

# Returning to School: FAQs

## Guidance for Parents and Carers



*March 2021*

We are looking forward to welcoming you back next week. Our procedures for managing the risks associated with COVID-19 will remain mostly as they were before Christmas. However, we thought you would appreciate some clarification in the form of 'Frequently Asked Questions'. We hope you find this useful – please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any further questions.

### **Q1. Does my child have to return to school next week?**

*Yes. Attendance is mandatory for all pupils from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March and all the usual rules about school attendance will apply.*

### **Q2. What if they have symptoms of COVID-19?**

*You must NOT send your child to school if they have symptoms of Coronavirus. Tests can be booked by visiting. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing> or by dialling 119.*

### **Q3. What happens if someone tests positive for COVID-19?**

*You will be informed immediately if your child has come into close contact with someone who has tested positive. We will then isolate the 'bubble' and provide remote learning for the duration of your time at home.*

### **Q4. What are the rules around drop-off / pick up?**

*These haven't changed. Can we please remind parents to respect the one way system on the yard, maintain social distancing and leave the school grounds as quickly as possible? If your child comes to school via SEND transport, this will go ahead as normal.*

### **Q5. Do we need to wear facemasks?**

*Parents must wear facemasks whilst on school grounds. Staff will continue to wear facemasks in communal areas and may wear them in classrooms where social distancing is difficult. Primary aged children do not need to wear facemasks.*

## **Q6. Are we testing for COVID-19?**

*Staff are doing twice-weekly 'lateral flow' tests. These are designed to indicate the potential presence of COVID-19 in asymptomatic people. A positive result would mean we'd have to isolate the bubble until we have been able to get a PCR test. Primary-aged children will NOT be tested.*

## **Q7. Have the staff been vaccinated?**

*School staff have not been prioritised for vaccinations. Staff will be vaccinated alongside the general public – meaning older staff and those with pre-existing conditions will be given the vaccination first. Around 200,000 people in Sheffield have been given the first dose of the vaccination at the time of writing.*

## **Q8. What should my child wear for school?**

*They should wear their usual school uniform. As before, they can wear their PE kit on their designated PE day (your child's teacher will confirm when this is) but they should wear a school jumper / cardigan over the top of their PE shirt (i.e. not just a random tracksuit top!).*

## **Q9. What else will they need?**

*They should bring a water bottle each day. Reading books can be changed twice weekly (as they need to be quarantined) and pencil cases can be left in school. They should not bring anything else in unless requested (i.e. no toys!).*

## **Q10. Is Breakfast Club running?**

*Yes, Breakfast Club is running from 7:30am every day. This should be booked in advance and the prices are below. To book your place, please email Mrs Rowett on [mrowett@wharnclyffside.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:mrowett@wharnclyffside.sheffield.sch.uk) and make your payment/s via sQuid.*

<b>Option</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Details</b>
A	£5	1 session (specify when booking)
B	£20	All week (Mon – Fri)
C	£12	All week (Pupil Premium)

## **Q11. What are the dinner choices?**

*We are returning to the menu we had before Christmas (see final page of this document – next week is 'Week One'). This was officially the 'Autumn' menu so it could change at some point – we will let you know when this is. Dinners can be pre-ordered via sQuid\* or ordered by your child during registration. They are charged at £2.20 per day unless you qualify for Free School Meals.*

*\*The correct menu will not be viewable until Friday afternoon so please do not order before then.*

## Q12. Will we still be using the 'bubbles' system to keep children separated?

Yes. Classes will have designated playtimes and kept apart wherever possible (e.g. there will be no whole-school assemblies). There will be limited mixing between groups. Mixing will occur for educational reasons (e.g. KS1 Phonics and SEND children attending the 'Learning Zone'). We will keep thorough records of who has mixed with who in case we do have a positive case.

## Q13. Where can I go for more information?

[www.sheffield.gov.uk/backtoschoolsafely](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/backtoschoolsafely) explains in more detail the measures that are in place.

