

FAQs document for parents around the full return in September

Dear Parents,

Please see below the updated information for our return to school next week. We are really looking forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday and are working hard to make sure it is as safe as possible.

The up to date risk assessment will be on the school website by the end of this week for you to read.

The guidance hasn't changed dramatically since I sent the information out in July but please see below.

- **What will school look like for children? Classroom set up**

We are aiming to make school look as normal as possible. Some equipment may have been removed to make more room in the classrooms. We will limit the sharing of resources as much as possible. Where equipment is shared this will be limited to their class or cleaned between uses across classes and left for a period of 72 hours between uses.

The children will spend more time outside and in well ventilated classrooms.

We will aim to space the children out as much as we can in each classroom.

- **Timings of the school – why is it important that my child is on time and collected on time?**

Each year group will be asked to arrive at a different time and/or entrance. It is important that the children arrive on time and are collected on time to allow us to reduce the classes and adults having too much contact with each other.

The start of the day and end of the day will be staggered

- Nursery- 9:05am- 3:00pm
- Reception- 9:05am- 3:00pm
- Year 1- 8:55am-3:10pm
- Year 2- 8:55am- 3:10pm
- Year 3- 8:40am- 2:55pm
- Year 4- 8:40am- 2:55pm
- Year 5- 8:30am- 2:45pm
- Year 6- 8:30am- 2:45pm

Your child will be asked to apply hand sanitizer as they enter and when they leave.

We will not take temperatures when children will arrive at school however if we suspect a child has a temperature, we have digital thermometers to check, if required.

If you are late, please wait at a distance until the class who is queuing have gone in and then a member of staff will escort your child to their classroom.

- **Drop off and collection- social distancing**

You will be asked to queue with your child along the pavement at a 2 metres distance from the allocated entrance. Only one parent/adults should bring and collect the child to reduce the number of adults coming into the building.

- **Entrances and exits**

We will use the Nursery/Studio, Green door and main black gates.

- **Siblings**

We appreciate that it may be difficult for working parents if your children have different start and finish times. Please let us know if you envisage there will be a problem and we will see how we can help.

- **Playtimes- will there be social distancing**

The children will have very limited contact with other classes during the school day. Each class will have a different playground or playtime. They will not be asked to adhere to social distancing rules when they are with their own class.

Breaktimes- staggered (these times may vary slightly)

Year 1- 10:15-10:30 Y1 playground

Year 2- 10:30-10:45 Y2 playground

Year 3 10:00- 10:15 pitch

Year 4 10:15-10:30 pitch

Year 5 10:30-10:45 pitch

Year 6- 10:45- 11:00 pitch

- **Lunchtimes including school meals and packed lunches**

Children will eat with their class in their classroom or outside space. They will not have contact with other year groups.

The menu will be slightly different to the first term and will be a combination of hot and cold food.

If your child has a packed lunch they will eat with their class as normal. Please remember to send a balanced lunch and no nuts or nut products.

Lunchtimes- staggered and eating will take place in classrooms (these times may vary slightly)

Nursery- 11:30-12:30

Reception-11:45-12:45

Year 1- 12:00- 1:00

Year 2- 12:00-1:00

Year 3- 12:15-12:45 eat/reading 12:45-1:15- Playground

Year 4- 12:15-12:45 eat/reading 12:45-1:15 Pitch

Year 5- 12:15-12:45 Playground 12:45-1:15- eat/reading

Year 6- 12:15- 12:45 Pitch 12:45-1:15- eat/reading

- **Our daily timetable including how learning might look**

We plan to keep the timetables as normal as possible. Children will still learn the full curriculum, this may look slightly different, for example, InHarmony will deliver virtual lessons for the first half term and there will be no swimming or trips.

We are reducing the number of adults who are moving around the school and therefore we will have to limit which classes have contact with our additional staff. For the first half term, for example, Connie will work with Nursery and Reception only.

We will review this in line with Government guidelines and keep you updated of any changes.

- **Learning- the curriculum including home learning and reading**

As things stand, at the moment, we can send books home and receive work from home. We ask that you limit what you send in and follow instructions set by your class teachers.

