



Updated School Plan for Families – March 2022

Dear Families,

Firstly, thank you very much to all our families, children and staff for their continued support during these unusual times, which have continued longer than we thought and although the Isle of Wight has changed, guidance really has not. We are seeing a rise in cases which reflects the picture nationally and we will do our best endeavors to minimize impact. It continues to be very exciting to have more and more opportunities of joy for all.

We have updated this plan based on the most recent guidance and updates from February 2022. It is subject to change should further guidance be released. We have reviewed the guidance carefully and have taken the decision to be cautious in how we lift the restrictions, so we can do our best to keep everyone safe and well.

The children will be in their classes and operate as a year group so that visits, trips, interventions, teaching and learning can be fully effective at this time. We will put in place proportionate protective measures for children and staff using the government guidance. We will continue to minimise the number of contacts that a child has during the day.

Handwashing remains the most critical element to ensure safety for all. We will ask children to continue to thoroughly wash their hands at all transition points during the day but especially when they enter the school.

We will continue to remain within our year group bubbles. Assemblies will be in the hall or in children's own classroom via video but **we will now allow three-year groups in the hall at the same time sitting in year groups with a gap between them.**

Children will be in their classes and allocated certain staff. Children in Years 2 -6 will have their own resources, an allocated table and chair with tables will be spread out as best we can. No toys or resources are to be brought from home, as before. Reading books will continue to go home.

All rooms being used are ventilated as much as possible with windows open as per the continued guidance. This just needs to be a flow of air rather than fully open exposure to the elements. Children are allowed to wear school hoodies and zoodies in school, but **school ones only** please.

Covid testing

We have been provided with home test kits for our staff who are encouraged to participate in the twice weekly Covid testing. **This continues until Easter when we will review.**

Families can continue to home test. We recommend twice a week and every day if a positive case is in the household.



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Face coverings

Children are not required to wear face coverings in primary schools. Visitors will continue to wear face coverings whilst walking around the school and when unable to social distance from other adults. Staff are no longer required to wear face masks in school or on the gates.

School visitors and families onsite

We encourage families to pre-book appointments in school. We will also offer a video call if possible. If visiting the main office, you will be asked to social distance at all times and wear a face covering.

Most meetings will be carried out by video call and these will continue, although professionals supporting children will be permitted to visit following hygiene procedures. Coaches such as ballet and dance will be in school for year groups.

New Intake Tours can now be pre-booked in-line with our Risk Assessment.

We will continue to invite families back into school in class bubbles for class performances, providing that no further restrictions are imposed. Face coverings will need to be worn if attending these.

Drop off and pick ups

Families will arrive with children and be allocated drop off areas and times as per each year group below. Only one adult to drop off and collect each child to limit the number of adults on site. We would really appreciate it if you could continue to wear a face covering.

The outside handwashing facilities will be used for the children to use before entering the building.

LSAs to be outside with notepad to take notes from families and pass on to relevant staff.

Public Health advice to minimise Covid19 (at all times we will take advice from Public Health and NHS, we will advise families to do the same)

