



## Frequently Asked Questions

This list of frequently asked questions is to help you make an informed decision about sending your child back to school.

### **Which children will return to primary school?**

The following children will be able to return to school in a phased way this term.

- Reception
- Year 1
- Year 6
- Priority Children - vulnerable children and children of critical workers, who have been able to attend since March

### **I have to go back to work; can I send my child in even if they are not in the selected year groups?**

Schools are only open for the selected year groups plus vulnerable children and children of critical workers who have been able to attend throughout the coronavirus outbreak.

### **I do not feel comfortable about sending my child to school. Do they have to attend?**

DLPS are looking forward to welcoming your child back to school and have taken every precaution to ensure the school environment is as safe as possible. However, we understand that some parents, for a variety of reasons, may wish to keep their child at home and continue for them to learn from home. Please understand that it is not compulsory for you to send your child back to school.

### **Will I face a fine if I keep my children at home?**

If you do not send your child in, you will not face a fine.

### **How many children will be in each class?**

Children will work in groups of six. Some smaller classrooms will have more limited numbers of four or five pupils. These groups will be known as bubbles.

### **Will my child be with a familiar adult?**

It is very important to you and us that when your child returns to school, that they will be welcomed back by a member of staff that they are very familiar with.

### **What learning experiences will be offered?**

Learning will be very different for those children returning and whilst we may cover some Literacy and Maths, our main priority will be on children's emotional well-being as opposed to new learning. We will do our best to make learning fun and will use every opportunity to be outdoors.

### **Will my child have to wear uniform?**

No school uniform will not be compulsory. Children must come to school in clean clothes every day. We ask that children pack a change of clothes as well as a sun hat, sun protection cream, and a coat. A spare pair of trainers or wellies will be needed as well so children are suitably equipped for outdoors.

### **How will you limit the risk of infection for my child?**

DLPS has carried out a comprehensive risk assessment ahead of re-opening so that we can put in place a programme of measures to limit the risk to staff and children. The risk assessment is reviewed weekly.

Due to the age of the children who will be returning, social distancing will not always be possible. Therefore, at DLPS we will do the following:

- Smaller class sizes – we will have six children in each class or bubble, this is the maximum number and some classrooms which are smaller will only accommodate four or five pupils.
- Rearrange classrooms - ensuring tables and areas of learning are spaced out as far as possible.
- Limit mixing - children will stay in their groups/bubbles and be assigned to familiar staff members
- Staggered timetables - Limiting numbers of children on lunch and breaks, changes to pick up and drop off times
- Minimising contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school
- Cleaning hands frequently - wash hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly or use alcohol hand rub or sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered
- Ensuring good respiratory hygiene - promote the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
- Cleaning frequently touched surfaces often using standard products, such as disinfectant

### Will my child return to school every day?

Children will not be returning to full-time education at this time. We as a school believe that a phased return to DLPS is appropriate at this time.

### Wider School Opening Plan:

<p><b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June &amp; Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ DLPS will welcome back Reception bubbles/groups – The bubbles will have colour names. Red, Orange and Yellow. <u>These children will come to school on Monday and Tuesday every other week until the end of term.</u> Please see your 'Bubble Flyer' with this letter, which will tell you, which staff will be with your child and which room they will be in. It will also explain the dates your child will attend school.</li> <li>▪ DLPS will also be open for vulnerable children and children of critical workers. (Emergency Childcare)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ DLPS will also be open for vulnerable children and children of critical workers. (Emergency Childcare)</li> <li>▪ Review of Week One on 19<sup>th</sup> June</li> </ul>
<p><b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June &amp; Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reception Bubbles – Colour names - Green, Blue and Purple will return to school. <u>These children will come to school on Monday and Tuesday every other week until the end of term</u></li> <li>▪ DLPS will also be open for vulnerable children and children of critical workers. (Emergency Childcare)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2020</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ DLPS will also be open for vulnerable children and children of critical workers. (Emergency Childcare)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June &amp; Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ DLPS will welcome back three Year One bubbles/groups – These bubbles will have Sea Creature names - Dolphins, Seals and Penguins. <u>These children will come to school on Thursday &amp; Friday every other week.</u> The 'Bubble Flyer' will be coming out to parents next week. It will tell you which staff will be with your child and the room your child will be in. It will also explain the dates your child will attend school.</li> <li>▪ DLPS will also be open for vulnerable children and children of critical workers. (Emergency Childcare)</li> <li>▪ Review of Week Two on 26<sup>th</sup> June</li> </ul>
<p><b>Week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June &amp; Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 - Reception Bubbles – Red, Orange and Yellow.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July &amp; Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Year One Bubbles – Turtles, Starfish &amp; Sharks</li> <li>▪ <b>DLPS will welcome back Year 6 this week in</b> bubbles/groups. <b><u>FURTHER DETAILS TO BE CONFIRMED</u></b></li> <li>▪ DLPS will also be open for vulnerable children and children of critical workers. (Emergency Childcare)</li> </ul>
<b>Week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Monday 6<sup>th</sup> &amp; Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July - Reception Bubbles – Green, Blue and Purple</li> <li>▪ Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July &amp; Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Year One Bubbles – Dolphins, Seals and Penguins</li> <li>▪ <b>Year 6 invited in this week in</b> bubbles/groups. <b>FURTHER DETAILS TO BE CONFIRMED</b></li> <li>▪ DLPS will also be open for vulnerable children and children of critical workers. (Emergency Childcare)</li> </ul>
<b>Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July &amp; Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July - Reception Bubbles Red, Orange &amp; Yellow</li> <li>▪ Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July &amp; Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Year One Bubbles - Turtles, Starfish &amp; Sharks</li> <li>▪ <b>Year 6 invited in this week in</b> bubbles/groups. <b>FURTHER DETAILS TO BE CONFIRMED</b></li> <li>▪ DLPS will also be open for vulnerable children and children of critical workers. (Emergency Childcare)</li> </ul>

