

How our school is adapting to the challenges we face

The health, safety and well-being
of our children is our priority



The William Henry Smith School



Giving you the reassurance and confidence you need

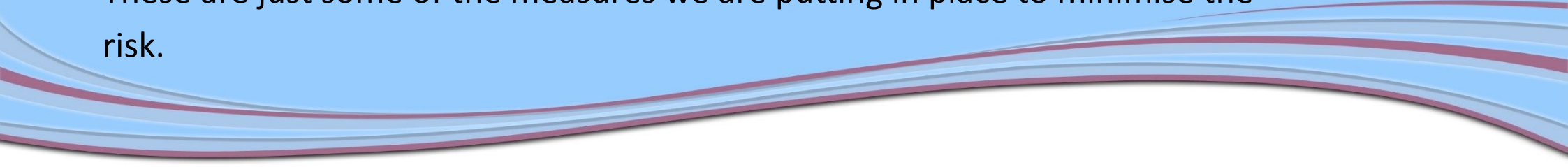
We understand the concerns that families will have when thinking about their child returning to school.

With this in mind we are making preparations closely following the planning guidance from the Department for Education.

During the lockdown period, children have continued to attend our school to meet individual needs and to allow keyworkers to continue doing their amazing work. This means we have the experience of implementing the necessary measures to keep our students safe and well.

This guide is an overview of the steps we are taking to ensure your child learns in a safe environment when our schools re-open to more children.

These are just some of the measures we are putting in place to minimise the risk.



Moving safely around school

- On arrival children will be met by school staff from their taxi/vehicle
- Staff will supervise movement during the school day to facilitate safe transition
- There will some markings on the floor and walls throughout school to show the safe distance students should try to stay apart
- We know that our children find distancing difficult and need help defining what 2M actually is



Social distancing in class and house

We prefer to call this physical distancing...we want our children, their friends and trusted adults to socialise, re-build and maintain relationships.

To implement this we will ensure children:

- Will be taught in small groups (bubbles) of around 5 children
- Sit at their own individual desk
- Have their own books and equipment that will be kept in school
- Mealtimes will be taken in smaller groups in houses and in other areas of the school and changes have been made to layouts
- Evening activities will be taken in small groups (bubbles)



What about break times?

- Children will not routinely mix with others outside of their groups (bubbles) where practical
- Breaks and lunch times will be staggered in order to reduce numbers and movement
- Movement through school will be restricted and supervised
- We have opened up further areas for lunches and breaks alongside the houses
- Students will move to break and lunch one group at a time



Ensuring cleanliness

Stringent hygiene has proven to be a key factor in avoiding the spread of the virus and we will do everything we can to promote this in our school.

- Hand sanitiser will be made available throughout the school and
- stations have been located in the entrances to buildings
- We will encourage regular hand washing throughout the day
- We will work to remind students how to protect themselves and others in school through sessions with staff and our School Nurse Sara
- There are lots of visual reminders around school to promote the need for
- cleanliness
- Effective daily cleaning routines have been established throughout school, including deep cleans at weekends by a specialist team
- Antibacterial wipes are provided throughout school for regular surface wiping
- Tissues are available to the whole school community
- PPE is available in certain situations
- Individual en-suites/toileting and shower/bathing areas identified



Our teams

To help with protecting children, we will ensure the following steps are taken.

- Our teachers and staff will only work at one school site
- All staff will be trained on physical distancing and hygiene measures
- We will ensure our catering teams prepare and serve food safely
- Wherever possible, we will restrict any external visitors from entering our school buildings
- To avoid unnecessary contact, meetings will be virtual rather than face to face in groups



Health concerns

- In accordance with guidance, we ask that parents and carers do not send their child to school unless they are 100% well
- If any member of the family is unwell, children should stay at home and contact the school
- If a child becomes unwell during the school day or evening, we will look after them separately away from other children, until they can return home
- We have a full time School Nurse on site and on call



Want to know more?

This is an overview of our approach to ensuring the safety and well-being of everyone in our school. Additional information relevant to specifics and individual risk assessments will be provided in school to staff and students, giving details on how this will work in practise. Our Recovery plan will shortly be displayed on our website.

If you have any concerns at all regarding your child returning to school, please contact us in the usual way. Further information can be found on the school's website and at <https://www.gov.uk>.





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