

Fosse Primary School - Wider Opening Plan

Rationale

Throughout the period of 'lockdown' schools have remained open to provide for the educational needs of Key Worker and vulnerable children, including during the traditional Easter Break, half term and also over Bank Holidays. There is now a requirement for us to extend this provision for wider opening. As a primary school, the Government guidance states that children should be in smaller class sizes and contact with other groups should be minimal.

With limited space and the need to provide reduced class sizes we are only able to extend our provision to Year 6 children. We are not at this moment in time able to open for the other year groups suggested by the government (F2, Year 1 or F1 Nursery). The provision we have put in place for children of Key Workers and vulnerable children will continue.

We understand this will be difficult for all families, but we hope that you can appreciate our reasons for our plans.

Below we have detailed what we believe to be the information you will need about our plans.

1. Which year groups are returning to school and when?

Year 6 children will be returning to school, once the government has confirmed that it is safe to do so, but no earlier than Monday June 8th.

Children of Key Workers and vulnerable children will continue to attend, as they have throughout school closure.

2. Why aren't all children coming back?

Across the country the government have asked that primary schools welcome back certain year groups to continue supporting the aim of reduce the rate of transmission of the virus. As a school, we have had to consider the limitations of our school site and building in our risk assessments which is why we have taken the decision to limit our wider opening to include Year 6 only.

3. If one of my children is able to return can't their sibling come back too?

Sadly, the answer to this is 'no'. We only have the capacity to accept children from Year 6 and our Key Worker and vulnerable provision.

4. Does my Year 6 child have to attend?

It is your choice to send your child back to school. Staff have been contacting Year 6 parents to confirm their decision, which was given a cut-off date of Friday 29th May to allow us time to plan accordingly. Parents will not be fined if they choose not to send their child back to school. If you have decided to send your child, then they will be expected to attend every day and persistent absence could result in them not being able to re-join their group safely. If you have decided not to send your child back, then this decision is final. Once our groups or 'bubbles' have been created, it poses a risk to all the members of that bubble to add others to it at different times.

5. My Year 6 / Key Worker / vulnerable child is ill and cannot attend school, what do I do?

If your child displays any symptoms of Covid-19 then do not send them to school. Notify the school immediately. Ring 111 to arrange for your child to have a test to confirm a diagnosis. If the test is positive, your child must not attend school for 7 days following the onset of symptoms. If the test is negative, inform school so that arrangements can be made for their return.

If your child is ill for another reason (ie: sickness bug), ring school to explain the reason for their absence and your child will be able to return when they are ready.

6. Someone in our household is displaying symptoms of Covid-19, can my child attend school?

If anyone in your household displays any symptoms of Covid-19, your child cannot attend school and must follow the government guidelines and self-isolate for 14 days. Please contact school to notify us of this.

7. What is a 'bubble'?

The government guidance expects that children are taught in small groups. These are the 'bubbles.' Our bubbles will have a maximum of 8 children and 2 members of staff. Each bubble will have their own class base. This means that many children will not be working in their usual classroom or with their own class teacher.

Bubbles should not mix and to ensure this many arrangements have been put in place:

- Staggered start and end times to the school day
- Using different gates to enter and exit the site
- Staggered break and lunch time outside play times
- Children will eat their lunch in their room, not the hall
- Consistent staffing on a weekly rota for each bubble
- Each bubble will have their own toilet space, with only 1 child using this at a time

8. When will school open for the Year 6 bubbles?

School will open to the Year 6 bubbles from Monday 8th June. Please arrive at the correct gate, at your child's bubble allocated time.

9. Will school be open every day?

For Year 6 children, school will be open from Monday to Thursday. Staff will use Fridays as Planning, Preparation and assessment (PPA) time. They will also be using this time to prepare online resources for children who are not attending school.

For children in our Key Worker and Vulnerable 'bubble', school will be open from Monday to Friday.