### Will the school day start and end at the same time?

There will be some changes to the timings of the school day to ensure schools can safely manage drop off and collection of children.

Bubbles/Groups	Drop off time	Collection time
<b>Emergency Childcare</b>	8.50am – 9.15am	3.00pm – 3.10pm
<b>Reception</b>	9.35am – 9.45am	2.20pm – 2.30pm
<b>Year One</b>	9.35am – 9.45am	2.20pm – 2.30pm
<b>Year Six</b>	9.20am – 9.30am	2.40pm – 2.50pm

### How will I drop off and collect my child?

Parents and Carers will wait at the main pedestrian gate, where an adult with their child will socially distance whilst waiting for their child to come into school. A member of staff will meet you and your child at the gate. There will be further members of staff socially distanced around the site to escort your child into school. Parents and Carers will not be able to enter the site. This will be strictly by appointment only. Parents and Carer will not be able to drive onto the site; the main gates will be locked. Your child will be brought back to the main pedestrian gate at the times stated above

### What if one of my children is in one of the returning years but another is not?

Only children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 can return to school this term. This does not include siblings in different year groups unless those siblings are in a priority group, for example, vulnerable children and children of critical workers.

### **What if I say 'no' to my child returning to school and then change my mind?**

If you have stated on the surveys sent out that you would not like your child to return to school and then change your mind, you will need to give us a weeks' notice in order to welcome your child back to school.

### **Should my child wear a face covering, mask or other PPE (Personal Protective Equipment)?**

Government guidance states, "Wearing a face covering or face mask in schools or other education settings is not recommended"

Staff will wear PPE when;

- ✓ A child whose care routinely already involves the use of PPE due to their intimate care needs.
- ✓ A child becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus while in school and needs direct personal care until they can return home.

If you have any concerns please contact school.

### **Will my child get a hot meal or a packed lunch?**

To help with staggered lunch times, we will start with packed lunch provision. School will need you to confirm if your child requires a school packed lunch. All infant children (those in Reception and Year 1) are entitled to a school lunch. If your child receives a free school meal or you pay for school meals, the packed lunch will be served to your child in their class bubble. Please provide any snacks for your child.

This decision will be reviewed weekly, and we will consider offering hot meals to children in a carefully phased way.

### **Will my child be given first aid and assisted with the toilet?**

Your child will be treated for first aid by a member of staff. They will also be assisted with toileting and a change of clothing where required.

### **What if a child is unwell or has COVID-19 symptoms?**

If your child is unable to attend school due to being unwell or provision is no longer needed (key worker children), please ensure you let us know by contacting school.

If you think your child may have contracted COVID-19, it is important you request a test online or by telephoning 119. People should book a test at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/ask-for-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/> or, if you don't have access to the internet, by calling 119. You must inform school of the result as soon as possible. If one child in a school bubble/group tests positive for the virus, all children and staff in the same bubble/group need to self-isolate for 14 days; this is to prevent the spread of the virus so it is extremely important we are kept informed. School will also contact Public Health England.

Symptoms of COVID-19:

1. high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
2. new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
3. loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child presents with any of these symptoms, they will be removed from their bubble(group) and moved to a separate room with a member of staff. We will need to be able to contact you if your child becomes unwell at school so please ensure we have your most up to date telephone number. You will be expected to collect your child as soon as possible after the call has been made if they are unwell, so please make sure you are able to do this.

### **Will my child's school be open for the summer holiday break?**

The Government has not yet issued any guidance about opening in the summer, schools are currently planning to be closed in the summer break.