

Moving from Year Group Bubbles to Class Bubbles

When school reopens it is inevitable that we will have Covid cases and as a result, bubble closures. However, as children have already missed so much school we must do everything we can to keep these to a minimum. In order to reduce the number of children having to isolate when we have a Covid case in school we are going to try to operate class bubbles instead of year group bubbles. We will be keeping classes separate for the majority of the day and children must not be allowed to mix across classes except for at the times specified.

There are times at which we cannot avoid some children mixing with children from other classes in their year group, e.g. Breakfast Club, ASC and maths and English groups in KS2. This means that if a child has Covid, their class bubble will close, but there may be other contacts who also have to isolate. E.g. if a child in Year 3 who attends Breakfast Club and ASC tests positive, their base class will have to isolate, as will their maths or English class and the other Year 3 children who attend Breakfast Club and ASC. However, this will still be a significantly lower number of children than if the whole year group had to isolate.

Breakfast Club

Children will still be in year groups in Breakfast Club as it is impossible to accommodate all of the classes separately. Children will be based at their year group tables as they are now, they must only go to the counter with other members of their year group and cutlery and cups will be placed on the tables by staff to avoid contamination in cutlery trays etc.

Morning Drop Off

Year groups will still arrive at staggered times (see *Drop Off and Pick Up Times*), but all classes in a year group will arrive at the same time, the transmission risk involved in entering the playground at the same time is minimal. EYs and KS1 children will go straight to their classrooms, KS2 children will line up in their classes in the playground, with lines remaining 2m apart. Classes should allow gaps when leaving the playground to go to classrooms to avoid congestion in the corridors. Only one class at a time can enter the cloakroom.

Maths and English Groups (KS2)

Children leaving their base class to go to maths or English in another class must do so quickly and with supervision in place to avoid gatherings in the corridor.

Playtime

Playtimes will be from 10.15-10.35 (Years 2,4 and 6) and 10.40-11.00 (Years 1,3 and 5). The playground will all be split into 3 (5 for EYs) and classes must not mix during playtime. Children must be told not to go into the toilets when children from another class are in there, they should queue outside and maintain social distancing while they wait. If staffing levels allow, the toilets should be supervised during playtime.

Lunchtime

We will be returning to the previous system of eating hot meals in the hall and sandwiches in class on alternate days, except for in EYs (reception will eat in the hall every day, and Nursery in class every day, but hopefully having hot food delivered).

One year group at a time will eat in the hall as before, but the classes will be separate, with at least 2m between them. Barriers will be in place and children must not get up and move around the hall

or enter sections other than that dedicated to their class. One class at a time can go to the counter to be served and must sit down immediately. Water must be served by staff, children can not get up to get water, fruit etc once seated. If possible other classes in the year group should wait outside until the class before has been served and seated. If this isn't possible, all three classes should be seated in their sections before being asked to go to the counter one class at a time.

Boxes of cutlery and cups should be placed on the tables to avoid contamination across classes.

All doors and windows in the hall must be kept wide open at all times, children should sit side by side rather than facing each other and adults should wear face coverings and observe social distancing.

Home Time

Year groups will leave at staggered times as before, from the same gates as before (see *Drop Off and Pick Up Times*). While waiting in the playground or at the gate, class lines should remain at least 2m apart.

After School Club

Children will still be in year groups in ASC as it is impossible to accommodate all of the classes separately. Children will be based at their year group tables as they are now, they must only go to the counter for food with other members of their year group and cutlery and cups will be placed on the tables by staff to avoid contamination in cutlery trays etc.

Children must remain with their year group for all activities. ASC will use both halls and the 3/4 playground. If there is only 1 child from any year group at ASC they can go with another year group to a hall or outside, but social distancing must be maintained.

Other Considerations

Resources that are used across the year group, such as P.E. Equipment and laptops will be cleaned after each use.