Taken from <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>



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Mandatory Guidance

- If you have COVID-19 symptoms you should test and self-isolate immediately if positive. You can arrange to have a PCR test as soon as possible. If this PCR test result is positive, you must continue to self-isolate.
- If you do not have COVID-19 symptoms, but you have a positive PCR test result, you must stay at home and self-isolate.
- If you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 you are at significantly higher risk of becoming infected yourself.
- If you have been vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine, you are less likely to become severely ill if you catch COVID-19. You are also less likely to spread COVID-19 to other people, but it is still possible for this to happen. Therefore: if you are aged 18 years 6 months or over and you are not fully vaccinated, and you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, you are legally required to stay at home and self-isolate
- If you are fully vaccinated or aged under 18 years and 6 months, and you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, you are not legally required to self-isolate. However, you are strongly advised to take an LFD test every day for 7 days, and to self-isolate if any of these test results are positive
- LFD tests are very good at identifying people who have high levels of coronavirus and are most likely to pass on infection to others, even if you do not have symptoms.
- If you are notified by NHS Test and Trace of a positive test result you must complete a period of self-isolation. Your isolation period starts immediately from when your symptoms started, or, if you do not have any symptoms, from when your positive LFD or PCR test was taken, whichever test was taken first. Your isolation period includes the day your symptoms started (or the day your test was taken if you do not have symptoms), and the next 10 full days.
- You can return to your normal routine and stop self-isolating after you have isolated for 5 days if you have tested negative on a Lateral Flow Test on Day 5 and 6 or thereafter or your ten day isolation ends, whichever occurs first.
- You should not take an LFD test before the fifth day of your self-isolation period, and you should only end your self-isolation after you have had 2 consecutive negative LFD tests which should be taken at least 24 hours apart. You should stop testing after you have had 2 consecutive negative test results.
- Schools should not request evidence of negative test results or other medical evidence before admitting children or welcoming them back after a period of self-isolation.



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Properly consider and put in place where possible

- Formal consideration of how to reduce contacts and maximise distancing between those in school wherever possible and minimise potential for contamination so far as reasonably practicable.
- PPE for certain situations.
- Grouping children together.
- Avoiding contact between groups.
- Arranging classrooms with forward facing desks where possible, children not to sit face to face.
- Staff maintaining distance from children and other staff as much as possible.
- Recording the groups which children and staff work in and visitor contacts. This should be proportionate to be able to assist Test and Trace but not onerous to the school.

Response to any infection

- Active engagement with NHS Test and Trace process as needed although responsibility for track and trace no longer falls to the school.
- Schools must contact the local health protection team; this team will also contact schools if they become aware of someone who has tested positive who has attended the school.
- Contain any outbreak by following local health protection advice.

Containing an outbreak

If schools have 10% of the school with confirmed cases of Covid -19 or 5 or more children in 1 class with a confirmed case, they may have an outbreak and will continue to work with the local protection team. Whole school closure should ONLY be considered on the advice of health protection teams.

Children unable to attend school due to self-isolation

Some children may be well enough to do school work when they have Covid and we will provide remote education if this is the case.

Office procedures

School is now cashless and will remain so.

The office will operate one parent in main reception at once. Office door will remain closed.

Payments can be made online or over the phone by card.



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PE

P.E kits/swimming kits to be taken home and washed after use. Keep consistent groups.

Equipment cleaned between use.

Outdoor sports should be prioritised where possible. Families will be allowed to attend sporting events that are outside only.

Music and performances

The playing of musical instruments and singing is permitted within bubbles with good ventilation. Some group lessons are now taking place with IOW Music Hub and children will be track and traced as year group bubbles will cross.

School trips

UK Residential Trips permitted

Oversea Trips are permitted

Swimming

In place with risk assessment

Medicine, First aid and PPE

Any new medicines please bring them to the main office to completed a form for them.

Breakfast/£1 club and after schools clubs/Den

After school - the Den will be open and normal procedures apply.

Breakfast club –is running and will run 7.30am-8.30am. Again, normal procedures apply.

In the morning, the children will be in the hall in bubble areas for their year groups. Please bring your child to the front office who will sign them in, disinfect hands and take them to the hall where the registers will be taken.

After school, children using the half-hour club will continue to be grouped in their year group bubbles using the area around the hall. Please come to the office and the Office Team will go and collect your child and bring them to you.

After school clubs will continue in year group bubbles, both for outside professionals and in school.



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Precautions when leaving school

Wash hands before leaving school. Wash hands when home.

Change clothes when home.

Cleaning

Cleaning will be after school as normal. There will be extra bin collections and door handle cleans through the day. Cleaning packs will be distributed to each room to ensure any shared resources can be cleaned between use e.g. phones, desks, toys.

Hand gel, soap and tissues will be available in all classrooms and staff areas.

Hand washing and respiratory hygiene - staff and children

More frequent handwashing to take place for 20 seconds at a time or using hand gel.

