

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQS)

Whole school reopening – Academic Year 2020/21



The Government has announced that schools are to plan for a full reopening for all year groups for the new academic year. Returning to school is vital for children's education and wellbeing and we are excited to welcome all children year 1 -6 back on **Thursday 3rd September**.

New reception children will be welcomed from **Tuesday 8th September**, following a staggered transitional approach. The Early Years Team have communicated specific start times and dates to parents individually.

*If guidance changes or regional lockdowns occur, please be aware that these plans may change and that this may be at short notice.

To support you and your child with returning to school we have written a comprehensive list of Frequently Asked Questions. We ask that you read these thoroughly in readiness for your child/ren's return to school and only contact the school office if you have a question that has not been answered below.

Do I have to send my child for the new academic year?

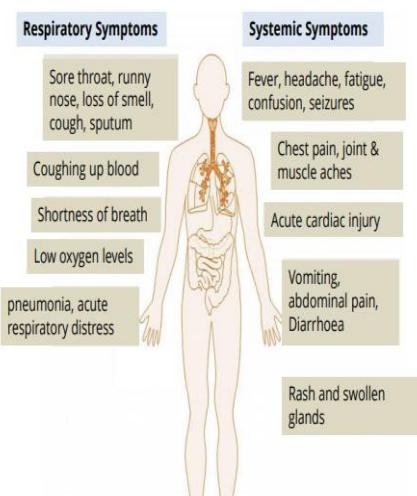
All children are expected to attend school. School attendance is mandatory and attendance will be closely monitored by the school office and senior leadership team. Schools have been advised to issue penalties in some cases.

What is a 'bubble'?

From September, a bubble is a normal class-sized group of children and staff, who will remain together throughout the school day. The school has carefully planned to ensure contact between bubbles is minimal.

What if my child presents with COVID-19 symptoms?

Your child will be required to remain at home and self-isolate for 7 days. Other members of the household should self-isolate for 14 days. We advise that you call NHS 111 to discuss your symptoms and next steps. Please inform the school of any symptoms or test results by phone or email as soon as possible and follow Government 'Stay at home guidance.'



These are essential actions to reduce the risk in schools and further drive down transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19).

Covid- 19 Symptoms. May 2020

What if my child presents with symptoms at school or is unwell?

Your child will be isolated in school until they can be collected.

An adult will supervise your child at a social distance. You must seek medical advice and follow Government 'Stay at home guidance'.

What if a member of the household develops symptoms of COVID-19?

You must follow the Government stay at home advice – all members of your household must isolate for 14 days or until a negative test. Children must not attend school.

What if a child (or staff member) presents with symptoms or tests positive for Covid-19?

Your child's bubble, including school staff will be asked to self-isolate for 14 days at home. The school will contact Public Health England for advice.

Will I collect and drop off my child/children in the same way?

Drop off and pick up times will be staggered to ensure contact between children is minimised.

*The Early Years Team will contact parents regarding transition and start times for Nursery and Reception

| Year Group | Location | Drop off | Collection |
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| Year 1 | Friars Way | 8.45 | 2.45 |
| Year 2 | Friars Way | 9.00 | 3.00 |
| Year 3 | Greggs Wood Road | 9.00 | 3.00 |
| Year 4 | Friars Way | 9.15 | 3.15 |
| Year 5 | Greggs Wood Road | 9.15 | 3.15 |
| Year 6 | Friars Way | 9.30 | 3.30 |

To ensure social distancing we ask that you collect and drop off at your assigned time and DO NOT congregate outside the school premises. The school will have clear markings to support you with this.

Where possible, we strongly advise that **one person drops off and collects** to minimise the number of people on the school site. If siblings attend pick up they **must** remain with an adult. If older children choose to walk home alone, we encourage them to continue to social distance or walk home.

What if I have a child in more than one year group, can I drop off and collect together?

Parents are welcome and invited to drop and collect all children at the earliest collection and drop off time and location allocated to them.