- **Addressing potential learning gaps**

We have all heard in the news about the fears around gaps in learning. Until we have the children back in school it will be hard to make a judgement around gaps in learning. We know some children will have excelled at home, some will have continued to learn at a

steady pace, and some may have fallen behind. In the second week of term we will be assessing the children. We will then analyse the information and put support in place for the children.

We will not be extending the school day to catch up on lost learning however we have reviewed the curriculum to ensure that children will not miss out on any key objectives from the Spring and Summer term.

If we feel additional booster sessions are required, we will inform you of these once we have assessed pupils learning needs/gaps.

We are still awaiting confirmation around the Catch Funding that Central Government have allocated. At the moment the funds are only available to pupils who are entitled to Free School Meals and equate to approximately £80 per pupil. Once I have more details around this, I will share our catch plan with you.

- **Staffing**

Staff will be based in classrooms from September and will not be taking children out for groups. This is due to the reducing risk of infection in school. We are following the guidance set out by the DFE, if this guidance changes we will review our plans.

- **Supporting pupils with additional needs**

Each class will have at least one additional adult. The teachers and support staff will work closely together to ensure pupils needs are met. We continue to work with external professionals to ensure assessments are carried out. Due to Covid-19 observations may be carried out virtually as well as face to face.

- **Behaviour**

The school will follow our usual behaviour policy with a few adjustments. Children will be expected to follow the instruction of their class teacher and adults in their class. Children will not be able to leave their class space. If children are unable to follow the class rules then we will contact you, you may be asked to collect your child as we need to consider the safety of everybody on site.

- **Uniform and PE kit**

Children **do not** need to wear school uniform. Following our risk assessment, we want children to come to school in clean clothes each day and understand this may pose challenges if the children are wearing uniform.

Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately. As the weather can change by the minute please ensure your child has a water proof jacket with them.

Pupils can wear trainers to school and or sensible shoes, no open toes please.

Please send your child's PE kit into school as usual, this can remain in school.

- **Spare clothes for pupils who may have accidents**

If your child is likely to require a change of clothes, please send this in a clearly labelled bag. We will keep clothes in school and send them home if they need washing.

- **Parents and visitors**

Parents will not be allowed on the school site. We are limiting the numbers of adults who can come onto site. Parents will be asked to leave children at the school gate.

- **Coffee mornings Q and A with Senior Leaders and Class Teachers**

In September we usually hold our coffee mornings to welcome you and outline our key objectives for the year. Unfortunately, we will not be able to invite you into school. This year we will set up a virtual meeting. We will send out invites to parents, if you are unable to attend, the information will also be shared in a newsletter.

- **Parents meetings- importance of catch ups- virtual world**

Again, parents' evenings and meetings are likely to have to take place in the virtual world. We will send out further information in the Autumn term.

If your child has a special educational need we will be in touch separately to arrange virtual PLP meetings.

- **Contacting the school office**

Please contact the school office via telephone or email.

- **After school clubs**

We will not be running after school clubs in the autumn term. This will be reviewed in October and we will update you if there are any changes.

Young People Matter will be offering Wrap around Care. If you need this service please book directly with them.

They will be offering breakfast and after school care. You will need to register directly with them if you require wrap around care. I have attached the information separately.

The staff have carried out their own risk assessment and have been trained on health and safety around hygiene and keeping safe.

- **Health and Safety including the use of PPE**

We have carried out a thorough risk assessment to enable us to open to pupils since lockdown. This risk assessment has reviewed to enable us to open to all pupils following the most up to date information from the DFE.

By reducing movement and contact in school we are reducing risk for all.

Children will be asked to follow strict handwashing rules once they are in school.

Staff will not be wearing PPE in school unless they need to change a child or deal with a serious first aid. This may change if the guidance changes.

Surfaces will be cleaned thoroughly each day. Classes will have anti-bacterial spray, Milton, soap, hand towels and bins with lids.

