



The Collegiate Trust
Exceptional Education for All

FAQs

What is school doing to keep the children and adults safe with regard being COVID Aware/Secure?

As you know we have been open throughout the pandemic, so School is extremely well set up with a number of safety precautions in place. All measures are supported by a very thorough Risk Assessment that has been approved by our Trust Board and Local Chair of Governors.

Some of our safety measures include:

- Promotion of Good Hygiene – Regular Handwashing. Children will be formally washing hands on arrival, before leaving, before and after lunch and at other key points in the day. Methods to teach good handwashing are integrated into our curriculum.
- Covered bins – all classes have covered bins to – CATCH IT, BIN IT, KILL IT. This is also promoted.
- Ready availability of Hand Sanitizer for ALL.
- Enhanced cleaning – Classes have been provided with sanitizer sprays in addition to communal facilities being cleaned throughout the day and enhanced end of the day cleaning.
- New FIRE DOOR opener: most communal doors are now fitted with fire door openers to decrease the amount of door handles required to be touched.
- One-way systems – Keep to the LEFT – corridors have systems now in place.
- Staff have access to PPE (which is only worn in the event of close First Aid/Close proximity work). However, staff have the right to wear a face covering if they so choose.
- Teacher Zone – every class has been reconfigured so teachers can work at a distance from children where required.
- Equipment – Individual play equipment for classes to reduce sharing between ‘Bubbles/Groups’. Children will not be bringing in equipment from home.
- Playtimes, Starts and End Times of the Days have been staggered and communal spaces carefully timetabled.
- Where appropriate class furniture is reconfigured, so children are not directly facing one another and breathing over each other in close proximity.
- No Communal Assemblies or large gatherings outside of the children’s phase.
- Children will use our ‘STAY SAFE & SMILE’ procedure as an introduction to the new school year. Please see attached.
- Our Behaviour Policy Annex will continue – with children and adults adhering to stricter measures with regard acceptable behaviours. Please see the attached information, which will be followed by an agreement issued on School Ping.
- EVERYONE ENCOURAGED AND ENGAGING IN TRACK AND TRACE as part of their attendance at School.

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Is my child still in a BUBBLE?

As a school we are working to think of Class Groups as Bubbles with regard 'TRACK and TRACE'. School would not be able to function without some interaction outside of their Class Group Bubble.

Class Bubble – This will be utilised for 'Track and Trace' purposes – closing if required.

Phase Bubbles – These larger bubbles encompass the Key Phase or school your children belong to i.e we will be grouping Year 1 and 2 together, Year 3 & 4 and finally Year 5 & 6. This is due to some of the children sharing provision, communal outdoor spaces for playtime or working with key adults.

Due to low Numbers, Early Years (Nursery & Reception) will be one Bubble.

Rest assured that CLASS BUBBLES are the primary focus for 'Track and Trace' with Phase Bubbles only coming in limited contact for short learning opportunities, on the large playground or during our extended lunchtime in the Hall. Social distancing will always be encouraged with every child taught about how this looks in school through our 'September Induction' as part of our 'Recovery Curriculum'. It is important to acknowledge that Governmental guidance accepts that social distancing in schools is not realistic and states ([Guidance released on July 2nd 2020](#)) *'We recognise that younger children will not be able to maintain social distancing, and it is acceptable for them not to distance within their group.'*

Can siblings now be in different bubbles?

Yes, current guidance is siblings can now be in different groups and therefore everyone can be back in their own class with their own teacher. However, please note teachers are able to teach across different groups.

What happens if someone is unwell at school?

If a child is unwell with COVID-19 Symptoms and a positive test result is received then it will be the CLASS BUBBLE who will be invited to remain at home, undertake a TEST and return only when negative results or isolation is completed. This is due to the CLASS BUBBLE being the group of children whom your child will be with for the majority of the time and in the closest proximity.

The usual procedure for reporting sickness is to call the School Office.

If a child becomes unwell at school we will place them in our 'Emergency Medical Room' and call you for collection. Please make sure the Office has your most up to date contact details when term starts!

I have heard children can't bring equipment, bags etc into school, is that right?

Yes! Waterfield provides the children with everything they need for their learning. Therefore, there is no requirement to bring equipment in from home. We also want to limit the transference of home equipment coming into school. Therefore, the following will apply:

- **NO pencil cases**, home equipment or toys to be brought to school.
- **NO RUCKSACKS** to come into school – the children really don't need to bring much so don't need these huge bags anyway. This should also save parents a lot of money so a school book bag can be purchased which is far more cost effective and inclusive.
- **NO PE Kit** in a bag to come into school – you will wear PE kit when required to and from school!

WHAT DO WE BRING TO SCHOOL THEN?