## Q14. My child is really worried about coming back to school. Do you have any tips or advice?

Sheffield Parent Hub are running some FREE advice sessions via Zoom to support parents with this (see available dates below). If you would like to book on to one of the sessions, visit <http://bit.ly/SheffParentHub> to make your selection and confirm your place.



**Back to School – Strategies for Parents**

Going back to school after the recent lock down might be a challenge for children, young people and parents. These 1 hour sessions are delivered in conjunction with our Attendance and Inclusion, Parenting and Emotional Health and Well Being teams.

Join us on these sessions for some practical tips & info or further support.

**Wednesday 3rd March 2021 – 9:30am – 10:30am**  
**Thursday 4th March 2021 – 1pm – 2pm**  
**Friday 5th March 2021 – 9:30am – 10:30am**  
**Monday 8th March 2021 – 9:30am – 10:30am**  
**Tuesday 9th March 2021 – 1pm – 2pm**  
**Wednesday 10th March 2021 – 9:30am – 10:30am**  
**Thursday 11th March 2021 – 1pm – 2pm**  
**Friday 12th March 2021 – 9:30am – 10:30am**  
**Monday 15th March 2021 – 9:30am – 10:30am**  
**Tuesday 16th March 2021 – 1pm – 2pm**

To book a place please follow this link and book via Eventbrite: <http://bit.ly/SheffParentHub>

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## Q15. When will things go back to normal?

The Government's 'Roadmap' to reopening the country is a step-by-step plan to ease restrictions and lead us back to some sort of normality. Reopening schools next week is the first step in exiting the current lockdown.

Before taking each step, the Government are reviewing the latest data on the impact of lifting restrictions against 4 tests. It is therefore vital that we all continue to **stick to the rules** if we want to get our lives back.

The 4 tests are:

### The Four Tests



#### Test 1

The vaccine deployment programme continues successfully.



#### Test 2

Evidence shows vaccines are sufficiently effective in reducing hospitalisations and deaths in those vaccinated.



#### Test 3

Infection rates do not risk a surge in hospitalisations which would put unsustainable pressure on the NHS.



#### Test 4

Our assessment of the risks is not fundamentally changed by new Variants of Concern.

**Q16. What will happen when?**

**STEP 1: 8 March**

  
Schools and colleges are open for all students. Practical Higher Education Courses.

  
Recreation or exercise outdoors with household or one other person.  
No household mixing indoors.

  
Wraparound childcare.

  
Stay at home.

  
Funerals (30), wakes and weddings (6).

**29 March**

  
Rule of 6 or two households outdoors.  
No household mixing indoors.

  
Outdoor sport and leisure facilities.

  
Organised outdoor sport allowed (children and adults).

  
Minimise travel.  
No holidays.

  
Outdoor parent & child groups (up to 15 parents).

## STEP 2

At least five weeks after Step 1, no earlier than 12 April.



Indoor leisure (including gyms) open for use individually or within household groups.



Rule of 6 or two households outdoors.  
No household mixing indoors.



Outdoor attractions, such as zoos, theme parks and drive-in cinemas.



Libraries and community centres.



Personal care premises.



All retail.



Outdoor hospitality.



All children's activities, indoor parent & child groups (up to 15 parents).



Domestic overnight stays (household only).



Self-contained accommodation (household only).



Funerals (30), wakes, weddings, receptions (15).



Minimise travel.  
No international holidays.



Event pilots begin.

## STEP 3

At least five weeks after Step 2, no earlier than 17 May.



Indoor entertainment and attractions.



30 person limit outdoors.  
Rule of 6 or two households indoors (subject to review).



Domestic overnight stays.



Organised indoor adult sport.



Most significant life events (30).



Remaining outdoor entertainment (including performances).



Remaining accommodation.



Some large events (except for pilots) - capacity limits apply.

Indoor events: 1,000 or 50%.

Outdoor other events: 4,000 or 50%.

Outdoor seated events:  
10,000 or 25%.



International travel - subject to review.

## STEP 4

At least five weeks after Step 3, no earlier than 21 June.  
By Step 4, the Government hopes to be able to introduce the following  
(subject to review):



No legal limits on  
social contact.



