



# Information about full reopening in September

Government Guidance issued in July tells schools to put in place the following **Essential Control Measures**:

- A requirement that people who are ill stay at home
- Robust hand and respiratory hygiene
- Enhanced cleaning arrangements
- Active engagement with NHS Test and Trace
- Formal consideration of how to reduce contacts and maximise distancing between those in school wherever possible and minimise potential for contamination so far as is reasonably practicable

Below is further information about what this will look like at Livingstone in September.

## Covid-19 symptoms:

- Temperature (This is a high temperature of 37.8c, not feeling a bit warm)
- New, persistent cough
- Loss of or change in sense of smell or taste
- For children, there is a possibility that symptoms can also include vomiting and diarrhoea.

Any children who display these symptoms or whose household member displays these symptoms should **not** come to school. The household should follow government guidance to self-isolate and book a test for the person who is symptomatic. School must be informed if there are symptoms, when a test has been taken and immediately that the results of the test are known so that we can take action as needed and liaise with Public Health. If a child develops symptoms at school, we will isolate them and contact parents – for this reason, it is **VITAL** that we have the right contact numbers and that we can get in contact with you.

In the event of a positive test, we will follow Public Health advice which might be to send home the bubble the child was a member of for a period of 14 days. Again, we will need parent's cooperation in this case to come and collect children as soon as we have contacted you and will expect children to self-isolate as appropriate to control community transmission. In the event of a negative test, the child should only return to school once they are well.

## Classroom Bubble System:

Classes will operate as 'bubbles' meaning that within their bubble they will not have to social distance. They will therefore remain with the same teacher and teaching assistant all week. Staff will generally not be crossing between bubbles. The only instances in which staff will move between bubbles is to enable PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment time which all teachers are entitled to) and for specialist teaching of Spanish. For PPA, our Active Tameside Sports coach will work with 4 of our classes and Mr Flint will spend one lesson with Year 3. The Spanish teacher will work in Years 3-6 for half an hour each. This is allowed in the guidance in order to give schools the flexibility to use specialist teachers and allow their timetables to work. We will keep this to an absolute minimum that we need to keep the school functioning and will ask teachers who are moving classes to social distance carefully from other staff and children. These class bubbles will stay apart at other times of the day such as playtimes and lunchtimes. There will be virtual assemblies rather than assemblies which mix bubbles.

## Arrival and Departure:

We will be operating a staggered arrival and departure time system. Years 3-6 are asked to arrive between 8.45am and 9am and Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2 are asked to arrive between 9.00am and 9.15am. The registers will be taken at 9am or 9.15am as relevant. Where families have children in both arrival times, we will admit all siblings at the earlier arrival slot to allow parents to leave the playground promptly.

Each class will have a designated door where they will enter and leave school. This is as follows:

- Nursery and Year 3 – staff room door
- Reception – Trim Trail door
- Year 1 and Year 4 – Main entrance
- Years 2, 5 and 6 – Extension door

We ask that ONLY one adult brings children to school and into the playground and that where there are younger siblings who don't yet attend school, parents ensure that they maintain distance from other households. We ask parents to remember to social distance yourselves and leave the school site promptly.

Please also remember that this is NOT a chance to park on the zigzags to briefly drop off your child. The rules still apply. Please park as the law allows. I also need to remind you that the use of public transport, including taxis is not recommended so this would be an ideal time to get into the habit of **walking** to school. It would bring physical and mental health benefits for you and your children.

We are also operating a staggered end of the day. Children in Nursery, Reception and Years 1 and 2 will end the day at 3pm. Years 3 – 6 will end at 3.15pm.

Please can we ask you to arrive on time to pick up your child and not early to sit in the playground and chat. We would like parents to spend as little time as possible hanging around together in the playground both at the start and end of the school day. Please leave as soon as you have dropped off and come on time for your collection time.

Please pass messages via myself if possible as I will endeavour to be in the playground at the start and end of the day or once you have left school, phone us to pass on a message. Please do not collect in the lobby and entrance to school.

#### Classroom Set up:

Government Guidance says that once within a class bubble, children do not need to social distance from each other but that children should be facing the front. We will arrange the desks in rows so that children face the front and ensure there is access behind each row so that teachers can help and support learning. Children will sit at the same desk each day.

Within their bubble, children can share equipment. This means that things such as glue sticks, scissors, colouring pencils and books can be shared. These will not be shared outside of the classroom but only within each class. Each class will also have their own box of playtime / PE equipment which only they use. Please do not bring your own toys or balls in from home.

