



Frequently Asked Questions For September 2020

Do you think it is safe enough to reopen in full?

The Government have deemed it appropriate to re-open. As a school we are able to put in all the measures to ensure all requirements are followed. I am happy with all our procedures so that we can accommodate a full opening in September.

How will you ensure the safety of our children is the main priority?

We will follow all procedures that have been out in place to keep the children safe in school and also in line with the government guidelines. The safety and wellbeing of our children is always our priority.

Will we start back with half days or with a full 5 day a week return?

We will be starting back 5 days a week from September for all children.

Can we request a phased transition return to help ease any anxieties or worries?

If you feel you need any extra support when we return we will access all individual requests for extra support in help with returning to school. Please email families@lanesendpri.iow.sch.uk with any requests.

Will Breakfast Club and The Den be running as normal?

Breakfast Club will not be on for the first week back and will start Monday 7th September. The Den will be running as normal. These can be booked and paid for as normal via School Money.

Will after school activity clubs be running?

They will not be starting in September term. We will however look to start some after school activity clubs after the October half term if appropriate.

Will social distancing measures still be in place?

From September the Government have asked that: *schools keep children in class or year group sized 'bubbles' and encourage older children to keep their distance from each other and staff where possible. This is alongside protective measures such as regular cleaning and handwashing.* We will be following all guidelines to keep our children safe.

Will the classes be a full class size?

Yes, classes will be back to normal numbers which is small still compared to National class numbers.



Will the children still be in bubbles?

Bubbles in September will be year group bubbles now instead of class bubbles. This means we can still organise activities and trips in year groups.

Will the staggered starts/finishes and playtime/lunchtimes still be in place for September?

Yes, we will be continuing with staggered start and finish times for year groups until we receive further guidance from the Government. This is to continue to reduce the numbers of families on site at any one time and to help keep us all safe. The children will also continue to have their lunchtimes and playtimes staggered to ensure year group bubbles are kept safe. Children will be encouraged to be outside for break times as much as possible.

If staggered start and finish times continue will there be any provisions in place for families who have siblings that have different start and finish times?

As well as The Breakfast Club which will run from 7.30am every day starting from Monday 7th September. We will be running a £1 club in the mornings and a £1 after school club for each year group. This club will run for 30 minutes prior to each year group start time and 30 minutes after your child's year group staggered leave times. This provision can be booked online via School Money alongside our usual Breakfast Club and Den provisions and needs to be booked in advance so we can staff this appropriately. We hope this will help families who have children with different start times.

Will attendance recording procedures and school fines be back in place from September?

Yes, as all children are due back to school in all year groups in September and our normal attendance recording and procedures will be back in place. This does include school fines and usual holiday forms requests to be followed.

Will all hygiene procedures still be in place?

All hygiene procedures will still be in place. The sinks outside of classrooms will remain and children and staff will be required to wash their hands on arrival and exits. Hand washing throughout the day will also still take place and children will be supervised and supported with this. We will be ensuring good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach. Extra cleaning procedures in classrooms and after school will still be place as it has been since we returned on the 1st June and we ask families to continue washing uniform and P.E kits after every use. We also ask that toys and items from home are not brought in from school. All the children need to bring with them are their PE kits and lunches.

What procedures will be in place for children who live with immediate family members who are shielding?

Please refer to the Government guidelines on the Government website. Currently the advice for people who are clinically extremely vulnerable state: *The rest of your household do not need to shield themselves, but they should do what they can to support you in shielding and to carefully follow guidance on staying alert and safe (social distancing).*



What happens if my child has a temperature unrelated to COVID-19?

Childhood illnesses still happen and we have the normal procedures in place as before for children who are unwell. Children will be sent home if they are presenting with COVID symptoms set out on the Government guidelines.

Will you continue screening children in schools?

Only if they present with COVID symptoms and the National Coronavirus Helpline advises this to take place.

How will you ensure different levels of learning and extra support is planned for to ensure children do not fall behind?

Children will be assessed individually in September and plans will be put in place to reflect need. We will plan to revisit learning throughout the year.

Will there be transition in terms of intensity of learning for children who have not been in school since before lockdown?

We will consider individual requests from families and we will as always, continue to support all children in school as best we can. The staff will do what is needed for each child.

Will the school place a greater emphasis on healthy eating, wellbeing and PE for children who have been at home for several months?

This is a great idea and we will look at running focus weeks around these and also tie them into our daily learning in class.

Will you be posting more videos for introduce new classrooms and layouts for children who did not attend transition?

Yes, we will continue to post videos and ensure all children can view these across all our social media platforms and on Classdojo so that they can familiarise themselves with the layouts and classrooms before we return in September.

How will you manage the difference between children who have stayed at home throughout lockdown and have learnt to social distance and children who have not been in encouraged to social distance?

We will revisit expectations with all children when we return in September. Government guidelines state that: *Covid-19 secure measures will remain in place to reduce the risk of transmission, with schools being asked to keep children in class or year group sized 'bubbles' and encourage older children to keep their distance from each other and staff where possible. This is alongside protective measures such as regular cleaning and handwashing.* As a school will endeavor to maintain high standards of hygiene, hand washing and appropriate distance that allows the children to learn and play together.