



Worple Primary School Re-Opening FAQ – Autumn 2020

When will school open?

In line with the new Government guidance, school will open for all children on Monday 7th September. On 2nd and 3rd of September school will be open for two INSET days for our staff. On Friday 4th September we will be inviting some of our more vulnerable children or children who need additional support into school.

If your child is new to Worple and starting in our Nursery or Reception your child will have a staggered start date from the week commencing Monday 14th September. Individual letters will be sent out informing you when your child will start school.

Is it safe for my child to return to school?

We have produced a thorough risk assessment which outlines the risks and the measures we have put in place to keep everyone safe. While we cannot guarantee there is no risk to your child, we feel that we have reduced the risk as much as possible given the information we have to hand. We have based our risk assessment on the following:

- The government have said it is safe enough for schools to open for all children from the autumn term 2020
- The school community attending each day is well and symptom free
- There is enough staffing available to open the school safely
- The facilities meet health and safety regulations and upscaling hygiene and cleaning routines
- The internal communities (bubbles) are contained with limited contact with others to enable contact tracing if a member of staff or pupil become symptomatic

Specific measures have been put into place to help keep everyone safe and these are outlined in more detail in the questions and answers below.

Do I have to send my child to school?

If your child is well and symptom free it is expected that your child will be in school. Attendance is compulsory for children of all ages except where there are local lockdowns.

Will school keep their usual opening hours?

No. School has adjusted the timings to allow for staggered start and end times to try and reduce congestion in the playground at pick up and drop offs.

	Drop off Time	Pick up time
Nursery	9:00-9:10am	12:00pm
Reception	9:00-9:10am	3:00pm
Year 1	9:00-9:10am	3:00pm
Year 2	9:00-9:10am	3:00pm
Year 3	8:50-9:00am	3:10pm
Year 4	8:50-9:00am	3:10pm
Year 5	8:50-9:00am	3:10pm
Year 6	8:50-9:00am	3:10pm



For logistical and operational purposes lunchtimes have been reduced in order to allow us to keep bubbles apart and stagger the use of the hall and playground. There have been very minimal changes to curriculum time.

How will drop offs and pick up work?

There will be a one way system for drop offs and pick-ups. Please enter the school site via the Sunny smiles gate on Worple road and exit via the gate on Queen's terrace, keeping right at all times. Each class has a ten minute drop off window enabling you to drop your child at the classroom door, there will be no lining up, the door will be open so children can walk straight in, and a member of staff will be there to greet them. We ask that parents do not congregate in the playground and leave the school site once you have dropped off/picked up your child/children.

Will my child be in a bubble?

We have thought carefully about how we group and organize children to ensure that they stay safe and ensure that there is limited contact from lots of different members of staff. We have therefore decided to put EYFS and KS1 into one bubble and KS2 into another. Although for the majority of the time the children will remain in their classroom, the larger bubble size allows for children to share play and lunchtimes.

How big will the class sizes be?

Classes will return as normal from September with up to 30 children in a class and up to 26 in nursery. The children will stay with the same adults, wherever possible, to reduce contact and enable contact tracing.

How will school minimize the risk of contamination of the virus?

The school have undertaken a thorough risk assessment and there are lots of measures in place to help prevent the spread of COVID19. Some of the key measures are as follows:

- All children and staff who display symptoms must stay at home. If you believe your child has symptoms please inform the school as soon as possible and arrange for them to be tested. Our local testing ground is at Twickenham rugby site.
- It is expected that children will have their **temperature taken at home** before arriving at school. Any child who has a temperature should not attend school. You will need to call the school office to inform them that your child is unwell.
- Staggered start and finish times to avoid congestion.
- Staggered play times and lunch times.
- One way system introduced for drop off and pick up. Parents and children will enter the school site via the gates at the top of Worple Road (next to Sunnysmiles) and exit via Queens Terrace (gates next to nursery).
- Reduced number of visitors on site. Parents are encouraged to phone or email with any questions or concerns they may have.
- Regular handwashing and sanitizing of hands. Children will wash their hands on entry to the school building, after playtimes and before eating. Children will also sanitize their hands before playtimes and after eating. Sanitizer is available through the day and can be used as and when needed.
- Encouraging social distancing where possible.



- Where possible children to stay in their classrooms and to limit children moving around the school.
- No child should enter another 'bubble'.
- Each class is allocated their own toilets to use throughout the day. Toilets will be checked and cleaned throughout the day
- There will be no assemblies (this will be reviewed in line with government guidelines). Virtual assemblies will still take place.
- Apparatus, toys and resources will be regularly cleaned using antibacterial spray.

What will the classrooms look like?

The classroom furniture will be re-organized so that where possible desks can be forward facing and spaced out. This will not be possible or encouraged for children in EYFS and some of KS1. We will limit shared resources to minimize the spread of germs. **From September we will be asking all children to bring in their own stationary**, again to minimize the spread of germs. Information about this will be provided in the final edition of this academic year newsletter.

Does my child need to wear personal protective equipment (PPE)?

