

Return to school
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What to expect when we return to Holy Trinity in September

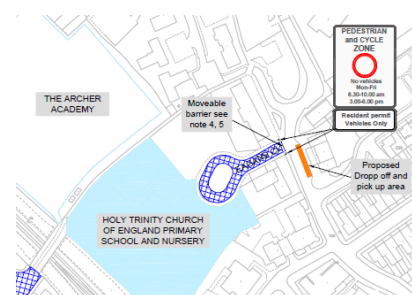
We are so looking forward to welcoming our children back in September. As always, the safety of our staff and students is paramount and we have been following the guidance received from the government in formulating these plans. There are very clear requirements for us as a school to follow. There are limitations that impact what we can offer and how the school will run, however, we will be regularly reviewing what provisions we have and will keep you informed of any changes. I hope this document will give you an outline of the changes to expect from September. Due to the frequently changing guidance, please note this plan supersedes any previous plan you may have received and may be subject to change

When will my child return to school?

To facilitate a safe return to school for our children and staff we are running staff training on the first two days of term (Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September). Another important aspect to our risk assessment is ensuring that our children learn about the new social distancing procedures and that we have time to discuss their well-being and how they are coping. We are very aware that this has been (and continues to be) a challenging time for many of our children and we are planning sessions around their mental health and well-being for the first week that they are in school. Children in Years 1 to Year 6 will be returning on Thursday 3rd September.

What will have changed when we arrive at school?

- **Pedestrian and cycle zone on the roundabout** - The Highways Agency is looking into ways to make the journey into school safer for families by introducing a 'pedestrian and cycle zone' on the roundabout at drop off and pick up times, giving more space for families to safely wait outside the gates.
- **Yellow spots on the way up to school** - we have painted yellow spots outside the school on the walkways to the main entrance, the clubroom entrance and the back gate entrance to the school. These are to help keep everyone at a safe social distance.
- **Saying goodbye at the gates rather than the school playground** - to keep everyone safe, we will be saying our goodbyes to each other at the main gates, back gates or clubroom gates and not in the playground.



What time will we need to be in school?

- **We will be having a staggered start.** This will help to minimise contact between other bubbles of students and parents/carers. To help make it easier, we are going to have only 30 minutes

between Rec - Y6 drop offs. Nursery will have the option of an Early Drop off or a later start to settle their child in to Nursery. The staggered start will be **between 8.45 until 9.15am** . We will be using the backgate, front gate and club room gates to help ease congestion. We encourage students to walk or cycle to school and to only take public transport if absolutely necessary. Parents/carers will not be allowed into the school building unless arranged by prior appointment.

- **Can siblings be dropped off at the same time?** Unfortunately not, which is why we have tried to keep the gap between drop offs as minimal as possible.

I still have concerns, does my child need to come to school?

It is vital for all children to return to school to minimise as far as possible the longer-term impact of the pandemic on children's education, wellbeing and wider development.

Missing out on more time in the classroom risks pupils falling further behind. Those with higher overall absence tend to achieve less well in school. School attendance will therefore be mandatory again from the beginning of the autumn term. This means from that point, the usual rules on school attendance will apply, including parents' ensuring that their child attends regularly at school.

What if they are shielding?

Shielding advice for all children will pause on 1 August, subject to a continued decline in the rates of community transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19). This means that even the small number of pupils who will remain on the shielded patient list can also return to school, as can those who have family members who are shielding.

Are you offering a breakfast club?

Due to the staggered start and space issues being a small school, we are only able to offer 15 spaces for Breakfast Club. These will be prioritised for Key Workers who need the provision **every day**. As soon as we get any further guidance, we will extend this service. So that the childcare provision does not run at a loss we will be charging £25 for the week.

Will you be offering an After School Club?

To safely operate an after school club provision within current Government guidelines we can offer 3 groups (Rec, Y1+Y2, Y3+Y4 and Y5+Y6) with the maximum of 15 children in each group. We will be offering this service to families who need this provision every day and will be available from 3.00pm until 5.30pm. Pick up times will be at 4.30pm and 5.30pm only. If we are over subscribed, priority will be given to key workers and key worker siblings. To cover costs we will have to charge £10 per day.

We will be unable to offer ad-hoc or a provision for late collection from school. Please make sure you have suitable arrangements in place. Sufficient funds must be in your account before a space can be confirmed.

We understand that this may be challenging for some families, however this is the only way we can operate until the current crisis is over.

What about other after school clubs?

At this point we are not able to offer any external after school clubs. Many companies are not offering after school clubs until further guidance is given. We will continue to review this and will inform you as soon as we have any additional information.

Does my child need to wear their uniform?

The latest government guidance states that a full school uniform should be worn from September. Uniforms do not need to be cleaned any more often than usual, nor do they need to be cleaned using methods which are different from normal.

We are aware that many families will be having to buy a complete new uniform for possibly more than one child. The HTSA have been kindly hosting a second hand uniform sale so you do not need to buy everything new. We will continue to hold these sales in September and we also have one on Friday 17th July at 8.45am.

Please re-familiarise yourself with the uniform requirements on our website (click on the tab of the relevant school site and then 'uniform'). We also request that students wear appropriate school shoes and not trainers.

We would recommend allowing more time than usual to purchase new uniform this summer to allow for social distancing measures which will be in place.

