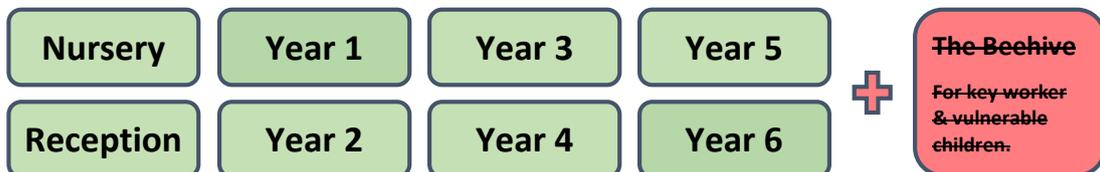


# A Parent's Guide to Re-opening

## What is changing?



8<sup>th</sup> March



From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, Thongsley Fields will welcome all children back to school.

Our school will no longer need to provide separate childcare for children of key workers' or make separate provision available for vulnerable children.

## Will school be safe?



If a child or a family member has any symptoms they **MUST stay at home**.



Everyone will wash their hands on entry, exit and regularly during the day.



Surfaces and equipment will be cleaned regularly.



Toys and equipment will be restricted if they cannot be easily cleaned.



A one-way system will be in operation for drop off and collection times.



Parents and household groups **MUST** still maintain 2m distance from others.



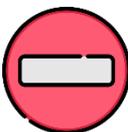
Children will now be taught in normal sized class groups of up to 30 children.



There will be some changes to the school day such as the timing of breaks.



Year groups (e.g. Year 5/6, Year 3/4, Year 1/2 and Reception) will be kept apart as much as possible but **social distancing will NOT be possible** within those groups.



Visitors, **including parents and carers**, will **NOT** be allowed in school without a prior appointment.



Masks continue to be mandatory for all visitors, **including parents and carers**, and for all staff beyond their normal workspace. It is **NOT** recommended that primary aged children wear face coverings.

## What if someone gets the virus in school?



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The adult or child with symptoms **must self-isolate for 10 days and arrange to be tested.** If positive, the school will liaise with Public Health England for further advice and instructions.



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The people who live with that person **must also self-isolate for 10 days.** Other children and adults in the same group are not expected to self-isolate unless advised to do so by Public Health England.

The school's attendance policy will now apply in all circumstances. The Government has now indicated that fines can be issued for non-attendance.



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If anyone attending school tests positive, **their WHOLE YEAR GROUP may be asked to self-isolate for 10 days.** No fines will be issued for non-attendance in this instance.

## When and where do I bring my child?



Follow the arrows when dropping off and collecting children from school.



Parents **MUST** ensure that all children remain under close supervision.

Gates will be open between 8.40am – 8.55am as usual for ALL children.



Drop off

Nursery and Reception children should use the KS1 playground gate to the rear of the school. Y1/2 children may use either the Coneygear Road or KS1 playground gates.

Children in Years 3-6 should only use the Coneygear Road gate near the pedestrian crossing.



Collection

Children **MUST** be collected at the correct time.

Nursery: 11.40am or 3pm  
Reception: 3pm (as usual)  
Year 1/2: 3.05pm (as usual)  
Year 3/4: 3.10pm (as usual)  
Year 5/6: 3.15pm (as usual)



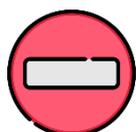
School will close early for all children on Wednesday afternoons (except Nursery).

Reception: 1pm  
Year 1/2: 1.05pm  
Year 3/4: 1.10pm  
Year 5/6: 1.15pm



Follow the arrows and signs to exit the school site safely.

Nursery and years 3-6 should exit via the old KS2 playground gate. Reception and Y1/2 should exit via the Buttsgrove Way main gate.



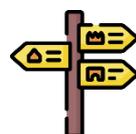
Parents and carers must **NOT** enter the cloakrooms or classrooms.



Parents and household groups **MUST** maintain 2m distance from others.



Drop off and collection may take longer than usual. Please be patient!



Staff will be available to help direct parents and children.

## What are the important rules?



Children **MUST** stay at home and parents **MUST** inform the school immediately if anyone in their household is poorly.



Masks are mandatory for all visitors, including parents and carers, and for all staff beyond their normal workspace.



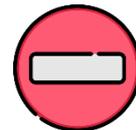
The one-way system **MUST** be followed at drop off and collection times.



Parents **MUST** ensure that all children remain under close supervision.



Everyone **MUST** wash their hands on entry, exit and regularly during the day.



No parents or carers may enter the building without a prior appointment.



Parents and household groups **MUST** maintain 2m distance from others both around the school site and beyond. Unaccompanied Y5/6 children must be able to maintain distancing from others independently.



Children **MUST** arrive punctually and be collected at the correct time.



Toys and equipment **MUST** not be brought into school from home.



Childminders, friends and other relatives can collect and drop children off at school. Children will **ONLY** be released to emergency contacts listed on a child's school file. A password system is in use for new contacts.



Full school uniform and appropriate footwear must be worn. School clothes are expected to be clean each day.

## What will my child need?



Children **MUST** have a pre-booked school meal or bring a healthy named packed lunch instead.



All children **MUST** bring a named bottle filled with plain water.



A named raincoat to keep warm and dry when learning outside.



A named winter hat and gloves to keep them warm while learning outside.



Clean, named school uniform and PE kit is expected. No heeled or open-toed shoes and no denim should be worn. Jewellery is not permitted.



Any reading books still at home should now be returned to school.



No pens, pencils, toys or other items should be brought from home.



A named change of clothes (including long sleeves and long trousers) and shoes (e.g. trainers) for Forest School sessions. This should be in a named bag and preferably left in school each week.



Wellington boots are **STRONGLY** encouraged for all children and should be left in school.