



Dear Registered Manager/Parent,

As you're likely aware, the government has announced that schools should fully reopen from the start of the upcoming autumn term. They've decided this on the basis of:

- › The prevalence of coronavirus decreasing
- › The new NHS test and trace system being in place
- › More clarity about the measures that need to be in place to create safe environments in schools
- › Time out of school being detrimental to children's development
- › The low risk to children of becoming severely ill from coronavirus

This means we're planning to open to all of our pupils in September. We're looking forward to welcoming everyone back on Thursday 3rd September and we're working hard to make the school a safe, enjoyable environment.

We wanted to get in touch to explain what you can expect from us and what we will expect from all of you.

Attendance

Attendance will be mandatory in September, as the government expects all pupils to attend school. The usual rules will apply, meaning we'll be recording attendance and following up on any absences.

If your children have been staying at home due to the current shielding guidance, the government is due to pause this guidance on 1 August if there's a continued decline in coronavirus transmission rates. That means they should be able to come back to school in September.

However, if you've received clinical or public health advice that your children should still remain at home, please ensure we have a copy of any correspondence and continue to follow that guidance. We'll be offering remote education to these pupils.

Safety measures

When your young person comes into school, we'll have the following protective measures in place:

- › All staff must drop off and pick up pupils from the small gate at the bottom of the ARC.
- › Pupils should not bring anything with them into school other than a packed lunch.
- › All pupils will be issued with their own personalized equipment which will stay at school.
- › All pupils will be reminded throughout the day to wash their hands, in particular before entering the tearoom to eat or drink. Pupils will be taught in small groups and will be kept in 'bubbles', these will be reflected in the timetables.
- › All pupils will have lessons on hygiene and safety during their PSHE lessons. Any issues will be addressed with individuals as required.
- › Pupils will be issued with a uniform to wear; please ensure they take this off at the end of the day.
- › Meadows school will inform you immediately if anybody is tested positive of Covid-19. Further instructions will be given to you directly in such instances.

Curriculum

Although there'll need to be some changes to reflect the teaching time that was lost during the lockdown, we'll still be doing our best to provide an ambitious, broad curriculum.

Our current plan is:

- › To use assessments to re-establish a learning baseline.
- › All pupils will have catch-up teaching opportunities in Math's and English which will be identified in their timetables.
- › Pupils will be given additional training on how to use our Virtual Learning Platform in case there is a future return to remote education, either due to local lockdowns or due to individuals or groups of pupils needing to self-isolate
- › An interim report will be issued to you after one term, to show progress made towards their substantive levels.
- › Meadows school are introducing a range of after school clubs at The ARC to further develop pupils' interest and knowledge.

Pastoral support

We're aware that the lockdown has been a difficult time for many of us, including our pupils.

Please let us know if you think your children might need extra support when returning to school, such as if they feel anxious about coming back or they're experiencing bereavement. You can get in touch with Deborah Pollitt (deborahpollitt@meadowscare.co.uk) to do this.

If you have any questions or concerns about the points, we've set out above, please get in touch with Deborah.

We're extremely grateful for all the support we've received so far from the school community. We'll continue to keep in touch if there are any updates to our plans or if we need to make changes due to new or updated government advice.

Kind Regards

Paula Forth
Headteacher.