



Back to School Plan

8th March 2021

This plan outlines the information you need to know about our reopening for all children from 8th March 2021.

School will continue to look a bit different when we come back but rest assured we will manage these differences with care and sensitivity and try to keep the rest as 'normal' as possible!

This plan can be read in conjunction with the school risk assessment which will be, when completed, in the [Coronavirus Updates](#) section of the website.

Sections:

- School Operations
- Curriculum, behaviour and pastoral support
- Assessment and Accountability
- Contingency planning for outbreaks

School Operations

Attendance

School attendance from 8th March will be mandatory and the usual school rules will apply:

- parents'/carers' duty to secure that their child attends regularly at school where the child is a registered pupil at school and they are of compulsory school age;
- schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence;
- the availability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct.

What if I am anxious/my child is anxious about returning to school?

As school attendance, from 8th March, will be mandatory, there are likely to be quite a few parents/carers who feel anxious about their child returning. We are hopeful that many of these anxieties will be addressed via the updated risk assessment and the content of this plan but please do pick up the phone and speak to us; we are here to help.

'Bubbles' (groups)

As in September, and in order to maintain a full range of subjects and allow us to manage the logistics of movement around school, we will be operating within *year group bubbles. This means that each bubble will be up to 60 children (two classes).

*The Government recognises that younger children, within year groups bubbles, will not be able to maintain social distancing and it is acceptable for them not to distance within their group.

For further information about Attendance, including our Covid-19 Addendum, please click [here](#) to visit the policies page.

Transport

Some of our pupils arrive to school in a taxi or other private vehicle. Any arrangements for these children will be made separately with the child's Parent/Carer and the taxi company.

Visitors

In line with the Government guidance, we will be permitting specialists into school to work with identified children e.g. Speech and Language Therapists, Educational Psychologists. Where appropriate, and where risk can be minimised, we will also be allowing Peripatetic Teachers into school to deliver lessons.

Parents/Carers will not be allowed into the school building so any communication will have to be done via phone or email – this will be reviewed at Easter and/or when the

Government Guidance changes. ***Face to face meetings will only be held in exceptional circumstances and by appointment only (and will take place outside).***

Catering

From 8th March, school dinners will be served as normal in the upstairs and downstairs halls.

Educational Visits

Government guidance currently states that there are to be no school trips until after Easter (when it will be reviewed).

School Uniform

From 8th March, the normal school expectations around school uniform will be applied (see section on the [website](#)). The Government guidance states that there is no need to clean it more often than normal nor do they need to be cleaned using methods which are different from normal.

PE Kit

Outdoor learning and exercise will continue to play a pivotal role in school and as part of the recovery curriculum. With this in mind, children should continue to wear their PE kit to school on the day their class is timetabled for PE (please make sure it is weather appropriate!). This will minimise the amount of belongings children bring to school. PE Kit should be as specified on the [website](#). Up to now this has worked incredibly well and is something we will continue with when things are back to 'normal'.

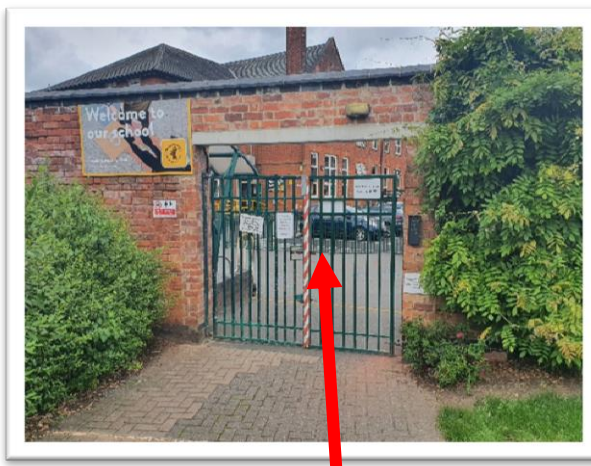
YMCA Wrap Around

YMCA will be taking bookings for an 8th March restart. Please visit their [website](#) as normal to confirm your child's place.

Entering school



Entry Point One (Car Park Gate)



Entry Point Two (Pedestrian Gate)



Entry Point Three (Gate on Newton's Walk)

The system we had in place for September will resume from 8th March. Please make sure you are on time as getting 420 children in is made all the more difficult if families are late (or super early!).