Handwashing to occur:

- On arrival at school
- Before and after any transitions around the school
- Before and after using any play equipment
- Before and after food
- After using the toilet
- Before leaving school

Cover your mouth and nose with tissue if coughing or sneezing, dispose of tissue and wash hands. If children don't do this then wash their hands. If unable to wash hands immediately then use hand gel.

Free school meals and Universal infant free school meals

Normal processes resume and meals will be provided in school.

Attendance for all Children

All children are required to attend school. We continue with all normal policies for attendance, including fines.



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Assemblies

9.05am every morning. Year groups from R-6 will attend in the hall on a rota basis. Three year groups will be in assembly at once but children will remain in bubbles. A gap will be left between the three bubbles.

Assessments

We will carry out PIRA and PUMA assessments for children in Years 1 to 6 as per the Assessment Cycle. SATs for Year 6 are 9th - 12th May 2022. SATs for Year 2 are 1st - 31st May 2022. Phonics Assessment for Year 1 start on 6th June onwards and Year 4 Multiplication Check commence in June.

Year R

Outside areas

Yr R outside area

Outside sink

Reception area

Entrance and exit

Gate from car park into Yr R outside area. The Reception side gate will now open am/pm but will not be manned as the outside exit gates are manned.

Mrs Domoney's and Miss Wren's classroom doors

Drop and collection times – Whole Year R

Drop off 8.20am to 8.40am Collection from 2.30pm to 2.45pm

Year 1

Outside areas Yr 1 outside area Outside sink Year 1 area

Entrance and exit

Gate from path into Yr 1 outside area own classrooms doors

Drop and collection times – Whole Year 1

8.30am to 2.30pm



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Year 2

Outside sink

Yr 2 area

Entrance and exit

Gate from path into Yr 2 outside area own classrooms doors

Drop and collection times – Whole Year 2

8.25am to 2.25pm

Year 3

Outside sink

Allocated outside sink

Entrance and exit

Arrive at main gate and enter via own classrooms.

Drop and collection times – Whole Year 3

8.25am to 2.25pm

After school collection from classroom doors.

Year 4

Outside sink

Allocated outside sink

Entrance and exit

Arrive at main gate

Drop and collection times – Whole of Year 4

8.30am to 2.30pm



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Year 5

Outside sink

In courtyard

Entrance and exit

Arrive at main gate and then through courtyard gate

Drop and collection times – Whole Year 5

8.35am to 2.35pm

Year 6

Outside sink

Allocated outside sink by table tennis tables

Entrance and exit

Arrive at main gate and enter own classrooms

Drop and collection times – Whole of Year 6

8.40am to 2.40pm

Playtime

Location- playground. Field will be reviewed in Spring.

Year Group	Playtime
Reception	Set own
Yr 1	Set own
Yr 2	10.00am to 10.15am
Yr 3	10.15am to 10.30am
Yr 4	10.30am to 10.45am
Yr 5	10.45am to 11.00am
Yr 6	11.00am to 11.15am

Year groups cannot mix during break or lunchtimes – Year 2-6 must stay in their allocated classes and year groups.



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Children's lunch rota

<u>Year group</u>	<u>Location of lunch</u>	<u>Times</u>
Reception	Hall	11.35am in for lunch, 12.05pm out to play
1	Classrooms	11.35 lunch 12.05 pm out to play
2	Classrooms	11.40 out to play 11:55 in for lunch
3	Classrooms	12.15pm out to play, 12.35pm in for lunch
4	Classrooms	12.30 pm lunch, 12.55pm out to play
5	Classrooms	12.30 pm out to play, 12.55pm lunch
6	Classrooms	12.50pm lunch, 1.15pm out to play

As a school we will monitor the situation and adapt and make changes as and when we feel it is safe to do so for our families, staff and children. I am aware that this will continue to impact on families and children but I am forever hopeful that soon it will not be!

As always if any questions or worries please email me on caroline.sice@lanesendpri.iow.sch.uk

Kind regards

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