You can buy uniform from <https://www.holytrinityceschool.org/school-uniform> or Braggs Uniform Shop in North Finchley [Braggs Website](#) .

What about on PE days?

To avoid bags hanging on pegs, please can your child come in their PE kit on their PE days. This means that your child will come to school in their PE kit twice a week. For juniors this will be on a Thursday and an additional day which we will confirm in September and for Infants this will be confirmed in September. This will mean the children are in full uniform for 3 days and PE kit for 2 days.

PE Kit	Juniors Only for PE day
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Trinity Red T-shirt with Logo • Navy Blue loose fitting shorts (not fitted or cycling shorts) • Holy Trinity Jumper or Cardigan with Logo • Black Plimsolls • Holy Trinity draw sting bag with logo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plain Navy blue track suit bottoms or shorts (no detailing, logo or leggings) • Plain Black or white trainers 

Until the pandemic is over, Infant children may wear plain (no logos) Navy blue track suit bottoms and plain black or white trainers (no logos).

Please make sure you take this into account when purchasing any new uniform.

How many children will be in a bubble?

Each bubble will be the whole class. There will be at least 30 children in a bubble, so the whole class will be in a bubble together.

How will lunchtime work?

Breaktimes and lunchtimes will be staggered. All children are in bubbles of 30. We need to reduce the number of children crossing the bubbles and movement around school needs to be kept to a minimum. We therefore will be staggering lunchtimes and breaktimes so there are less times when the children are moving through the school at the same time.

What happens if my child falls ill at school?

Your child should not attend school if they feel unwell and you should report their absence via the attendance line in the usual way. We will have qualified first aiders on site and if your child becomes ill, they will go to a medical room and be assessed. You will be contacted and we would ask that you agree to collect your child within 45 minutes. We hope you understand that in the current situation we cannot have students on site who may be contagious and infect others - your support in this matter is much appreciated.

What happens if there is a confirmed case of coronavirus?

If a child or staff member develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus, they will be sent home, advised to self-isolate for 14 days and obtain a test. If someone tests negative, if they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating. They could still have another virus, such as a cold or flu – in which case it is still best to avoid contact with other people until they are better. Other members of their household can stop self-isolating.

If someone tests positive, they should follow the 'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection' and must continue to self-isolate for at least 7 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than

cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. The 7-day period starts from the day when they first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days.

We will alert our local health protection team and abide by the advice received if there has been a positive case in school.

If there is a positive case, will the whole bubble have to go home?

- **We will only send home those people who have been in close contact** with the person who has tested positive, advising them to self-isolate for 14 days since they were last in close contact with that person when they were infectious.
- Close contact means:
 - **direct close contacts** - face to face contact with an infected individual for any length of time, within 1 metre, including being coughed on, a face to face conversation, or unprotected physical contact (skin-to-skin)
 - **proximity contacts** - extended close contact (within 1 to 2 metres for more than 15 minutes) with an infected individual
 - **travelling in a small vehicle**, like a car, with an infected person
- **Household members** of those contacts who are sent home do not need to self-isolate themselves unless the child, young person or staff member who is self-isolating subsequently develops symptoms.

If we have two or more confirmed cases within 14 days, or an overall rise in sickness absence where coronavirus (COVID-19) is suspected, this means we may have an 'outbreak', and will contact our local health protection team who will be able to advise if additional action is required.

If there is a second lockdown in London, what provision has the school made?

We will be using Google Classrooms from September. We will send your child's username before the holiday. To help you and your child to familiarise yourself with Google Classroom by logging into their online classroom and uploading one picture from their holidays. We will share with the children when we return in September.

Over the autumn term teachers will continue to receive training on using Google Classroom so this can be used for remote learning for children self-isolating or if we go into lock down.

What will the Curriculum look like?

We pride ourselves at Holy Trinity on our rich and diverse curriculum. This will not change. We are aware that we will need to support children with any gaps and their learning as well as their mental health and well-being, however we are going to do this through a cross curriculum approach i.e.

extended writing in History, graphs and maths in Science etc. Feedback from the questionnaire has been useful for making sure we take into account any information which will help us when planning.

We will continue to deliver a rich topic based curriculum. Writing, reading and maths will be an important part of the curriculum, however the other subjects will continue to be taught cross-curricular and as part of the topic learning.

We are still having our Planning Preparation and Assessment time (PPA) in the juniors led by specialists including Non-Stop Action for PE, DaCapo Music lessons and French with Mdme Elena.

Our teachers are very skilled at working to close gaps and often support children working years behind or years ahead of their age group. The staff have already identified areas of the curriculum which were not covered in the summer term. The teachers and teaching assistants have met and this has been shared with the next year's teacher to help with planning. We will of course focus on the children's wellbeing and will be also focusing on Personal, Social, Health and Emotional (PSHE) to support children to adjust to being back to school. In particular we will be looking at activities to all pupils designed to:

- support the rebuilding of friendships and social engagement
- address and equip pupils to respond to issues linked to coronavirus (COVID-19)
- support pupils with approaches to improving their physical and mental wellbeing

The DfE have published some guidance on Teaching Mathematics in the Primary School, which highlights the core concepts and identifies the most important knowledge and understanding the children will need. The teachers have been using this document to plan for September. You can find more information at [Teaching mathematics in primary schools](#).

Government Guide

The Department of Education has published a [guide](#) for parents/carers for the month of July and also what to expect in September.

Yours faithfully,

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