



Our Reconnection Plan

This is an addition to the information shared in July

September 2020

Current guidance

The Government guidance released on 2nd July 2020 (with some updates in August) provided us with a context for their decision to request all schools to open to all children from September and issued guidance for schools to adhere to and manage when opening. The guidance issued can be found in full [here](#). Parent information is [here](#).

At Spaldwick Community Primary School we have been working hard on our plans for a full reopening ensuring that we:

- fulfil the expectations required of us
- ensure that the safety of everyone is paramount in all our decisions and actions
- continue to provide a high quality, well balanced curriculum to best support our pupils in their education

Keeping children and staff safe

All schools must comply with health and safety law, which requires them to assess risks and put in place proportionate control measures. Essential measures include:

- 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

All schools have been provided with a set of actions to 'prevent' and 'respond to infection' which are summarised below:

Prevention:

- minimise contact with individuals who are unwell
- clean hands thoroughly and more often than usual
- ensure good respiratory hygiene - 'catch it, bin it, kill it'
- enhanced cleaning
- minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible
- where necessary, wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)



Response to any infection:

- engage with the NHS Test and Trace process
- manage confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community
- contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice

Class and phase 'bubbles'

As shared previously we will group each phase (Foundation/KS1 and KS2) into 'bubbles'. They will remain consistent and **separate from the other 'bubble'**.

For the majority of their time in school the children will be in **their own class bubble** with their own teacher and support staff but at playtimes and lunchtimes they will be separated into their Key Stage bubbles. However, we are limiting this as much as possible and when this happens we will record it (briefly in a note pad for reference if needed).

This will make it quicker and easier in the event of a positive case to identify those who may need to self-isolate and keep that number as small as possible.

Attendance

All year groups will be required to return to school and attendance is mandatory from Tuesday 8th September.

The government states:

- *parents' duty to secure that their child attends regularly at school where the child is a registered pupil at school and they are of compulsory school age;*
- *schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence;*
- *the availability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct.*

Shielding children

Shielding advice for all adults and children paused on 1 August. Where a pupil is unable to attend school because they are complying with clinical and/or public health advice, please contact the Headteacher and we will work with you to support your child in the best possible way we can.

Before your child leaves home in the morning

Please check for any of the following symptoms

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss of, or change to the sense of smell or taste

If any of these symptoms are evident **do not send them to school**, contact us on 01480 890371 or email office@spaldwickschool.org.uk as soon as possible

Government advice must be followed, it can be found [here](#).

Travel to and from school

Children and families should ensure they are **following social distancing guidelines** whilst travelling to and from school. We ask that families do not meet at the gates or stop to talk in the vicinity of the school and that children from more than family do not travel to school in the same car.

Buses will be operating again from September. We are awaiting confirmation of the details and will let you know as soon as we know more. When children arrive in the morning, they will go straight to their classrooms.

Morning drop offs

First day back – Tuesday 8th September

To ease congestion, children will use the following doors for drop off and collection:

- Reception – Class door
- Year 1 and 2 – Front entrance
- Years 3 and 4 – Class door
- Years 5 and 6 – Side entrance (next to community room)

It is important that parents do not congregate on the playground or field and that we limit the number of interactions across bubbles.

We also encourage only 1 parent/adult to drop off and collect to help minimise the number of adults on site.

End of the day – Collection

The children will be brought to their designated collection point. Please can parents ensure they are on time to ensure a swift collection.

****Please note we will review the collection arrangements regularly in September and continually update according to the government guidelines to ensure they are working effectively, and we are happy with the safety precautions in place. Please be aware we will make amendments to timings if we feel it is necessary.**

Arrangements in school

Children in EYFS (and Year One in the Autumn term) will be following a free flow, play based curriculum. Whole class teaching sessions will be no longer than 20 minutes and all classrooms will be well ventilated.

It will not be possible, nor is it required, to enforce social distancing measures with children in EYFS. Children will wash their hands often and surfaces and equipment regularly sanitised.

Enhanced cleaning regimes

Since lockdown and then reopening for keyworker children our school has had enhanced cleaning systems in place. We have adjusted our cleaning rotas with our site team to ensure that more cleaning is carried out during the school day – with particular attention paid to those surfaces that are frequently touched like door handles. We anticipate these arrangements will stay in place until further notice.

Learning resources

We have asked you to supply your child with a pencil case in September, these resources will not be shared and must remain in school. Classroom based resources, such as books and games, can be used and shared within the class bubble; these will be cleaned regularly, along with all frequently touched surfaces. In KS1 and KS2 resources that are shared between classes or bubbles, such as sports, art and science equipment will be cleaned frequently, or rotated to allow them to be left unused and out of reach for a period of 48 hours (72 hours for plastics) between use by different bubbles.

Assemblies

There will be no traditional whole school or key stage assemblies during the first part of the autumn term, these will be replaced by virtual assemblies.



We are keeping an open mind about Harvest and Christmas productions but even at this early stage, full-scale productions ***look unlikely in the autumn term.***

Reading books

Reading books can still be brought home, however on their return to school **they will be placed in a box** and left for **72 hours** before returning to the shelves. If your child has a reading book at home, please return on the first day back in September.



Coats and bags

Children will use the cloakrooms for their coats but we ask children up to Year 4 to use a small bag or book bag that will fit in a drawer in their classroom for their reading book and pencil case. However, it must be a material that is wipeable. Fluffy rucksacks are not suitable. **Please keep items brought into school to a minimum, children must not bring toys to school.**

PE

To reduce the need for PE bags and changing in school on PE days your child can wear their PE kit to travel to school and remain in it for the whole day. We will notify you when your child's PE days are when you attend your parent consultation meeting.