Children will have their own equipment that they use frequently such as pencil, pen and ruler so these aren't shared. They do not need their own pencil case or stationery. Things that are shared between classes eg. Maths and science resources will either be cleaned thoroughly between bubbles or quarantined for 48 hours (72 hours for plastics) in the class they have been used in before being returned to the cupboard to be used by someone else.

#### Curriculum:

The full curriculum will be taught although we are trimming down some areas initially to allow a bit of extra time to catch up on any learning missed. We will be recapping on previous learning in each area before moving onto new learning.

We will have lots of focus on emotional and mental health and supporting those who need it but for most children who have already returned to school, it has been a very positive experience and sometimes even 'the best day ever...' we expect the return to school to be positive for most of our children who return in September.

PE will be limited in that we won't be able to do team and contact sports but each class will still have two sessions a week. Outdoor PE is recommended so, as well as the normal PE kit, send in a sweatshirt they can wear once the weather turns a bit colder. In order to limit what goes between home and school, we ask that this PE kit stays in school for the half term.

Again, to limit the things coming between home and school, we will be setting homework on Seesaw – children will have a new log in for the new academic year. Many reading books will also be online. We will be using Oxford Owl and specific books to match your child's reading stage will be identified each week.

There won't be Brass or recorder lessons and singing will be limited as both of these are deemed to pose an increased risk for transmission.

### Corridors and Toilets:

The one-way system that we established in the corridor will stay in place. Queuing markers for shared toilets will remain. Where several bubbles share the same toilets, toilet cubicles have been identified as to which class to use them eg Year 2, Year 6 etc. Children will be taught how to wash their hands properly and will wash with soap and water and dry using disposable towels. Toilets will be cleaned at regular intervals throughout the day.

### Snack and Lunchtime:

Children in the EYFS and KS1 will have a piece of fruit from the national fruit scheme and parents have the option of paying for Milk from Cool Milk once children reach the age of 5 (children under 5 get free milk if wanted). The milk and fruit will be given out by staff to prevent children touching multiple bottles or pieces of fruit. We ask children in Years 3 – 6 to bring in fruit as a snack from home. Please send your child in with a named water bottle as the water fountains will be out of use.

Classes will have a staggered lunchtime so that only they are out on a specified section of the playground at one time. All children on packed lunches will eat in the classroom, the tables having been cleaned before and after eating. This will be supervised by staff in their bubble. Children on school dinners will either be on 'dinner' or a 'takeaway' lunch. Bubbles will be on one of these options for a half term and then they will switch. A school dinner will follow the normal menu of choices and be eaten in the hall. Children will be spread out on the dining tables and the two classes in the hall at the same time will line up on different sides, sit on different sides and be 2m apart at all times. A school 'takeaway' lunch will be eaten in the classroom. It won't just be a sandwich – children will have a choice each day of options eg – sandwich or pizza wrap; sandwich or sausage roll along with other accompaniments. Because of the numbers and the need to know how we are catering, children are now unable to switch to have a school dinner on a certain day (eg. chip Friday). They need to be on either a school dinner (which will be a dinner or a takeaway) or a packed lunch. If they want to change, we need 2 weeks' notice.

### Hand Hygiene:

We ask children to wash their hands on coming into school. They will also wash them before snack, before lunch and after going to the toilet. We have fitted sanitiser dispensers at every doorway so children will be helped to sanitise their hands properly on entry to school after playtimes, after PE etc. All classrooms will have snuffle stations equipped with tissues and sanitiser to support children to have good hand hygiene and follow the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.

### After school activities:

We are hoping to run Little Stones in some form but places might well be limited.

We won't be running school after school clubs in the Autumn term due to the need to keep bubbles separate and also to allow for more thorough cleaning of the classrooms.

Please can we ask that, as parents, you limit the number of clubs your child attends and only allow them to attend the clubs where you are confident that they have appropriate protective measures in place. Otherwise, you are bringing a risk into school.

I would also request that although I know the park is very close and a temptation after school, please think about all the careful measures that we are putting in place in school that are really limiting what we would love to do and making us rethink every bit of school life. If children go to the park after school and mix with children from other class bubbles and parents do not social distance, there is an increased risk to all of our Livingstone family. This relies on all of us to do our bit to keep the whole school family and wider community safe whilst we now enter the 'Living with COVID' phase.