

September 2020 Opening for all pupils

Questions

1. What can my child bring to school?

Swimming kit, PE kit, packed lunch, snack, tissues, hand sanitiser and a water bottle. Nothing else is to be brought into school due to cross contamination. (Please no pencil cases etc)

Reading diaries – these will be for you to use and write notes regarding what your child is reading. However, the child will be coached to open the diary to show messages. We will not be using or writing in them due to cross contamination. Reading books will be kept at school. We will continue to use Big Club at home.

2. What cleaning will take place?

We have a rigorous cleaning regime where equipment/ surfaces/ doors etc will be cleaned after use and regularly thus ensuring children in different bubbles have clean equipment eg swimming changing room or PE equipment such as balls.

3. What will the classroom be like?

The classroom setting will be as normal. We are not required to socially distance the children in the classroom. The main aim is to keep each year group bubble separate. The teacher will be trying their best to socially distance from the children. The children will regularly wash their hands and be taught about good respiratory hygiene. 'catch it, bin it, kill it'. The children will sit in rows which has been part of the guidance.

4. Who is in a bubble?

Each bubble will be the year group of children, their teachers, teaching assistant and one office member. There will be an additional adult who will cover teachers for their planning, preparation and assessment time. The year group bubble will arrive/ leave, eat lunch and play together as a bubble.

5. What will my child be learning?

The children will be taught the normal curriculum from September but teachers will be revising the work set during lockdown and assessing for any gaps in knowledge and understanding. They will concentrate on a skills based curriculum and combining skills across missed units of work. There will be an emphasis on outdoor activities and PE.

6. Can I keep my child at home?

Only if they are poorly. We will follow all procedures as before lockdown. Children should come to school as normal. Please contact me if a child needs to shield or self-isolate.

7. Can I come onto school site as a parent?

I'm sorry but no. We are only having additional adults on site who need to be here eg the school nurse. Meet the Teacher evenings will be run in the same way but with phone appointments.

8. How will I communicate with my child's teacher?

We will continue with the year group email system we set up over lockdown. Just remember to use your child's new year group email. Teachers will aim to answer emails within 48 hours. If the message is very important then please call the school. Please do not send in paper letters.

9. Can my child walk home alone? Can my child bring in a phone?

We would need an email from you confirming you have given your permission to walk independently. Year 6 are normally allowed to bring in phones. However, at this time we cannot store them safely or have the time to hand them in and out. Please keep phones at home.

10. Can I drop off things to the school office? Can I come into the school reception?

Unfortunately no. This is due to the high risk of many people coming into a confined space. I'm afraid if things are forgotten we are unable to deliver to classes. The only thing would be medication or a packed lunch.

11. Can my child attend medical appointments or be picked up for a home lunch?

We'd prefer no home lunches please.

Children will be brought out to the main gate if they need to leave for an appointment.

12. My child has symptoms of Covid. What do I do?

Any child displaying symptoms must be kept at home. Please communicate with the school directly. Refrain from putting any information on social media to avoid any scaremongering.

Please arrange for child to be tested.

Any positive Covid tests will be managed by the school. I will of course be informing parents if needed.

If a child shows symptoms in school, they will be isolated while we wait for you to pick them up.

13. Who can I speak to if we are anxious about sending our children back to school?

Please call and ask to speak to anyone from the senior leadership. We are more than happy to speak to you, to ensure your child is feeling positive about returning to school?

14. What if my child needs medical assistance in school?

Older children will be encouraged to clean and apply a plaster under supervision of an adult.

All children will be treated as normal but the adult will be wearing PPE.

15. Will my child be attending any trips?

No not in the autumn term. Later in the year we might be able to attend a trip.

16. Will drop off and pick up times be the same as before?

No. Drop off and pick up times will be staggered. Please see the separate letter regarding this.

17 Will music lessons with Havering Music School be the same?

No. These will take place outside school hours via Zoom or another form of remote contact. HMS will contact you about this.

18 Will lunch be the same as normal?

No. Lunchtimes will staggered throughout the day. For the first term, there will only be a choice of cold food.

19 What can my child wear to school?

Please follow all normal uniform procedures that were in place before lockdown including hair styles, analogue watches and no jewellery.

20 My question isn't here? What shall I do?

Please email to contact@engayne.co.uk

Thank you for reading the questions. I hope they have helped and will prepare everyone for a safe return in September.

Mrs Sankey