- **Attendance**

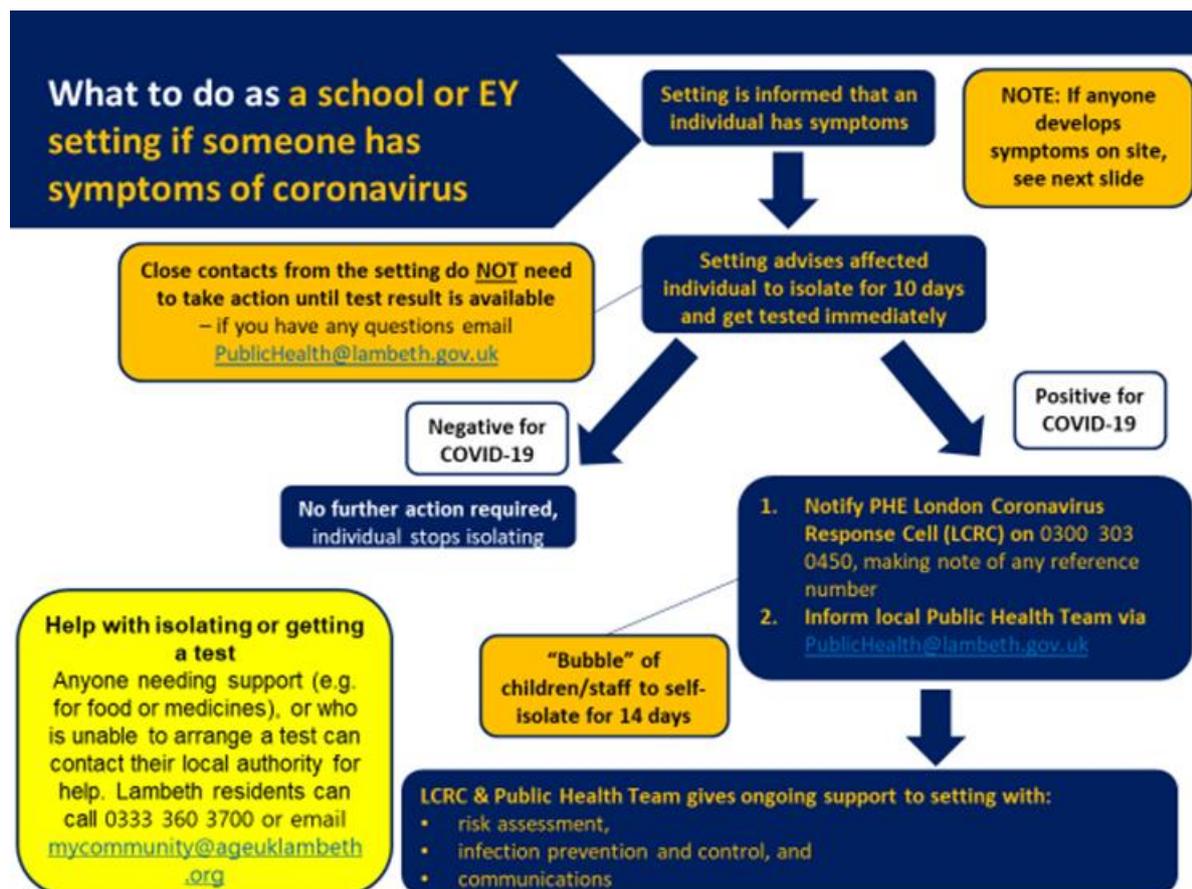
The government guidance states that it will be compulsory for pupils to attend school. We understand that all families are different, and some may be very concerned your own or your child's, your families and your own health.

The current guidance says that all shielding has stopped as of 1st August, if you have any concerns please get in touch with us and we will do our best to support you.

- **What happens if my child or another child is ill?**

If your child is unwell you should follow the usual school procedures and report to the school office.

If your child is displaying symptoms of Covid-19 then you must seek medical advice and get your child tested. It is essential that you inform the school to allow us to inform other parents.



