

A Parent's Guide to Re-opening

What is changing?



2nd September

Nursery	Year 1	Year 3	Year 5
Reception	Year 2	Year 4	Year 6

From Thursday 2nd September, Thongsley Fields will welcome children in years 1-6 back to school for the start of a new school year.

Reception and Nursery children will begin school from Monday 6th September following a short staggered start.

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.



Some 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.



People are encouraged to maintain a safe distance from others.



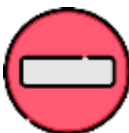
Children will be taught in normal sized class groups and can mix with others.



Some timings of the school day e.g. breaks will remain staggered.



Year groups (e.g. Year 5/6, Year 3/4, Year 1/2 and Reception) will **NO LONGER** be kept apart although regular reminders about safe, respectful distancing between individuals and groups will continue.



Visitors, including parents and carers, will be encouraged to make a prior appointment before coming to school to help manage numbers.



Masks continue to be expected for all visitors, including parents and carers, when **INSIDE** the school buildings e.g. visiting the school office. Staff will **NO LONGER** wear face coverings when on the school site.

What if someone gets the virus in school?



10 days

An adult or child with symptoms **must arrange a PCR test and self-isolate until the result is known.** If negative, they may return to school when well enough to do so. If positive, they must contact NHS Test & Trace and isolate for 10 days.



The people who live with that person **do not need to self-isolate but are expected to arrange a PCR test for themselves as a precaution.**

Other children and adults in the same group as a person who has tested positive are not expected to self-isolate unless advised to do so by NHS Test & Trace.

The school's attendance policy will apply in all circumstances.



If anyone attending school tests positive, schools will no longer be expected to inform parents and only in very rare circumstances ask whole classes or year groups to isolate as a precautionary measure.

When and where do I bring my child?



Follow the one-way system when dropping off and collecting children.



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).

(Free enrichment opportunities are offered for all children on Wednesday afternoons.)

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



Follow the one-way system 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 should **NOT** enter the cloakrooms or classrooms.



Parents and children are encouraged to maintain a safe 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 if they are poorly and parents **MUST** inform the school immediately.



Masks are expected for all visitors, including parents and carers, when **INSIDE** the school buildings.



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.



Parents and carers should make a prior appointment before entering school.



Parents and carers should maintain a safe, respectful distance from others around the school site and when talking to or meeting school staff.



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



Toys and equipment should 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 – please ensure these details are up to date.



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.

Learning outside will take place regardless of the weather conditions and/or temperature! Please monitor local weather forecasts and ensure children leave home with the appropriate clothing.



Clean, named school uniform and PE kit is expected. No heeled or open-toed shoes and no denim should be worn. Items of jewellery, including bracelets and necklaces, are not permitted. PE kits should be worn to school on the appropriate PE days – check class timetables.



Reading books that children bring home should return with them each day.



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.