10. What time will school start and finish?

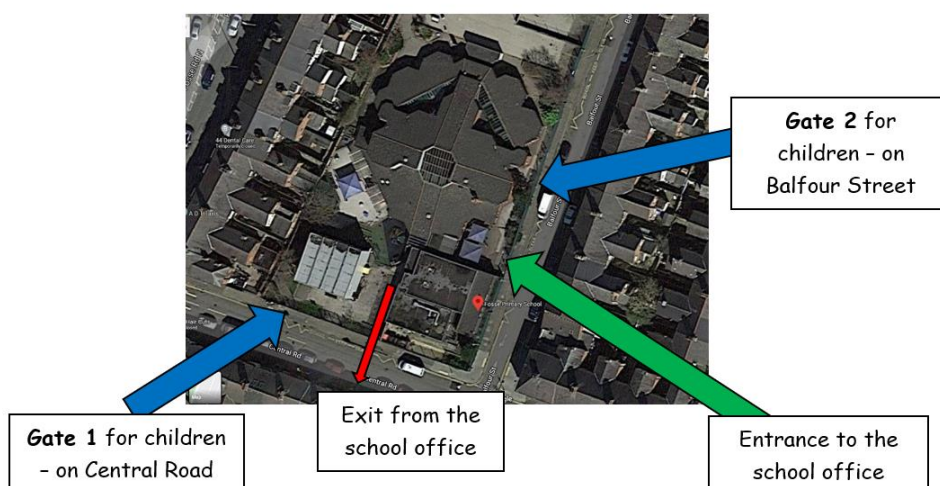
To meet safety requirements, we have timetabled staggered drop off and collection times. Each bubble will have their own start and finish time and will use one of 2 gates to enter and exit the school site.

You will be notified which bubble your child is in (numbered 1 - 5), what time they are expected to arrive at school, which gate they will use and what time their day finishes.

Children must arrive at their timetabled start time at the correct gate to ensure bubbles do not mix. Staff will be at the gate to meet their bubble and direct them to the line, where the bubble will wait and enter school when all children have arrived. Parents will not be permitted to enter the school site at these gates, as per government guidance. Please observe social distancing of 2m around school gates.

Year 6 children can be accompanied by 1 parent / carer on the first day. After this, we would ask that Year 6 children walk to and from school on their own to limit gatherings of people around the school gates.

Key worker and vulnerable children need to be brought to their gate at the correct time by 1 parent / carer.



11. What will happen at lunchtime?

Children will continue to have 1 hour for lunch. They will have 30 minutes to eat their packed lunch in their classroom and 30 minutes outside with only their bubble to prevent bubbles mixing. Each bubble will be supervised by a designated lunchtime supervisor. All children will need to bring a healthy packed lunch.

12. What will my child be doing / learning while at school?

Year 6 children will be working on Maths, English, Science, Jigsaw PSHE curriculum and other areas of the curriculum. They will also be accessing the same learning activities as those children working at home using Purple Mash, Emile and Flash Academy.

Key Worker and vulnerable children will be accessing the same learning as their year group have been allocated to do at home, using Bug Club, Purple Mash, Emile and Flash Academy as appropriate. They will complete the White Rose Maths home learning for their year group. They will also complete work in other areas of the curriculum as appropriate to the mixed-ages of the group.

13. What will the classrooms be like?

Rooms have been organised to ensure that when children are seated at their desk, they will be 2m apart. Children will have their own workbook and set of stationery. Items that are difficult to clean (such as soft toys, cushions etc) have been removed.

Where resources need to be shared across bubbles (for instance iPads for accessing online learning) these will be thoroughly cleaned before being passed to another bubble.

14. Will my child have to wear school uniform?

No, your child does not have to wear uniform. Government advice states that everyone should wear clean clothes each day which can be difficult when limited to school uniform. Please ensure that your child is wearing appropriate clothing and footwear.

15. What should my child bring to school?

Only send your child with their packed lunch, a water bottle and a coat / sun hat as appropriate for the weather. Water bottles need to be full at the start of the day. They must be taken home each day and washed. No other belongings are needed. Cloakrooms will not be in use. All items will be stored at the child's personal desk. All items will be taken home each day to ensure classrooms can be cleaned.

16. Will breakfast club or after-school provision be available?

We cannot offer these facilities currently. This would lead to children from different bubbles mixing which needs to be avoided, as keeping bubbles separate is a key way of keeping children and adults safe.

17. How will you ensure that social distancing takes place?

Government guidance has stated that "...early years and primary age children cannot be expected to remain 2m apart from each other and staff." We will always do our best to support distancing, but parents must understand that in returning to school there is a very real likelihood that children will come into close contact and potentially touch other people. We cannot eliminate all risk but parents must understand what we are able to do and use this to inform their decision making around their child returning to school.

18. How can I explain social distancing to my child?

Be open and honest, using language they will understand. Explain that they are helping others by their actions. Use drawings if needed and use a positive tone. Try to make the children feel safe.

