

Promoting Safety and Confidence - an Update



Sancton Wood School

Sancton Wood School will manage the full reopening of our school in a proactive and safe manner. Our commitment is based on the current situation and may well change when guidelines update.

We will continue to uphold the highest of standards in health and safety and hygiene in order to mitigate the risk of infection and to care for our staff, pupils and families, in a supportive, comfortable working environment.

Social distancing

We know that early years and primary-age children cannot be expected to remain apart from each other and staff, however, social distancing will remain part of our school day from September. Classrooms will be laid out with desks in rows all facing the front, and at lunch pupils will be sat side by side and not facing each other. Classes/Forms will be grouped in “bubbles” and where possible bubbles will remain separate from each other. Teachers will remain at 2m social distance, where possible, but pupils with one to one support will continue to receive this.

We will manage this practically and effectively by:

- having staggered start and end times of the school day;
- using different entrances for each bubble;
- having different mealtimes/break times;
- having flexible timetabling;
- holding online assemblies.

Parents and any other visitors will be asked to remain outside unless attending a pre-arranged meeting.

Personal protection

Everyone who enters the building will be asked to wash their hands or use the hand sanitiser that will be positioned at the entrance to the school. Regular handwashing with soap will take place throughout the day and before eating. Face masks need not be worn by teachers or pupils unless they develop symptoms whilst in school, but each school will have a ready supply should anyone feel that they want to wear one. Pupils who travel in wearing face masks, will require a plastic bag to safely stow the face mask whilst in school.

Buildings and classrooms

Our buildings will undergo a ‘deep clean’ prior to the start of term and every half term break. All used toys, classrooms, dining room and common area surfaces will be cleaned throughout the working day and especially between use by different groups of pupils.

Where practical, pupils will remain in an allocated classroom for all lessons.

Specialist equipment and classrooms will be cleaned between use or, where we have sufficient space, rotated.



Testing

PHE testing will be available to all staff and pupils with symptoms and we are registered as an employer with [dhsc.gov.uk](https://www.dhsc.gov.uk).

Action in case of infection

If a member of the school community, staff or pupil, develops Covid 19 symptoms, they will be sent home immediately and advised to self-isolate as per the latest government guidance. They should also request a test. Until the results of the test are known, their class and group will continue to attend school as normal. Should anyone receive a positive test, we will contact the health protection team (NHS test and trace) who will carry out a risk assessment and guide us through the steps we must take. This is likely to lead to some groups or bubbles being asked to self-isolate for a period of 14 days. Should this happen we will revert to online learning for these classes.

Please rest assured that we have your child's best interests and safety at heart and will be constantly reviewing our safe working practices.



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