



Reopening from 8th March Information for Parents



Handforth Grange
Primary School



Frank Field
Education Trust

Attendance to school after 8th March

We are delighted to be welcoming you all back to school on March 8th 2021.

The staff will be wearing masks to collect the children in the morning and around the school when out of their bubbles as an extra precaution measure. We ask that parents and carers wear masks and keep a 2-metre distance from other adults at the gate. Please try to avoid arriving early as you will be at risk of mixing with a previous class bubble. As before, if you are going to be late, please telephone the school office and Mrs Fogarty will contact the class teacher who can arrange to collect your child from the appropriate gate after 9.15 am.

All school staff are using the lateral flow tests twice per week to identify asymptomatic cases and the majority of our SEN teaching assistants in school have now been able to access the vaccine that will offer them protection in the future months. Going forwards, we would ask you to help us by not sending your child to school if they have any COVID symptoms (temperature, persistent cough or loss of smell or taste) and ensure that children with symptoms have a negative PCR test before returning to school. If children have a stomach-ache, sickness, sore throat or cold they should remain home for 48 hrs and if symptoms persist, they should be taken for a test. The reopening Covid risk assessment is available to view on the school website.

The before and after school club is open for those parents who require wrap around care, please book using Parent Pay.

Return to School Timings

- Nursery - Teacher: Miss Clarke - Entrance & Exit: Nursery Gate - Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm
- Reception key worker bubble - Miss Hurley's class, Entrance & Exit: Reception Gate - Time: 8:40am – 3:10pm PE day - Monday
- Reception key worker bubble - Miss Saunders - Entrance & Exit: Reception Gate - Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm PE day - Monday
- Year 1 key worker bubble- Miss Brown - Entrance & Exit: Reception Gate - Time: 8:30am – 3:00pm PE day - Tuesday
- Year 1 / 2 key worker bubble - Miss Markham - Entrance & Exit: Main Gate - Time: 8:45am – 3:15pm PE day - Tuesday
- Year 2 key worker bubble - Miss Saven - Entrance & Exit: Reception Gate - Time: 8:20 am – 2:50 pm PE day – Tuesday

- Year 3 key worker bubble - Miss Macarthur - Entrance & Exit: Main Gate - Time: 8:30am – 3:00pm PE day - Thursday
- Year 3 / 4 key worker bubble - Mrs Baston - Entrance & Exit: Main Gate - Time: 8:55am – 3:25pm PE day - Thursday
- Year 4 key worker bubble - Miss Hassell - Entrance & Exit: Meriton Road Park Gate - Time: 8:40am – 3:10 pm PE day - Thursday
- Resource Provision Bubble - Teacher: Mrs Kirk - Entrance & Exit: Meriton Road Park Gate - Time: 8:30 am – 3.00 pm PE day – Monday
- Year 5 key worker bubble - Mr Shaw - Entrance & Exit: Meriton Road Park Gate - Time: 8:50 am – 3:20 pm PE day - Friday
- Year 5 / 6 key worker bubble - Dr. Vince - Entrance & Exit: Meriton Road Park Gate - Time: 9:00am – 3:30 pm PE day – Friday
- Year 6 key worker bubble -Mrs McDonald - Entrance & Exit: Meriton Road Park Gate - Time: 9:10am – 3:40pm PE day - Friday

Protective Measures

Additional safety measures have been put into place since January. Primarily, the twice weekly use and reported of Lateral Flow Tests by all staff and the wearing of masks around the school site by all staff when out of their class bubbles. Teachers will take their planning and preparation time at home to reduce the movement of staff around the building to a minimum. Specialist teachers will teach online using Teams to provide cover for teachers PPA, facilitated by teaching assistants within the classrooms.

The indoor social areas have been closed following advice from PHE regards reducing contact between adults. An outdoor social area has been established for staff to use at lunchtime to enable them to have a break away from the classroom in a well-ventilated area, maintaining social distancing from their colleagues.

The plans for bubble timings have been shared with parents and remain consistent to those in September 2020. The school has offered wrap around care for parents who require this support at the beginning and end of the day.



HGPS is well positioned to allow the safe return of a large number of children, because:

- It has 5 external entrances to mitigate risk of parents, carers and children mixing
- The classrooms are large, square and uncluttered and allow for spacing between pupils at high capacity
- The staff team are relatively young and no teaching staff are shielding

The re-opening plan is based on:

- DfE stipulation of return of “full classes” to school full-time on March 8th 2021
- Schools asked to continue to plan mitigations to prevent potential spread of the virus between groups
- Schools asked to continue to plan mitigations to prevent potential spread of the virus between parents and carers

The re-opening plan is based on the principles of:

- Children being able to resume their education safely
- Staff being protected as much as possible by limiting contact to the minimum number of children
- The community being protected by minimising the possibility of a potential outbreak affecting more than 30 children and any two adults at any one time

The re-opening plan is based on the existing Risk Assessment agreed by FFET prior to re-opening:

- Maintaining the requirement to ‘keep children as far apart as possible’
- Maintaining all the mitigations currently in place that are working well
- That the school maintains its staffing budget and minimal extra staffing costs are accrued – only used where additional time is required to cover recovery from COVID illness.
- That, if the DfE demand no mitigations, the school would return to normal and if the DfE / Compliance Ed. require 2m distance then we would remain unchanged
- DfE disregard Social Distancing requirements within the classroom environment (30 capacity in each class bubble)



Device returns

If your child has loaned a laptop they will need to return it on either, the day of their test or the day they return to teaching. The device must be returned to the School office. The devices will be checked for any damage and then will be signed back into school.