The importance of fresh air

Windows and doors will be left open as much as possible to aid ventilation. Teachers will plan lots of outdoor learning activities and therefore it is essential that the children bring a coat every day.

Activity clubs

Clubs will be phased in gradually over autumn term.

Snacks

Children can bring a small, healthy, nut-free snack for break time. They must be individually wrapped and children must be able to open their snack independently.

Hot meals

We intend to have a full school offer for hot lunches again with a return to the normal payment arrangements via our Online Booking System.

Year 3 parents should be aware that universal free school dinners do not apply in KS2 and that payment for meals booked will be required.

We are aware that many families' situations have changed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and therefore if you think you might be entitled to free school meals and the pupil premium funding please contact the school office.

We have arrangements in place to ensure that during lunch time separation between 'bubbles' is maintained. Children will always wash their hands before eating.

Packed lunches

Please ensure your child has cutlery, a drink and that their meal is easy for them to manage on their own. We continue to be a nut free school.

Water

All pupils should have their own named water bottle. No water fountains are currently available at school. Water is available in school to refill children's bottles.



School uniform

It is an expectation that all children will wear the approved school uniform and PE kit. We expect our children to take great pride in their school and this is reflected in the way they dress for school. Uniform must be regularly washed.

Curriculum for reconnection

Whilst we are confident that many children will quickly 'bounce back' after the lockdown we are aware that there will be some children returning who have experienced bereavements amongst friends or family or who have experienced anxiety or stress during this time. There will also be a heightened focus on Personal, Social and Emotional Health education to ensure children are in a regulated emotional state and able to recommence their education.

To support children to reconnect with each other and their teacher we will take years 1-6 for a day of team building at Grafham Water on Friday 11th. The children will remain in their bubbles at all times. Please ensure you return your permission slip as soon as possible.

Assessment

To strengthen routines, relationships and resilience it is important that, in a measured supportive way, teachers and children get back to established ways of working rather than spending too long on a formal testing regime, especially when children's confidence might be low. Therefore, children's learning will be assessed through teaching during all lessons, sometimes this will be a quiz but most often it will be done through tasks and teacher's professional judgement. Teachers will then make adaptations, establishing 'what has to be learned' rather than sticking rigidly to our usual long term plans. Class teachers will likely have to take 'a step back' in order to help children to then move forward with confidence but each child and class will be different.

The 'Reverse Parent Consultation' meeting will give you the opportunity to share any difficulties that your child might have experienced during lockdown. If you have not made an appointment to meet your child's teacher on Monday 7th September, please email them as soon as possible.

Miss Allan – hallan@spaldwickschool.org.uk

Mrs Blake – ablake@spaldwickschool.org.uk

Miss Bell – rbell@spaldwickschool.org.uk

Broad and balanced curriculum

Although there are some restrictions in place (eg singing in large groups) we fully intend to continue with our normal ambitious and broad curriculum in all subjects from the start of the autumn term. We will be sending home information about our Autumn topics in September and we would like to remind you to login to your child's class page on the school website.

Pupils with additional needs

We are aware that for some children with additional needs, returning to school after lockdown may cause additional anxiety or stress. Children with additional needs will be supported by the school SENCo to ensure a smooth transition when returning to school.

Staff will continue to be responsive to the needs of individual pupils and additional support will be provided where necessary. Small group or 1:1 support may take a different form in the autumn term so that adults and children remain safe, for example, sitting side by side, staff and pupils working at a greater distance from each other.

Homework

In an effort to reduce the number of items that move between home and school we will be using Office 365 and Teams for the majority of our homework provision from September. You will be sent new login details in the first week of term.

If you do not have access to a device, do not worry, we can still print off paper versions of homework where possible – just let your child's class teacher know.

Wrap around care

SCLub will continue to offer wrap around care. The children will be dropped off as normal and will go straight to their classrooms but in the afternoon a member of Spaldwick staff will accompany the children to SCLub.

School office

The school office will remain closed to visitors. We ask parents to ensure that children have all that they need for the day (e.g. packed lunches, letters) at the start of the day. If you need to collect your child at a different time, please telephone the school to make arrangements. An office staff member will then arrange to meet parents with their child in the open air at the front of the school at main reception.

All other communication should take place by telephone or e-mail as far as possible.

Communication

Communication with parents is really important to us. Due to the current restrictions we would request that meetings with members of staff are by prior arrangement only so that social distancing and safety precautions can be put in place. If you would like a phone conversation or a face to face meeting please email office@spaldwickschool.org.uk or head@spaldwickschool.org.uk or telephone the office 01480 890371 to support making these arrangements. You can read the school communication policy [here](#).

Please keep face to face conversations to a minimum at the school gates.

In the event of another lockdown

If there is another national lockdown, or a local lockdown that encompasses the school site, learning will move to remote learning within 24 hours using the following systems:

- Office 365 and Teams will be used to set daily maths, English and topic activities.
- Live and recorded video sessions will commence within 1 week of a lockdown.
- Paper based packs that follow the national curriculum will be produced within 24 hours where the class teacher is unable to deliver online lessons.

The principles for delivery will be as follows:

- Children will receive learning opportunities for a range of subjects each day
- Learning will be sequenced as per our current curriculum model
- High quality explanations will be made by the teacher using voice overs from school (in Teams) or through curriculum resources such as Oak National
- Work will be checked through uploads to Teams
- Lessons will be of the equivalent length of a normal school day.

We hope you find this update useful and please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.