- **Wear School Uniform – Including PLAIN BLACK shoes (not sports trainers). See our Uniform Policy on the Website.**
- **ON PE DAYS WEAR PE KIT to School.** This should be a PE top (Plain HOUSE COLOUR NO LOGOS), black/navy (non-branded) jogging bottoms and trainers **and your school jumper.**
- LUNCHBOX - If you have packed lunch, bring a NAMED lunchbox – one that is easily carried or **pop it in a carrier bag.**
- Named Water bottle – FILLED WITH WATER.
- **Buy a School BOOK BAG** (these have a little handle) to carry your reading books and any other school books required. (Reading books when returned will go into quarantine for a period of time). Books bags can be stored in Trays or Lockers and so are ideal to support our new 'COVID Aware' state. ***Book Bags can be purchased for £4 from the School Office.***
- A COAT – Your coat will go on your Peg or in your Locker.

PLEASE NOTE: WE WILL ASK ALL LARGE BAGS TO GO HOME WITH PARENTS AT THE SCHOOL GATES. They will not be allowed in school.

Can children wear face coverings?

Currently the advice stands that children are not required to wear a covering, however if children or adults would like to, we will of course support this. Please note though, coverings will need to be worn correctly and when not worn, must be stored safely by the child in their coat pocket in a plastic sealed bag. It will be their responsibility to look after their face covering. You may like to wear a covering walking to school – parents will then take coverings home.

Are Breakfast Club and After School Club Running?

We will be starting our Breakfast Club – Running from the Hall on Wednesday 9th September.

However, places must be booked and paid in order that we can monitor attendance and comply with our COVID Risk Assessments.

Breakfast Club opens at 7:30am with drop off at the Hall Doors.

Sessions MUST be booked and paid for in advance to monitor numbers.

Details of how to register for Breakfast Club provision are included later.

Energy Kidz After School Club will also be running in the Hall – Again places are booked for this and collection is at the Hall Doors. Please see their Website for details and how to register.

My child will likely be going to Football Club or another After School Club when they start – Can they bring in their Kit/Equipment?

Yes, if your child is in the small group attending a club that requires some sort of special kit then please bring this in a PLASTIC CARRIER BAG not a rucksack. Other School Clubs: Soccer, Fizz Pop Science, Robotics etc. will be announced in the first few weeks of term as we adjust to the new logistics and review what provision is possible.

What about meeting the new teacher, open afternoons, performances and all the things that make Waterfield special and personal to me and my family?

We will endeavour to provide suitable opportunities for you to learn about the class teacher, meet with our teams and attend Parent Teacher Conferences. The format of these may differ depending

on Government Advice. Waterfield believe in parents as Co-educators, so fostering a close partnership and building a strong community is always at the heart of our decisions and developments.

Is attendance at School compulsory?

It is looking likely that ALL children will be required to once again attend school, unless there are severe medical grounds for not attending. We expect to see ALL children returning on September 7th; however, we will respond to the LEGAL requirements as set out by the Government and will have more information in due course.

How will Waterfield support the CATCH UP of my child's missed Education?

Waterfield has supported high quality education with our Home Learning Packs, tutorial sessions and 'Closure Programme', however we have also been busy planning our 'Recovery Curriculum' which will focus on targeting specific skills to make sure children do not fall behind. Rest assured Waterfield will still be offering the FULL curriculum. The children's learning will still contain all national curriculum subjects and take advantage of our NEWLY revamped facilities and equipment. More information will be coming in September.

OK, we are excited and ready to start school... what do we do on Monday 7th September?

Please see the attached sheet with regard STAGGERED PICK UP and DROP OFF times and locations around the school. You must review this carefully and plan your arrival and departure yourself. If you have children of different ages, please plan your route around the new drop off points and give yourself enough time to arrive/depart.

We hope these FAQs give you some information. As ever we will respond to changing guidance and come September, will have a program of information to share with you all. In the meantime, please take time to do the following:

1. If you are going into Years 1 or 2 and DO NOT WISH TO HAVE SCHOOL MEALS, you must let the office know and sign up to the fact you will not be having meals for the First Half Term. Please see the letter attached to return by MONDAY 7th September.
2. Sign up to SCHOOL PING and TWITTER – important information will, in all likelihood, come out over the summer holidays – you must be ready to receive this via SCHOOL PING and ideally Twitter.
3. SIGN up to PARENT PAY – in SEPTEMBER WE WILL BE CASHLESS (apart from Snack Shack & Book Bags)- this allows you to pay for trips, breakfast club and other school expenses.
4. If you want to attend Breakfast Club you must register – this then allows you to flexibly book and reserve slots.
5. Register for Energy Kidz – this flexible care is amazing – registering is free and then flexible. Take time now to register.
6. Purchase a PE TOP in House Colours, Jogging Bottoms for PE and make sure you have (if possible) a School Book Bag.
House PE Tops are available for £2.50
School Book Bags are available at the Office for £4
Generic Uniform Items are available in all good supermarkets ranging from £4-15
Second Hand uniform sales will also take place at the start of term.

7. School uniform will be compulsory - **including BLACK sensible shoes** – so do have this ready.
INSERT SCHOOL UNIFORM INFO.
8. Make sure the Office has your **up to date contact details**.
9. If you were given a 'Check List for School' work on these skills so your child is as ready as can be for their next year at school.
10. Please enjoy your 50 summer challenges and please, please READ every day with your child.

Kind regards,



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Principal