

# September 21- Opening Plan

## Fingringhoe Primary

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### Purpose

**The objective of this plan is to share with parents and stakeholders, how Fingringhoe will manage the school reopening in step 4.**

Step 4 marks a new phase in the government's response to the pandemic, moving away from stringent restrictions on everyone's day-to-day lives, towards advising people on how to protect themselves and others, alongside targeted interventions to reduce risk. As COVID-19 becomes a virus that we learn to live with, there is now an imperative to reduce the disruption to children and young people's education.

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## September Plan

We are no longer recommended to keep children in consistent groups ('bubbles'). This means that bubbles will not need to be used in schools from the autumn term.

As well as enabling flexibility in curriculum delivery, this means that assemblies can resume, and we no longer need to make alternative arrangements to avoid mixing at lunch.

We will have an outbreak management plans to cover the possibility that in some situations it may become necessary to reintroduce 'bubbles' for a temporary period, to reduce mixing between groups. Any decision to recommend the reintroduction of 'bubbles' will not be taken lightly and would need to take account of the detrimental impact they can have on the delivery of education.

PPA cover staff will no longer be expected to socially distance.

Face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors either in classrooms or in communal areas.

There will be no more staggered start and end arrangements.

### School Times

Class	Entrance	Start Time	End Time
Willow	Down side gate	Gates open 8.40am for registration at 8.50am	3.00pm
Beech	Front reception		3.00pm
Maple	Front reception		3.10pm
Elm	Down side gate		3.10pm

Both the front and rear gates will close every morning at 8.50am and then 3.20pm after school.

If a child come to school after the gates have closed, they will need to be brought to the office by an adult and will be marked as late.

Any child who is not collected by the time the gate closes, will be sent to the After School Club. Parents will be charged for a session.

KS1 & KS2 will have separate break and lunchtimes

#### **Reception pupils will begin part time, for the first 2 days:**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 8.50am to 12.20pm – staying for lunch in hall

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 8.50am until 12.55pm – staying for lunch and outdoor play

Full time from 6<sup>th</sup> September

## PE

Children will be asked to come to school wearing their PE kit on the days they have PE lessons. This will be as follows:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Day 2</b>
Willow	Tuesday	Thursday
Beech	Tuesday	Thursday
Maple	Monday	Wednesday
Elm	Monday	Wednesday

\*Class newsletters will confirm all dates

PE will begin from the first day back – 2<sup>nd</sup> September, except for Reception pupils.

**Willow class should attend in normal school uniform for their first 2 days.**

### Control Measures

The school has a detailed risk assessment which will be regularly updated. This will include control measures to help reduce the risk of spreading covid 19. These measures include:

- Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
- Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
- Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
- Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19

#### **Hand hygiene**

Frequent and thorough hand cleaning will continue to be regular practice. We will continue to ensure that pupils clean their hands regularly. This can be done with soap and water or hand sanitiser.

#### **Respiratory hygiene**

The 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach continues to be very important.

#### **Ventilation**

The school will increase the level of ventilation in classrooms and communal areas by opening doors and windows. Consideration will be given to the time of year, weather and temperature conditions and the comfort of staff and pupils.

#### **Cleaning**

Cleaning routines will be reviewed with particular attention to high contact surfaces. Cleaning routines will be augmented as appropriate.

### Isolation and Testing

Individuals *are not required to self-isolate* if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

**This will mean that it is no longer necessary to close an entire class or bubble if an individual tests positive for Covid 19.**

Instead, individuals will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a [PCR test](#). We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.

**Staff who do not need to isolate, and children who usually attend school, and have been identified as a close contact, should continue to attend school as normal.**

When an individual develops COVID-19 symptoms or has a positive test they should follow public health advice on [when to self-isolate and what to do](#). They should not come into school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test result or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19 (for example, they are required to quarantine).

Staff and pupils with a positive LFD test result should self-isolate in line with the [stay at home guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#). They will also need to [get a free PCR test to check if they have COVID-19](#).

Whilst awaiting the PCR result, the individual should continue to self-isolate.

If the PCR test is taken within 2 days of the positive lateral flow test, and is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD test and the pupil can return to school, as long as the individual doesn't have COVID-19 symptoms.

Staff are still requested to take twice-weekly asymptomatic LFD tests.

### **Outbreak Management**

If there are 3 or more positive Covid 19 cases at the school within a short time period, senior management in consultation with the Governing Board will need to consider possible actions including:

#### **Face Coverings**

Staff could be required to wear masks in communal areas and parents could be asked to wear masks on entering school grounds.

## **Return to Bubbles**

Whole school assemblies and events could be postponed until the end of an outbreak. As KS1 and KS2 have separate breaks and lunch, there may not be the need to return to single class bubbles, but this will need to be considered.

PPA staff may need to attempt social distancing whenever possible and wear a visor or mask.

Lunchtime staff may need to attempt social distancing whenever possible and wear a visor or mask.

## **Visitors**

The school will review whether onsite visits by parents and other stakeholders should be temporarily suspended. Should this be implemented, alternative 'remote' options will be available for educational meetings. Essential, statutory meetings which cannot take place effectively using a 'remote' format will be considered and managed under individual risk assessments. Large events, which would bring significant numbers of adults or children into the school will be postponed. This includes parent evenings, open days, transition or taster events, and school performances. Wherever possible, alternative 'remote' formats will be used. Where visitors to the site continue to be permitted, the use of face coverings, hand sanitiser and the requirement to provide confirmation of a negative LFD test prior to the visit will be reviewed and reintroduced where appropriate to do so.

## **Restricting Attendance**

Attendance restrictions will only ever be considered as a last resort and in extreme circumstances. Attendance restrictions may be recommended as a result of public health and Local Authority advice. If attendance restrictions are advised across the local area, the Government will publish detailed operational guidance which the schools will implement. If some attendance restrictions are needed, all vulnerable children, children of critical workers, and children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 will still be able to attend the school setting (in line with DfE recommendations).

## **Remote Education**

If a pupil is not attending school because their attendance would be contrary to government guidance or legislation around COVID-19, we will provide work to complete at home via DB Primary. All children are expected to use this platform. If you are having difficulties using DB Primary or have not yet received login codes, contact [admin@fingringhoe.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@fingringhoe.essex.sch.uk).

The class teacher or LSA will meet virtually with the pupil via Zoom for wellbeing checks and support with work, during their absence.

## Attendance

School attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age and it is a priority to ensure that as many children as possible regularly attend school.

Where a child is required to self-isolate or quarantine because of COVID-19 in accordance with relevant legislation or guidance published by PHE or the DHSC they will be recorded as code X (not attending in circumstances related to coronavirus). After the pupil tests positive, they will be recorded as code I (illness) until they are able to return to school. This is a change from previous attendance recording.

## Parents in School

We are looking forward to inviting parents back into schools and particularly to our celebration assemblies. To help the staff and pupil settle back in and ensure our risk assessments are embedded and working well, we will delay parent attendance at celebration assemblies until **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September**.

This is only a 2 week delay and we hope you can understand our caution. We also want to allow the pupils time to get used to mixing with one another again, and revising the old rules and post covid routines.

During the Pandemic, visits to the school office have been limited and you have all managed very well without popping in. As much as we love to see you, this has worked well and so we encourage you to continue checking the school website and newsletters for information before coming to reception.