The staggered start times are as follows:

Year Group	Teacher	Entry Point	Start Time
FS2 (Reception)	Miss Sidebottom	1	8:40am
FS2 (Reception)	Miss Gaskin	2	8:40am
Year One	Mrs Taylor	1	8:50am
Year One	Mrs Beddington/Mrs Holland	2	8:50am
Year Two	Miss Gamble	3	8:50am
Year Two	Mrs Smith	3	8:50am

Year Three	Miss Waller	1	9:00am
Year Three	Miss Jones	2	9:00am
Year Four	Miss Fazal	3	9:00am
Year Four	Miss Hughes	3	9:00am
Year Five	Mr Holmes/Mrs Donnelly	1	9:10am
Year Five	Miss Hawley	2	9:10am
Year Six	Mrs Edge/Mrs Donnelly	3	9:10am
Year Six	Miss Herriman	3	9:10am

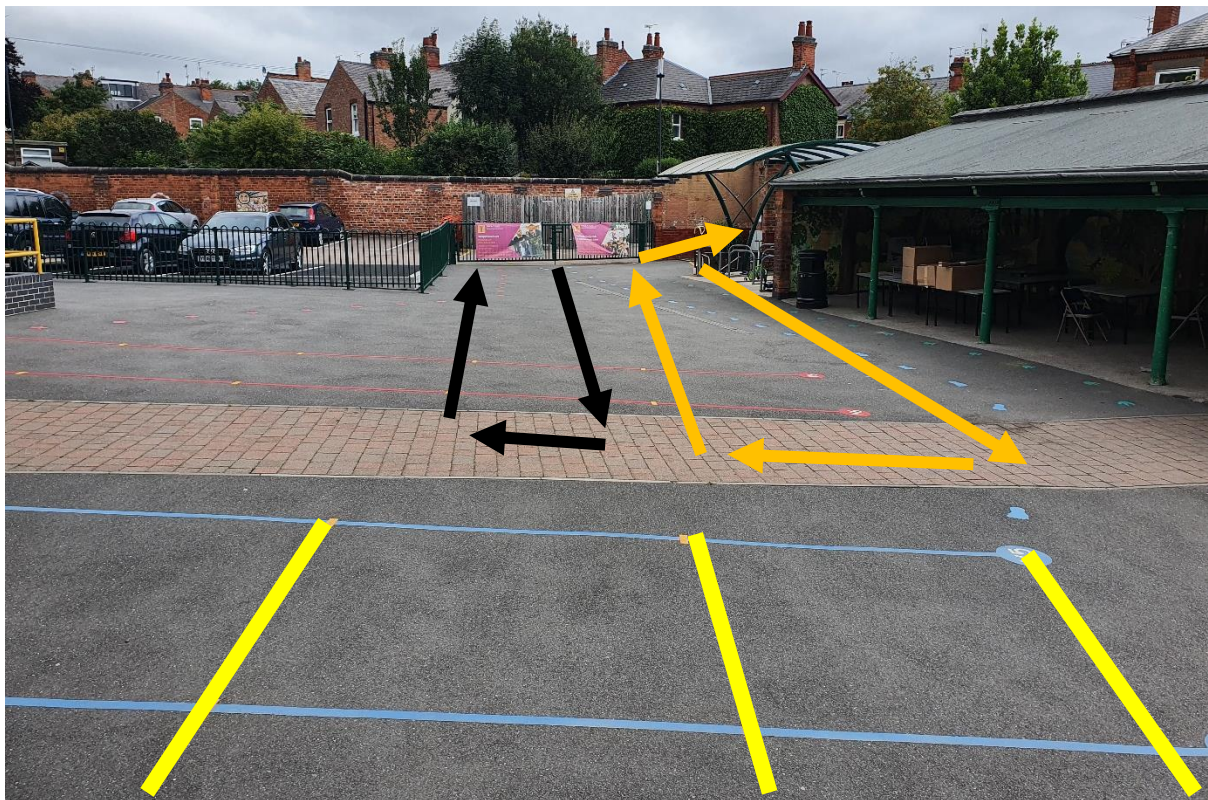
Lateness

As you can see above, the drop off and collection times are quite close together so it is really important that you arrive to school on time! Please see the [website](#) for further information on this.

Travelling to school

From 8th March, as in September, can all Parents/Carers, where possible, either walk to school or park further away and walk the rest to help avoid any unnecessary congestion around Bromley St and coming into school.