For example: If you have children in Year 3 and 6 you would be encouraged to drop **both** children at 9am at the Greggs Wood Road entrance and collect **both** children from the same place at 3.00pm

Can another family collect my child?

No, we ask that families collect their own child/ren to ensure limited contact and distancing.

What will my child need to bring to school?

1. Lunch (more information will follow on what the school caterers will be offering)
2. Water bottle – This can be refilled safely at school
3. One piece of fruit

4. School bags are **NOT** required.
5. PE kits (to be worn on the days your child has PE. More information will follow)
Please ensure ALL items are named

Can I collect lost or left property from previous academic year?

Any left or lost property from current classrooms will be moved to your child's new classroom for collection.

What is the school doing to ensure children are safe and social distancing is maintained where possible?

The school is carefully following Government and Local Authority guidelines:

- Children will remain in their normal class-sized group. Children and adults will stay with their same class throughout the day and during lunch and break times
- Classrooms will be altered to support with social distancing
- Children will be seated side by side, at a distance and facing forwards
- Children will be issued with their own pencil cases and stationery and will use the same desk. This applies to Years 2 - 6 only
- One-way systems are in place for children moving around the school and 2 metre distancing marked
- Pick up and drop off will be staggered
- Playtime and lunchtime routines will be staggered
- One child to use the toilets at any time where possible
- Hand sanitisers will be available with regular handwashing throughout the day. All children will wash hands on arrival and departure to school
- Children will be regularly reminded of cleanliness routines and handwashing
- Classrooms and equipment will be cleaned during the school day as well as at the end of the school day
- Staff or pupils who present symptoms will be isolated in line with government guidance
- Some resources and equipment will not be available if cleanliness cannot be guaranteed
- Windows and doors will be open at all times, where possible
- Children who are absent from school due to illness, will have their temperature taken on their return.

Will my child be required to wear school uniform?

Yes from September children will be required to wear full school uniform. The uniform list is attached.

Will I be able to order school uniform?

School uniform can be ordered in advance via the school office. Measurement and sizing information will be shared by email to allow parents to measure children at home and order with school directly.

The school will let you know by email when your uniform order is ready to collect and an appointment will be made.

We encourage parents to measure children as returns cannot be accepted.

Will my child need to bring in a PE kit?

No, your child should come to school wearing their PE kit on their designated PE day. You will be advised of which days your child has PE in September.

Will breakfast club be available from September?

Breakfast club will be open to all year groups from September 2020. To ensure safety and social distancing we will only be able to welcome a **maximum of 30 children**. Breakfast club places must be booked in advance via parentmail. If places are not booked, children cannot join.

Will my child need to bring a face mask or hand sanitiser?

No, children are **not** required to wear face masks in school. Hand sanitiser will be provided at school for regular use and at school drop off. Please do **not** send your own hand sanitiser as this is provided in school.

Will the school office reopen?

No, the school office will **remain closed** to all parents and visitors unless by prior arrangement. We ask that you phone or email if you need to get in touch. t 01892 520562 or 01892 521124 email office@templegroveacademy.com.

Can I speak to my class teacher at collection or drop off?

No, we ask that if you want to speak to your class teacher you make an appointment to do this via email or telephone.

Will parents' evenings still take place?

Parents' evening is scheduled for Wednesday, 21st October. These meetings will now take place via scheduled phone calls with your class teacher the week of 19th October. More information will follow.

Has a handover to new teachers been planned for?

If your child has a new teacher for the next academic year, time has been planned for teachers to speak and share information about each child.

Is the school still providing lunches?

The school kitchen will provide lunches to:

Reception, Year 1, Year 2 under the Universal Infant Free School Meals.

All children entitled to Free School Meals from Years 3 - 6

More information will follow with regards to the menu choices and how to order.

Are you travelling to school via public transport in September?

As Government guidance advises please let the school office know if you and your child/ren are travelling to school via public transport so we can support you with preventative and safety measures.