bag and for changing. PE kit consists of black shorts and a plain or HJS branded t-shirt in their team colour. They may wear a sweatshirt or jogging bottoms on top if it is cold, and on PE days, “skins” would be an acceptable alternative to keep warm. They will be informed which are their PE days on the first day of term.

LUNCHES

Children may order school lunches as usual, or may bring their own packed lunch.

All meals will be eaten in the Hall or Dining Hall. We will not have separate sittings for each year group as we have done this year.

Packed lunches will be eaten outside if the weather is fine.

STATIONERY

In order to minimise sharing of equipment, **we will provide every child with their own stationery and a pencil case to put it in.** This will enable us to keep the tables clear of clutter, which makes it easier to clean them. **We will be inviting all parents to make a £5 contribution to cover the cost of stationery supplies for the year in September.** You will see an option to pay this on School Gateway.

We encourage children not to bring large bags to school. They need only bring a snack, a water bottle, a reading book, their reading record and a packed lunch (if required).

PHONES

For a small number of Year 6 children who have unavoidable reasons to bring in a phone, they will have to keep it in their tray, turned off, and we will not accept any responsibility for it. **Parents are asked to contact us if they feel their child has a need to bring a phone to school.** We strongly discourage it.

REPORTING ILLNESS

Out of school hours, our [online form](#) on the website can be used **if you need to inform us that a child has tested positive for Covid-19 and they were in school during the previous 48 hours.** This will help us to identify and alert close contacts from school.

All other illness should be reported by email or telephone to the school office.

WHAT'S NEW?

NO SELF-ISOLATION UNLESS YOU HAVE SUSPECTED OR CONFIRMED COVID

If a member of staff or a pupil is identified as a Close Contact of someone with Covid-19, they **do not need to self isolate**, as long as they are either under 18 or double vaccinated and do not have symptoms of covid.

If you live with someone who develops symptoms or who tests positive, you **do not need to self isolate**, as long as you are either under 18 or double vaccinated and do not have symptoms of covid.

This means that **children do not have to stay at home if a parent or sibling has symptoms or a positive result**, and staff do not need to stay at home if a housemate has symptoms or a positive result.

In all the above cases, NHS Test and Trace will contact you to tell you that you are a Close Contact, and they will **advise** you to:

- [Take a PCR test](#) ASAP.
- Limit close contact with people
- Wear a mask in enclosed spaces
- Limit contact with clinically extremely vulnerable people
- Take lateral flow tests twice a week (adults and older children)

As long as you don't develop symptoms or test positive, you should observe these measures for 10 days after your last contact with the covid case, but **you may continue to attend school**, even while waiting for your PCR test result.

Close Contacts are people who have "mixed closely" with the person who has covid. This could mean:

- In the same class
- A friendship group at break time or lunch time
- A sports team
- An after school club group
- A shared dormitory or activity group at camp

NO NEED TO MAINTAIN BUBBLES

Children do not need to be kept in separate bubbles.

- Children in different classes and different year groups are allowed to be in the same spaces.
- Children may use any toilet facilities – we will maintain all toilet areas as "unisex".
- Play times do not need to be staggered.
- Fewer restrictions on before- after-school clubs.

WHAT'S THE SAME?

HANDWASHING

- On arrival in the morning
- Before eating snacks or lunch
- After playing outside
- Before and after handling shared equipment

VENTILATION

- Open windows in occupied rooms
- Doors that are NOT fire doors may also be kept open
- Use fresh air circulation where mechanical ventilation is provided

CLEANING

- Keep surfaces clear so that the cleaners can do their job
- Continue with additional lunchtime clean of high touch areas
- Children avoid sharing stationery and other regularly used items
- Clean shared resources regularly

PARENTS

- Parents will still be asked to drop off and pick up on the lawn in front of the school.
- Parents may enter the school building only by appointment, and depending on circumstances, may be asked to wear a face covering.

ATTENDANCE

We believe that one of the most reliable ways of keeping everyone in school healthy is for parents to support us by keeping children at home if they are unwell.

If a child has any symptoms that are recognised as potential indicators of Covid-19, they must stay at home.

Since Covid-19 in children does not necessarily show as the three publicised symptoms – high temperature, cough, loss of sense of taste or smell – we ask parents to be cautious. If they are not feeling “right”, keep them at home. They may return when they feel well

MEDICAL INFORMATION AND MEDICATION

Parents are asked to ensure that the office is provided with relevant medical information about their children, and that any medications required in school are up to date.

Parents must inform the school if their child is in a clinically extremely vulnerable or clinically vulnerable category as defined by the latest government guidelines.