Nightclubs.



Larger events.



No legal limit on all  
life events.

THANK YOU FOR READING



Mr Gaughan

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021



# WHARNCLIFFE SIDE PRIMARY



Colour in the left column represent the hand colour your child should choose for the meal that day

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK 1</b>					
WEEKS COMMENCING: 07/09/20 : 21/09/20 : 12/10/20 : 02/11/20 : 23/11/20 : 14/12/20 : 04/01/21 : 25/01/21					
<b>MAIN COURSE</b>	Traditional Sausage & Mash with Gravy	Winter Chicken Casserole	Gammon with Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Homemade Beef & Onion Pie with Mashed potato & Gravy	Battered Fish Fillet and Chips with Tomato Ketchup
<b>VEGETARIAN MAIN COURSE</b>	Pasta Bolognese with veggie mince	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Half Jacket Potato	Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetable Curry & Wholegrain Rice
<b>JACKET POTATO &amp; FILLING</b>	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans & Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans & Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans & Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans & Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans & Salmon Mayo
<b>SANDWICHES</b>	Tuna, Cheese, Ham or Egg	Tuna, Cheese, Ham or Egg	Tuna, Cheese, Egg or Hot Roast Sandwich	Tuna, Cheese, Ham or Egg	Tuna, Cheese, Ham or Egg
<b>VEGETABLES</b>	Cauliflower & Mixed Vegetables	Broccoli & Winter Coleslaw	Savory Cabbage & Sweetcorn	Green Beans & Carrots	Garden Peas & Baked Beans
<b>DESSERT</b>	Ginger Sponge Custard	Fruity Flapjack & Apple Slices	Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce	Jam Sponge & Custard	Oaty biscuit
<b>WEEK 2</b>					
WEEKS COMMENCING: 07/09/20 : 28/09/20 : 19/10/20 : 09/11/20 : 30/11/20 : 21/12/20 : 11/01/21 : 01/02/21					
<b>MAIN COURSE</b>	Beef Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Chicken Curry with Wholegrain Rice	Roast Chicken with Roast Potato, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Beef Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread	Fish Fingers and Chips & Tomato Ketchup
<b>VEGETARIAN MAIN COURSE</b>	Quorn Meatballs in Tomato Sauce	Tomato and Basil Pasta	Quorn Roast with Roast Potato, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Cheedar Ham with Homemade Potato Wedges	Quorn Fajita & Chips
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<b>VEGETABLES</b>	Garden Peas & Fresh Salad	Carrots & Sweetcorn	Cauliflower & Mixed Vegetables	Broccoli and sweetcorn	Garden Peas & Baked Beans
<b>DESSERT</b>	Hot Chocolate Fudge Cake with Custard	Comfible tart with custard	Shortbread with fruit	Feathered Jam Sponge & Custard	Ginger & Mandarin Muffin
<b>WEEK 3</b>					
WEEKS COMMENCING: 14/09/20 : 05/10/20 : 26/10/20 : 16/11/20 : 07/12/20 : 28/12/20 : 18/01/21 : 08/02/21					
<b>MAIN COURSE</b>	Beef Burger in a Bun Homemade Wedges	Shepherds Pie	Gammon with Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Homemade Chicken Pie & Mash	Fish Fingers and Chips with Tomato Ketchup
<b>VEGETARIAN MAIN COURSE</b>	Veggie mince chilli with wholegrain rice	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with 1/2 Jacket Potato	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Tomato, Vegetable Sausage & Macaroni Bake	Vegetable Enchilada served with Chips
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<b>VEGETABLES</b>	Sweetcorn & carrots	Broccoli & Fresh Salad	Cauliflower & Peas	Mixed Vegetables & Savoy Cabbage	Garden Peas & Baked Beans
<b>DESSERT</b>	Apple Crumble served with Custard	Lemon Slice with Milk	Chocolate Crunch Served with custard	Marble Sponge served with custard	Crunchy Biscuit served with Apple Slices

Yoghurt and fruit will also be available each day as an alternative to dessert. A selection of breads, salads and fresh drinking water will be available daily.