

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1) If my child is in Nursery, year R, year 1 or year 6 and I choose not to send my child back in June, can I send them back later in the term, perhaps at the beginning of July?**

At the moment, we cannot give a definitive answer to this question, as the government has said that it plans to increase the number of children who are attending school in July. We do not, as yet, know what this will look like and what the government expects. However, at the moment we are working at full capacity, with all members of staff allocated specific roles and all classrooms being used. This means that any increase in the numbers of children will have to be managed carefully and that what is in place for June 1st, may well have to change.

- 2) Can my child attend school part time during the week?**

No. The children will already be experiencing a huge amount of change and we feel that adding more change throughout the week can be very disruptive for them. By having the structure of the school day, and a daily routine, will help the children with their mental well-being and all the staff will be working with the children to provide them with much needed stability and provide a caring environment for the children to return to.

- 3) If my child is returning, will they be wearing school uniform each day?**

No. The children will be in their own clothes as these will need to be washed each day. They also do not need to bring in a PE kit as this cannot stay at school. Again, they will wear what they are already wearing for that lesson.

- 4) My child has really missed their friends, will they be able to socialise with them during the day?**

The government has said that, throughout the day, the children need to stay within their "bubble". This means that the children have been split into small groups, with set allocated staff, and it is only within these groups are they allowed to socialise; in effect creating almost a small household. The teachers and children are not allowed to swap areas of learning or mix with other "bubbles" so that if there is a case of Covid-19, only that "bubble" will need to self-isolate and the number of other people the children come in to contact with is very limited; reducing the risk of contamination.

- 5) I've seen pictures in the news of squares marked out on the playground where the children are only allowed to play by themselves, alone in that space. Is that what will be happening at Glebe too?**

No. Although we are putting into place safety measures to reduce the number of people the children are coming into contact with, we are still mindful of the children's mental well-being and recognise how distressing that would be. We are staggering break times and lunchtimes to reduce the number of people outside at the same time and each "bubble" will be allocated a zone they can play on supervised by one of their allocated adults. Within this space, the children can play with each other (those within their "bubble"). We will be providing equipment which they can play with and we can easily clean after each break and lunchtime. The children, however, will not be allowed to play tag or any games that increase the amount that they are touching each other.

- 6) I feel that my child responds better to certain members of staff; can I request who will be the adults working with my child?**

Unfortunately not. Due to the number of children returning to the school, and to much smaller group sizes, we are needing all staff members to be working with the children. However, we will put the children with staff, who they are familiar with, and with other children from their class.

- 7) Will we know which staff are working with my child and where they're going before the 1st of June?**

Yes. The teachers are currently sorting the children into smaller groups based on the numbers from the survey. They will be placing the children with members of staff they are familiar with and with other children from their class. This information will be sent to all parents during half term so that they are prepared.

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8) My child normally has interventions and a 1:1 support assistant. Will this still be happening when the children return?

Due to government guidance and the small numbers in the classes, 1:1 support will not be able to happen and interventions will not be taking place in the same format as before. However, due to the staggered starts and ends of the day, the class teachers and support staff will be delivering personalised interventions during these times based on areas of learning they identify as needing to be targeted. This could be: reading, phonics, letter formation, mental maths etc so all the children will be having interventions daily.

9) Will home learning still be sent home for children not attending school in those mentioned year groups?

Yes and it will be the same learning as what the children are doing at school. However, due to the teachers now being in class as well, there will not be able to be the same amount of communication as before and the things posted on the blog will mainly be educational based.

10) Will home learning still be sent home for children in years 2, 3, 4 & 5?

Yes. However, as before the teachers are now also teaching throughout the day, there will not be able to be the same amount of communication as before and the things posted on the blog will mainly be educational based.

11) I have to return to work and I have a child who is not in the year groups identified by the government, can my child return too?

No. The government has given very clear guidelines that we are only to allow those in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 6 places at the school, unless their parents are critical workers. This is to reduce the possibility of infection spreading; to increase the possibility of social distancing and also because it is not physically possible both in terms of staffing and in terms of space within the school.

12) I have a child in year 6, they have a sibling in year 3, can they come back as well?

As before, we are not allowed to do this and we are already at full capacity with what we're already providing.

13) What does my child need to bring with them? Do they need their book bag?

To reduce cross contamination between home and school we are keeping things being brought backwards and forwards to a complete minimum. The children must bring their own water bottle with them every day, and return this to be washed each day. If they are having a packed lunch, they may also bring in their lunchbox, which also needs to be thoroughly cleaned at home every day. Nothing else should be brought with them. Equally, we will not be sending home any work they have done during the day. All communication, will be done by dojo and by email.

14) I've seen, on the news, that some schools are taping off all books and removing all cuddly toys. What will you be doing at Glebe?

We will not be taping off areas of the school as it will be distressing for both staff and children alike but also because places like the library can just have their doors closed and we make it very clear that we are not using them. Children will be allowed to access the books within the classroom. The books will stay on their desks, throughout their use, and cleaned when they have finished using them. The books will not be permitted to go home with the children and they will not be allowed to bring books from home either. Sadly, things we cannot easily clean, like dressing up clothes, sand pits, cuddly toys and soft furnishings, will have to be removed.

15) Can I still bring my child's scooter or bike to school?

Yes, although wherever possible we ask that these are not left at school and are returned back home with you.

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