

## Frequently Asked Questions and General Information

Groups in School during Phase 1 of school re-opening	Number of children	Minimum Number of rooms needed
Reception	24 <b>(if all return)</b>	2
Year 1	11 <b>(if all return)</b>	1
Year 6	24 <b>(if all return)</b>	2
Key Worker / Vulnerable	18 (highest daily total) (includes 6 in Rec / Y6)	1

### 1. Do I have to send my child into school if they are in Rec, Y1 or Y6?

**No, you do not have to send your child into school** – no fine for non-attendance. **The choice is yours.** Children who are shielding (or have family members who are shielding **should continue** to follow shielding advice). Likewise if your child (or you) fall into the medical vulnerable family, **you must consider** how returning to school could affect your family.

### 2. Can siblings attend school if they are not in Rec, Y1 or Y6 ?

No – unless they fall into the Key Worker or vulnerable group categories.

### 3. If my child is in Y2,Y3, Y4 or Y5 and they are either vulnerable or have Key Worker parents, can they attend school ?

Yes – they will be grouped together as they have been during the school closure.

### 4. Will the school have the enhanced cleaning provision in place?

Yes – cleaning taking place between sessions and a reduction in materials used. Communal textbooks and sponge equipment won't be used. Additional cleaning products have already been purchased and are in school ready to continue with this provision.

### 5. Do staff or children have to wear PPE?

No – Government guidance. If you would like to send your child to school with PPE, then that is perfectly fine.

### 6. Can I send my child into school with their own hand sanitiser ?

Yes – so long as they know not to share it with others.

### 7. Do children have to maintain 2m distances from each other and staff ?

No – Government guidance. Where possible 2m distances will be adhered to. No large group gatherings permitted. No assemblies and no cross contact from one group to another.

**8. Will staff be able to support my child if they fall over or have a First Aid need ?**

Yes. Staff do not have to stay 2m from the children so can support them as they would normally.

**9. Parents and visitors to school – do they have to maintain social distancing?**

Yes. There will be limited visitors to school (only where absolutely necessary).

**10. What happens if a child (or staff) displays Covid-19 symptoms?**

Before schools shut, there were protocols in place for this scenario and these will continue during the phased re-opening of schools. The child (staff member) is isolated from their peers. They will be sent home and then have to self-isolate for 14 days. The rest of the group do not have to self-isolate as per the guidance.

**11. Will drop off and pick ups be affected.**

This will be one of the things we will be discussing on Wednesday. We will update you as soon as we can. We have many external doors which we can use in these unprecedented times.

**12. Will you be operating a staggered start and end to the school day ?**

Again, this will be discussed on Wednesday. If we do adopt this approach, we will, where we can support those parents who have gone back to work. Due to logistics, we may have to shut one afternoon per week. I'm still awaiting a response to my query.

**13. Will Breakfast and After School Clubs run as normal ?**

This is another one of the questions I posed to Wigan. I am awaiting a response to this question.

**14. Will my child be taught by their usual class teacher ?**

Not necessarily so, as classes will be split into at least 2 groups. This will be discussed on Wednesday.

**15. What will be the daily routines ?**

This will be discussed on Wednesday. Children's social and emotional needs will be met in the first instance. Then some lessons will take place for some subjects where possible. **Lessons will be similar for those classes in school and at home.** Topics will not be taking place during this time due to limited movement around school and the limitations placed on school in regards to specific resources not being used.

**16. Will the children have to wear school uniform ?**

Presently - Yes. This is to help create the sense of familiarity. (Although where children have outgrown uniform or shoes, we will not be overly enforcing this). This may change due to the guidance given.

**17. Will school meals be served ? Will snack and milk be available ?**

We are in communication with our caterers regarding school meals. The cook is in school next week to give the kitchen a deep clean. For those at home, the FSM vouchers will still be provided.

Snack and milk – discussed on Wednesday. Water dispenser is also being discussed.

**18. Has School had a deep clean during the closure ?**

Yes, parents were informed of this in the weekly newsletter. Every day, the classrooms used are thoroughly cleaned and this will continue during the phased return and beyond.

**19. Will the children be allowed to mix with other children during the day from the other rooms ?**

No – Government Guidance. This is to reduce the risk of contamination and if anyone has the symptoms then they are in contact with fewer people. This will also be the case at break and lunch times.

**20. Who will be looking after the Key Worker and vulnerable children ?**

The teachers who are not looking after the Rec, Y1 or Y6 children. There will be a teacher with every group.

**21. If my child is classed as vulnerable or having parents who are Key workers, who will they be grouped with ?**

Their usual class. The Key Worker and vulnerable group will comprise of children from Y2-Y5 only.

**22. Will the school office be back open as usual ?**

This will be discussed on Wednesday. Depends on how many children return too. There will be some changes to how it is operating during school closures.

**23. Have you considered the children coming back on a rota system ?**

Current guidance for schools is that the children cannot come back on a rota system (mornings / afternoons or half a week etc...) However, **it may be that only 1 or 2 of the proposed classes return initially.**

**24. How will the toilets be managed ?**

This will be confirmed on Wednesday. There will be a system in place, which ensures only 1 person in at a time.

I am sure, that you, like us, have many more questions. Meetings are still taking place and guidance is being updated daily. Things could yet change before the 1<sup>st</sup> June. We will of course, update you, if / when things change.

When the government confirm that schools will re-open on a phased return basis, it is your choice whether you choose to send them back into school. **Just to re-iterate, June 1<sup>st</sup>, is their aspirational date for schools to return** and is not a definite date.