No. Wearing a face covering or face mask in schools is not recommended. Changing habits, cleaning and hygiene are effective measures in controlling the spread of the virus. Face coverings should not be worn as they may inadvertently increase the risk of transmission.

What will my child be learning at school?

At Worple we will be working on the Recovery Curriculum which is a systematic, relationships-based approach to reigniting the flame of learning in each child. We have put the children's well-being at the center of our thinking. The Recovery Curriculum will help children return to school life, acknowledging the experience the children have had during their time away from school. There will be a large focus on pastoral care and PSHCE activities to help support your child's emotional well-being.

Alongside the Recovery Curriculum there will be a large focus on teaching the core subjects and consolidating the learning in these areas. The focus will be on success, building stamina for learning and helping children to remember how to learn. With the children being out of school for some time, we are aware that they will require lots of care, nurture and support in order to begin to readapt to school life again. We are confident that our staff are well prepared to manage this.

Will my child still have access to specialist resources like the ICT suite and library?

Yes. There will be a timetable to ensure that only one class uses the ICT suite or library at a time. The computers in the ICT suite will be cleaned using antibacterial wipes between uses. Our new library system allows each child the opportunity to borrow a book from the library. Each child will have the opportunity to get a book from the library, on its return it will be placed in a decontamination box for at least 72 hours before the book gets re-shelved and can be borrowed again. There will be at least a 24 hour decontamination period between children from Bubble A and children from Bubble B using the library.



Will you be sending home reading books?

Yes. Similar to our library system, children will be given reading scheme books at the start of the week and then collected in again at the end of the week. The books will then be placed in a decontamination box before being put back into the book scheme.

Does my child need to wear school uniform?

Yes. Your child should be sent into school wearing the correct school uniform. On the days your child has PE, they should come to school wearing their PE kits. Children will find out which days they will have PE on their return in September. We will sending out a uniform and PE kit list before the summer holidays. Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and PE kit for September.

What if a child or member of staff show symptoms of Covid19?

If a child or member of staff is showing symptoms of covid19 they should remain at home and get tested as soon as possible. They should then isolate for 7 days and arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus, their fellow household members should isolate for 14 days. If a child or member of staff start to show symptoms when at school they will be isolated immediately and sent home. Immediate cleaning of any specific equipment that the child or staff member has touched will be undertaken.

If there is a confirmed case of covid19, as in they have received a positive test result, the school will contact the local health protection team. The health protection team will carry out a rapid risk assessment to confirm who has been in close contact with the person during the period that they were infectious, and ensure they are asked to self-isolate. The health protection team will work with the school and guide us through the actions we need to take. Based on the advice from the health protection team, schools must send home those people who have been in close contact with the person who has tested positive, advising them to self-isolate for 14 days since they were last in close contact with that person when they were infectious.

What if I need to speak to my child's class teacher?

In order to reduce the number of people on site, we ask that you email or phone us with any questions or concerns that you may have. If you feel that your question or concern cannot be dealt by over the phone or by email, please make an appointment.

My child is in Reception, Year 1 and/or Year 2 and entitled to Universal Free School Meals, do I need to provide a packed lunch?

No. A school lunch will be ordered for your child. Please be aware that due to the current COVID19 pandemic school lunches will be a packed lunch, we hope to be able to offer hot food soon. All children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 will be expected to have a school lunch.

My child is entitled to free school meals. Will they still receive a school dinner?

If your child is entitled to free School meals (under the government scheme) a school packed lunch will be ordered for your child. Please be aware that due to the current COVID19 pandemic school lunches will be a packed lunch, we hope to be able to offer hot food soon.



I would like my child to have school dinners. How can I order school dinners for my child?

If you would like your child to have a school dinner, you can order and pay for your child's school meals via ParentPay. Please be aware that due to the current COVID19 pandemic school lunches will be a packed lunch, we hope to be able to offer hot food soon.

Do I need to send my child to school with a snack?

If your child is in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 or 2, they are still entitled a morning snack of fruit which will be provided by the school. If your child is in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6 you may wish to send them into school with a healthy snack to eat during morning play. All children should come to school with a water bottle.

My child used to attend breakfast club. Will this still be running?

Our breakfast club will be running for specific children (invitation only). Breakfast club will run as normal from 8:30-9:00am, Monday-Friday.

Will after school clubs still take place?

School clubs will not start until the earliest after the October half term.

What can I do to support the school?

Please take your child's temperature before leaving your home. If your child has a temperature do not send your child into school. You will need to call the school office to inform us that your child will not be attending school due to being unwell.

Please ensure that your child comes to school with the correct uniform and equipment. This includes a pencil case, a water bottle, and appropriate clothing for the weather e.g. rain coat or sun hat.

Where possible walk to school and try and avoid public transport. Encourage children to regularly wash their hands at home and when out and about use antibacterial hand gel.

When dropping off or picking up your child come alone if possible.

If your child is in year 6 and you are happy for them to travel to and from school alone, allow them to do this. Please ensure you write a letter to the Year 6 teacher giving your parental consent for your child to walk home from school.