Exiting School



We will be using the same system for collection we used from September (see diagram above). You will enter the same entrance as you do in the morning and follow the one way system around to collect your child. This worked really well before Christmas because it was done in a timely fashion. More of the same please!

Timings for collection

Year Group	Teacher	End Time
FS2 (Reception)	Miss Sidebottom	3:00pm
FS2 (Reception)	Miss Gaskin	3:00pm
Year One	Mrs Taylor	3:10pm
Year One	Mrs Beddington/Mrs Holland	3:10pm
Year Two	Miss Gamble	3:10pm
Year Two	Mrs Smith	3:10pm
Year Three	Miss Waller	3:20pm
Year Three	Miss Jones	3:20pm

Year Four	Miss Fazal	3:20pm
Year Four	Miss Hughes	3:20pm
Year Five	Mr Holmes/Mrs Donnelly	3:30pm
Year Five	Miss Hawley	3:30pm
Year Six	Mrs Edge/Mrs Donnelly	3:30pm
Year Six	Miss Herriman	3:30pm

*Any child in Y5 or Y6 who is walking home (permission must be obtained from the office) will be let out the side gate on Newton's Walk.

Siblings

As before, any older siblings can be dropped off at the same time as the younger sibling e.g. if you have a child in Reception and a child in Y4 then both of them can be dropped off at 8:40am. After school, your children still have to be picked up separately unless you have exceptional circumstances and it has been arranged with the school office.

Social Distancing

In order to maintain social distancing in and around the school premises, please do not arrive early for drop off or collection as it does create congestion and please keep 2m apart from other parents/carers. **Please also remember to wear masks.**

Curriculum, behaviour and pastoral support

Recovery Curriculum

From 8th March we will continue with our Recovery Curriculum (see link below)

<https://www.evidenceforlearning.net/recoverycurriculum/>

It is also worth mentioning that all statutory tests in Y1 (Phonics), Y2 (SATs), Y4 (Times Tables Test) and Y6 (SATs) have been cancelled for this year.

Remote Learning

Should a 'bubble' need to close then our existing remote learning package will be offered to all children who need to self-isolate. This is well established now so hopefully it should be an easy transition if required. Let's just hope we don't need it!

Catch-Up Support

This half term selected Y4 children have been offered tutoring sessions remotely. From 8th March these will continue in school and after Easter and into the Summer Term it will be the turn of selected Y5 and Y6 children. If your child has been selected then a letter and permission slip will be sent out in due course.

Pupil Wellbeing

We are pleased to announce that we will be continuing our partnership with [Bridge the Gap](#) in 20/21. Since we first started working together they have provided the school and community with valuable support around wellbeing, resources and counselling. Their role, alongside everything else we do in school such as our Learning Mentor, SENDCO, Miss Hawley and other bespoke interventions to support your child, will be integral to how we manage the reopening in March and beyond.

Behaviour

At Markeaton, we acknowledge that each child will have had differing experiences of the lockdown period which may impact upon their behaviour when returning to school. For many, the process of re-engagement with learning and the school community may require some additional support and encouragement.

School recognises that changes in behaviour may be a sign that for some children there is an underlying need or concern and that the behaviour is communicating that they need additional support and understanding. The school will work closely with individual children and use reasonable endeavours to make the necessary adjustments to reduce the stimulus triggering a challenging response. It is also worth noting that our existing rewards and sanctions e.g. Headteacher Tea Party and Reflection Time (both face-to-face) will need to be adjusted in line with the most recent Government Guidance.

Details of these changes can be found in the Behaviour Policy Addendum July 2020 on the [school website](#).

Safeguarding and Wellbeing Contacts:

During any school holidays we would like you to know that there are still people you can speak to if you have any concerns about safeguarding or would like further wellbeing support for you or your child:

Safeguarding:

Careline (based in Derby):

Members of the public:

01332 956606

Professionals:

01332 956607

NSPCC:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/contact-us/>

NSPCC also have some excellent learning resources on their website:

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/>

Childline:

0800 1111

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

Markeaton Designated Safeguarding Lead:

dsl@markeaton.derby.sch.uk

Wellbeing:

Bridge the Gap

01332 869417

<https://www.jwbridgethegap.com/>

Assessment and Accountability

As stated earlier, all statutory testing has been cancelled for 2020-21.

Risk Assessment

The most recently updated Risk Assessment for 8th March is on the website and can be found [here](#).

