

Safety measures at Maryland

Here is what we are doing to minimise risk:

1. Children will stay in their phase group safety bubble, to help maintain social distancing. They are Upper KS2 (Years 5 & 6) , Lower KS2 (Year 3& 4, Infants (Years 1 & 2) , Reception (age 4-5) and Nursery (age 3-4). The children will be taught in their own classrooms.
2. All staff and visitors enter through the main entrance and pass through a body temperature control scanner. This does not tell if someone has coronavirus but will help determine if someone has an elevated temperature and needs further attention.
3. The school day begins at 8.55am and ends at 3.15pm. We do not need to stagger our start and finish times due to the number of school gates that we have so have sufficient space for parents to enter.
4. The gates will be open from 8.30am to 9am so there is no congestion at the gates and from 3pm to 3.30pm. Please vacate the playgrounds by 3.30pm.
5. There will be Welcome Points in the playgrounds and around the school to indicate where each class should be lining up at the beginning of the day. This is to support social distancing. Senior staff will guide you in the first week.
6. Please note, no equipment such as balls, the activity tower, the trampoline are to be used before or after the school day to avoid cross contamination. Your children will need to wait near to you.
7. Children will enter at 8.55am and clean hands immediately they enter the premises.
8. There will be seven sanitiser stations in each classroom to ensure all children are helped to follow the stricter hygiene routines. All children will have their own classroom equipment. All shared equipment will be sterilised at the end of each day.
9. The children will clean their hands thoroughly more often than usual and have allocated times throughout the day to sanitise and wash their hands.
10. We ask parents not to sit on benches whilst dropping off and collecting their children and avoid congregating so we can help maintain social distance.
11. school leaders will be at the school gates in the morning from 8.30am to help guide parents and children to their allocated classrooms and deal with any enquiries.
12. keep the same teachers/TAs with the group as much as possible and avoid mixing the groups throughout the day.
13. There is regular deep cleaning of the school and equipment during the day, before and after school. Cleaners are using more concentrated cleaning solutions and they have a very strict regimes including door handles, tables, chairs, floors and sinks.
14. Free School lunch will be provided for all children -a hot meal service will resume. They will be sociallydistanced throughout the day.
15. Please note, those children who are bringing in a packed lunch need to ensure the class teacher is made aware.

16. If your child goes home for lunch, then please follow the normal procedure and collect at the main office. Please inform the class teacher that your child will be going home for lunch.

17. Very important - all children should try to bring a bottle of water/flask with their name on it. If this is not possible we will provide water served from a cup that only your child will use..

18. Before and after school care is available until 6pm if enough children require the service for it to be viable (with personal spacing protocols in place). If interested, please contact Sandra Wright (Wright Education) on 07852 137462.

19. We are awaiting advice regarding the reopening of the Children's Centre.

20. Current government guidance states that face masks can be worn on the children's journey to school (but not in school). If they are reusable, they can be placed in their backpack for wearing home. If they are disposable, they are to be placed in the lidded bin in the classroom.

21. The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

*high temperature (37.8) – hot to touch chest or back

*new, continuous cough – coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if the person usually has a cough, it may be worse than usual)

*loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – the person cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or Taste different to normal

If you or your child develops any of these symptoms the school should be contacted in the first instance and the child should stay at home and a test obtained from NHS. The child's symptoms will be triaged (eg. has the child had inoculations which may have caused a rise in temperature? Is the child prone to colds?) which will help to establish the length of isolation at home.

Contingency Meal Plan

If the kitchen needs to be closed temporarily:

- Juniper (school catering service) will deliver cold packed lunches
- Sandwiches will be ordered via a Google register system
- Allergies/dietary requirements to be taken into account when ordering
- All children will eat their lunches in the classroom
- TAs will supervise pupils while they eat in class and the Lunchtime Managers will deliver lunches and supervise outdoors
- Parents will be informed
- Children will be able to bring their own packed lunch if parents opt for this

| Key Government Headlines regarding Health and Safety in schools | |
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| Health and Safety Executive announcement on supporting schools to implement protective measures | The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) is continuing their work with schools to ensure all possible steps are taken to help keep pupils and staff safe and reduce the transmission of coronavirus. |

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| <p>Public Health England report on the preliminary results of the coronavirus (COVID-19) testing and antibody prevalence surveillance in schools programme</p> | <p>Public Health England have published their report on the preliminary results of the COVID-19 testing and antibody prevalence surveillance in schools programme, also known as 'sKIDs'.</p> <p>The report concludes that there is no evidence that pupils and staff who were in schools were at increased risk of COVID-19, compared to the general population, and infection and transmission rates were low in preschool and primary schools under surveillance during the summer.</p> |
| <p>COVID 19 entering and returning to the UK</p> | <p>Have you been abroad or thinking of going? Please read the following essential government guidance and rules in place COVID 19 entering and returning to the UK</p> |