You could use some of the following resources to support you:

Time to Come In, Bear: A Children's Story About Social Distancing
Written by Kim St Lawrence. Read by Ryan St Lawrence

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DA_SsZFYw0w&feature=emb_logo

How to Explain Social Distancing to Kids

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2HTA3ql6uWY&feature=emb_logo

19. What if my child needs first aid at school?

Each bubble has been allocated a designated first aider. They will administer any first aid your child needs. Due to the nature of giving first aid, this person will not be able to maintain 2m distancing and so will wear PPE whilst administering first aid. There will always be at least one paediatric first aider on site at all times.

20. What will happen if a child displays symptoms of Covid-19 at school?

You will be notified by phone if your child displays any symptoms of Covid-19. We must have up-to-date contact numbers for parents of children in school and if you receive a call from school you must answer this.

The child with symptoms will be taken to our designated room by a member of staff from their bubble who will wait with them until they are collected by a parent or other member of their household.

This member of staff will wear PPE equipment (mask, gloves, apron and eye protection) and maintain a 2m distance from the child.

The headteacher will be notified.

The child will need to be taken for a Covid-19 test which must be within 5 days of the symptoms developing. A test can be arranged by the parent/carer by ringing 111 or by going to the following website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test>

If the test is negative, the child will be able to return to school.

If the test is positive, the child will need to stay away from school for 7 days and other members of their household will need to follow the government's self-isolating rules.

All other members of the child's bubble will be sent home until test results are known, at which point all parents will be contacted to confirm next steps.

The child with symptoms will never be named.

21. How will high standards of hygiene be maintained?

All children and staff will be expected to wash their hands when entering the bubble classroom. They will also be washing their hands at hourly intervals and at key points through the day (before and after eating, after sneezing /coughing / touching their face and after using the toilet). Children will be taught about the need for good personal hygiene habits.

Each classroom will have their own cleaning equipment which will be used to wipe down surfaces, taps and door handles at regular intervals throughout the day.

Each classroom will have supplies of hand soap, alcohol-based hand sanitiser, paper hand towels and tissues.

Toilets will be wiped down after each use.

Each bubble classroom will have a lidded bin for disposing of tissues and hand towels.

Only classrooms with windows will be used by children and these will be kept open for ventilation all day. Doors will be kept open both to aid ventilation and to limit use of door handles.

22. What are the behaviour expectations for my child?

Children will be expected to follow all school rules at all times. In addition, there will be the following key expectations of children:

- Children must act with responsibility and within the best interests of all members of the school community at all times
- All children must arrive at school at their designated arrival time and at the correct gate. They must follow the altered routines for arrival and departure.
- Children must leave school at the designated time and not gather with friends on their way home.
- All pupils must follow school instructions on hygiene, such as handwashing and sanitising
- Children must endeavour to maintain social distancing. There must be no physical contact such as hugging, hand shaking or high fives.
- Children must sit in the seat directed by their teacher. They must always sit in the same seat.
- Children must not bring anything other than the allowed items in to school.
- Pupils must move around the school as per specific instructions (for example, one-way systems, out of bounds areas, queuing)
- Pupils must adhere to the expectations about sneezing, coughing, tissues and disposal ('catch it, bin it, kill it') and avoiding touching their mouth, nose and eyes with hands
- Children must tell an adult if they are experiencing symptoms of coronavirus
- Children must follow rules about sharing any equipment or other items including drinking bottles
- Children must adhere to the amended expectations about breaks or play times, including where they may or may not play
- Children must wash their hands before and after using the toilet
- Under no circumstances must any child cough or spit at or towards any other person
- All children must follow safety rules at home when using remote education
- The usual rewards and sanctions system will remain in place, however if a child reaches their 3rd sanction, parents will be contacted to collect their child and keep them at home for the rest of that day.

23. How can I access school if I need help / support?

All contact with school will need to be made by phone or email in the first instance.

The school phone number is 0116 251 9261.

Please use the following emails for enquiries:

enquiries@fosse-pri.leicester.sch.uk

Parents will be able to access the home learning table in the school reception area. Please use the Balfour Street main entrance gate for access, using hand sanitiser before entering school. Only one adult will be allowed to enter at time. If there is someone inside, you will be expected to wait outside, using the 2m markings to maintain social distance. There is a one-way system in the reception area, so please follow the arrows and exit from the other door and use the buzzer to exit from the gate onto Central Road.

If you need to contact your child's teacher, please continue to email them directly using the information available on the school website:

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/fosse-primary-school/UploadedDocument/90d8be58ba354064bb10bd031316d701/staff-contact-details.pdf>