

Schools re-opening update

Period covered Week 1 and Week 2 (September 1 - 11 September 2020)

Overview

- Autumn term started on 1 September – all schools opened for staff training
- First and second day of term used for preparation and planning – and updating risk assessments
- Supporting staff who have been shielding and updating the operational guidance in line with risk assessment
- Induction arrangements for pupils – priority Reception (YR) and Year 6 in primary

Staggered arrangements: Secondary

- Secondary schools induction priority given to - Year 7 and Year 11 on day 1 of opening
- Year groups Year 8 to Year 10 started school in week 1
- Most students in school on Friday 4 September
- Majority secondary schools fully operational on Monday 7 September
- Two schools started the term on 7 September – fully operational on Wednesday 9 September
- All secondary schools fully operational at the end of week 2 (Friday 11 September)

Staggered starts – Primary schools

- First day of term - planning and preparation with staff – no pupils in attendance
- Some schools are using first 2 days for planning with staff
- Some schools bringing in all pupils into school on their first day 2nd/3rd
- All schools plan to have all pupils in school by Monday 7 September
- Staggered starts for Reception Year (Year R)

School day

- Children enter and leave school building using all available exits to reduce congestion
- One way systems in place to minimise contact in narrow corridors
- Children being restricted to certain parts of the school site to maintain integrity of 'bubbles' including break and lunchtimes
- Hand sanitisation and additional cleaning routines in place
- Detailed information to parents re: equipment children are allowed to bring to school

Lunchtime

- Arrangements vary but all conform to social distancing rules
- Hot food provided in the dining room
- Lunch in their classrooms some with hot food others with cold grab bags
- Zoned areas for lunch breaks outside to maintain 'bubbles'

Information to parents (1)

- Social distancing in school and ways parents can contact school – limiting face to face contact
- Using a *class dojo* app – simple and safe communication app for teachers and parents
- Changes to payment systems – contactless options

Information to parents (2)

- Only one adult accompanies child to school
- Parents know staggered start and finish times for their children
- Plus information on partial closure or if pupils in bubble have to be sent home

Attendance

- Letters and guidance on attendance sent to schools in the summer
- Attendance is everyone's business
- Register code x for absence due to for Covid 19 explained
- Support available and key local authority contacts provided – statutory requirements and penalties explained
- Overall school attendance: 88.22% (week 2)
- Overall school attendance for same week in 2019 was 90.03%
- 23 schools attendance above 95% of which 10 were above 97%