

COVID-19 Return to School Arrangements



Interim Risk Assessment September 2021

Return to School in September 2021

Holland Moor will be taking a cautious approach as we gradually remove the ***bubble structure, other social distancing measures*** and ***control measures*** that have been in place for our children. Our school will be doing this from September 2021. Government guidance also means we can also gradually remove our staggered start/finish times and revert many aspects of school back to how school was working before the pandemic started.

However, we need to be clear that the pandemic has not gone away and as per government guidelines, we now need to learn to live with Coronavirus. As such some general measures will need to remain in place. From time to time, our arrangements may need to be reviewed in the event of any increase in infections or changes in government guidelines.

Below details some key changes to be aware of.

The School Day

The school registration period will close at 09.00

Early morning club will operate from 07.30 with any children attending the club before 08.00 transferring to their classrooms at 08.00.

Children arriving in school between 08.00 and 09.00 will go straight to their classrooms although children arriving in KS1 or KS2 between 08.00 and 08.30 will use the front door entrance.

Entrance and Exit Points

During Covid-19 pandemic we have used different ways of entering and leaving our school site. These have been successful in many ways and we will be continuing with different entrance and exit points for different classes this term. As with all school procedures, we will be evaluating this as we move through the autumn term. The information below details the entrance points for your child's new class from 2nd September 2021.

Reception entrance – Across the reception playground with the children being collected from the bottom of the slope or steps.

Year 1 and Year 2 – Back of school entrance. Parents will enter at the back of school and wait on the KS1 playground. Staff will escort the children into school.

Year 3 and 4 – School driveway and green mile entrance. Parents will enter via the main school gate and continue across the car park. Children will enter school via the green mile door. Parents should then leave via the main drive.

Year 5 and 6 – Back of school entrance (field gate). Parents and children to enter via the back of school path /field gate. Parents should then continue around the path and leave via the back gate of school. This one-way system is optional.

Collecting children at the end of the day. School finishes from 14.50 Parents should line up and wait at the relevant points to collect children in an organised and orderly way. Children will be handed over to the parents in an organised way and leave the school site promptly.

P.E

Children may wear their PE kits to school on the days they have PE. This approach will be reviewed at the end of September.

Lunchtimes and Break Times

More children will once again be eating together in the hall but some will continue to eat in classrooms. As a school we may make some internal decisions on how we structure lunchtimes for the benefit of the children to make break times and lunch times the best experience for them. Initially children will play outside in their class groups.

Assembly

During the last 18th months assemblies have been held remotely. This will continue during September. We know the importance of groups physically coming together and we will gradually introduce key stage assemblies.

School Events and Clubs

School events have changed dramatically over the last 18 months with many meetings taking place virtually and many usual events being unable to take place in the normal way. As we move through the autumn term we will be keeping you fully informed of any school events and clubs we are able to hold.

Key Control Measures

During the last 18th months, school has functioned incredibly successfully and is now confident and experienced in working in the pandemic. As school reopens in September 2021 we will continue to have key control measures in place to prevent transmission of the virus which are in line with Government guidance.

| Key Government Advice on control measure | Key school control measures |
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| 1.Ensure good hygiene for everyone | |
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| <p>Hand hygiene</p> <p>Frequent and thorough hand cleaning will now be regular practice. We will continue to ensure that pupils clean their hands regularly. This will be done with soap and water or hand sanitiser.</p> | <p>All children to clean hands on entry to school and at key points during the day including break times and lunch times by washing with soap and water or using hand sanitiser.</p> <p>School ensures adequate supplies of soap and hand sanitiser are available.</p> <p>Hygiene rules to be discussed with children regularly and posters displayed around school.</p> |
| <p>Respiratory Hygiene</p> <p>The 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach continues to be very important.</p> | <p>The 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach is promoted in school and discussed with children.</p> <p>Tissues are available and all children are briefed on procedures for blowing noses and disposal of waste. Lidded bins are provided in each area for waste disposal.</p> <p>Children are briefed on the importance of behaviour and school rules are revisited with all classes. School rules have been refreshed to reflect COVID – 19 and are discussed with all children daily and are evident around school.</p> |
| <p>Use of personal protective equipment (PPE)</p> <p>School staff will not require PPE beyond what they would normally need for their work.</p> | <p>All staff in school have access to PPE as required and will use in line with government guidance.</p> |
| 2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes, using standard products such as detergents | |
| <p>We have put in place and will maintain an appropriate cleaning schedule. This will include regular cleaning of areas and equipment with a particular focus on frequently touched surfaces.</p> | <p>Each classroom has its own cleaning materials. All surfaces are cleaned at the start of each day, during the day, after each lesson and at the end of each day.</p> <p>Cleaning procedures are in place and monitored at start and end of the day and a daily evaluation of cleaning is carried out by SLT. Cleaning procedures include regular cleaning of touch points.</p> <p>A daily health and safety check is done with (Headteacher), (Site Supervisor) and (School Health and Safety Officer). These are done before the start of school each day to check all aspects of cleaning.</p> <p>Deep cleaning will be used as necessary.</p> |

| 3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated | |
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| <p>When our school is in operation, it is important to ensure it is well ventilated and that a comfortable teaching environment is maintained.</p> | <p>All rooms in the school have windows which are opened to create air flow and ventilation. Where possible windows will be left open during lessons, if this is not practical, windows will be fully opened when unoccupied to fully purge the air.</p> <p>At key points in the day ventilation is also improved through opening doors. At these times, increased consideration will be given to security of the building.</p> <p>All doors and windows will be closed at the end of the day. Any areas of school where there is poor ventilation will be identified and concerns addressed with the building surveyor.</p> |
| 4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19 | |
| <p>Pupils, staff and other adults will follow public health advice on when to self-isolate and what to do. They will not come into school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test result or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19 (for example, if they are required to quarantine). If anyone in the school develops COVID-19 symptoms, however mild, we will send them home and they should public health advice.</p> | <p>School will continue to work within Government guidance regarding Covid-19. In particular the following procedures are in place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular asymptomatic staff testing, to be reviewed at the end of September • Isolation and testing of symptomatic members of the school community • Regular updates and reminders to parents of Covid-19 symptoms and school and government procedures • Children do not attend school with Covid-19 symptoms |

Outbreak Management Plan

In the case of a Covid-19 outbreak it may be necessary to revert to a different school organisation once again. These procedures would be similar to those we have worked in during the last 18 months so parents and children should feel confident and at ease with them. Any procedures within this aspect of our management plan would be adapted to meet the needs of our children following ongoing risk assessments and changes in government and DfE guidance.