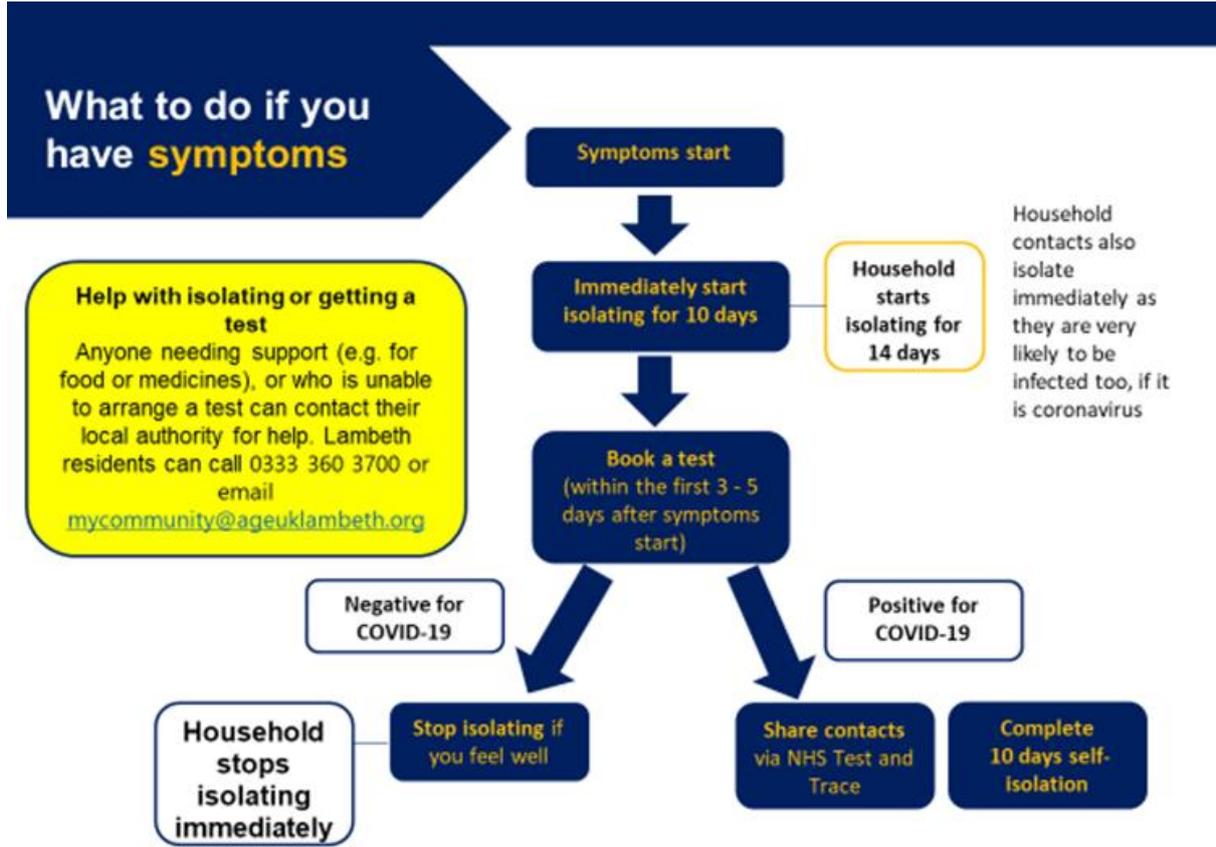
- **What happens if my child's teacher is ill with Covid19 symptoms or illness?**

As above the teacher will be asked to get a test and parents will be informed.

If the test is negative the teacher would return.

If a teacher is ill with non Covid related illness we would cover the absence internally.

We will be able to access a small number of tests but we can also support families to order tests if this is needed.



- **What happens if we go into lockdown again?**

I really hope this does not happen, but we have been planning in case it does.

We appreciate your feedback from the parent survey and it this has helped us think about what has and hasn't worked.

We are planning to offer a more blended approach if lockdown were to happen again. This will be a combination of live lessons, contact with and work pre-set by the teacher. We would also offer books and worksheets for families who would prefer this option.

We would hope to offer a varied timetable covering different aspects of the curriculum including live weekly assemblies.

- **Who to contact and how...**

If you have any questions please email admin@reay.lambeth.sch.uk and somebody will get back to you

- **Friends of Reay and class contacts**

The Friends of Reay will continue to work alongside the school to communicate key messages with you.

- **Importance of informing the school if you change your address, phone number or email**

During lock down we have realised that some parents had not updated their contact details with the school.

It is essential that we have your up to date and correct phone number, email address and home address.

We send information via email on a weekly basis so please check your emails for updates and information.