

Westlands Primary School Full Reopening Information

March 2021



Welcome back everyone!

It has been a long and difficult few months for everyone and we appreciate everyone has been adapting to their own circumstances. We know that you (and your child) will be anxious about what returning to school will look like. We hope that the information in this booklet will help provide reassurance and essential information about school life when we return.

We want to ensure that children's needs are met when they return to school and that they get an education in a happy, safe and hygienic environment.

We are all very much looking forward to welcoming your child back to school.



Mrs V Pettett & Mrs K Mirams

Head of School & Executive Headteacher



Start Dates

Year Group	Start Date
R - 6	8th March



In School Organisation

The plan at the moment is that children in year 2 - 6 will be in class bubbles.

Year R and 1 will remain as year group bubble due to the way their provision works.

Key Learning and Curriculum

Pupils in school will follow the curriculum when they return to school with the support of the adults in their bubble. It will be a priority to ensure that we identify gaps in learning and tailor provision to help them close these over the remainder .

Children from Years 2 to 6 will sit at desks that are spaced out and not directly opposite one another. They will be given individual resources to use and will not leave their desk unless directed by an adult. Although this is a strange way to work the adults will re cap this with the children and make learning as fun and engaging as possible.

Key Learning and Curriculum

Forest school and cooking lessons will all re-commence and only specific classes will use these at a time.

We will take extra precautions with cleaning these areas half way through the day and children will be encouraged to wash their hands and use antibacterial gel.

PE lessons will happen outside as much as possible. Children will have their own equipment to use and it will then get cleaned after use.

Arrival and Departure Arrangements

Year Group / Pod number	Drop off Time	Collection Time
R	8.30-8.40	3.00-3.10
1	8:50 - 9:00	3:15 - 3:25
2	8:30 - 8:40	3.00-3.10
3	8:50 - 9:00	3:15 - 3:25
4	8:30 - 8:40	3.00-3.10
5	8:50 - 9:00	3:15 - 3:25
6	8:50 - 9:00	3:15 - 3:25
Moonstone	8:30-8:40	3:00-3:10

We will need to operate a slight staggered start to the day and a staggered finish time to ensure bubbles are not crossing over in corridors when going through doors. If you have a child that is due to start between 8:30 and 8:50 and another that is to start at 8:50 - 9:00, please come at the end of your first child's drop off and wait on the playground, socially distancing for the other doors to open.

Arrival and Departure Arrangements

We ask that **only one parent** enters the school site with a child and that you maintain social distancing from others at all time while on the school site.

If you arrive late in the morning, you will need to go to the school office where somebody will greet you. We will only be allowing one child in at a time.

If you are late collecting your child please go to the office and wait to be seen.

We are asking that all adults on site wear a face covering and staff will also be wearing them on the playgrounds and the doors.

Entry and Exit to school site

Entry to site	Exit to site
Main pedestrian gate on Homewood Avenue THIS ENTRANCE WILL BE ENTRY ONLY	Gate at the bottom of the school field on Homewood Avenue
Gate at Ashdown house on Barrow Grove (there will be separate entry and exit paths)	Gate at the top of the school car park on Homewood Avenue
	Gate at Ashdown house on Barrow Grove (there will be separate entry and exit paths)
Gate on Borden Lane to (there will be separate entry and exit paths)	Gate on Borden Lane (there will be separate entry and exit paths)

* please note that the gate on Borden Lane will be opened to better enable social distancing. Please only use this if you are on foot and DO NOT use Borden Lane for parking purposes. Please try to walk to school rather than drive if you can.

Which door should each class use?



Communication between home and school

In line with government guidance we will **not** be inviting parents into the school building without a prior appointment. Our office will remain closed.

However, we are keen to maintain our strong communication links with you.

Therefore, we would encourage parents to ring, email or message us with any queries, questions or information you feel we need to know.

Please ensure that we have up to date contact details so that we are able to contact you if we need to.

School Uniform

Children will need to return to school in their school uniform, information about this is on our school website.

On PE days children will need to come to school in their PE kit. PE days can be found on the next slides.

Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied up.

Only small stud earrings can be worn to school.

PE Days

PE days for term 3 will be as follows;

Year Group	Class	Day
1	Topaz	Friday
1	Sapphire	Friday
1	Garnet	Friday
2	Crystal	Friday
2	Jade	Thursday
2	Coral	Friday
3	Diamond	Monday
3	Opal	Friday
3	Pearl	Monday

PE Days

Year Group	Class	Day
4	Sunstone	Wednesday
4	Argent	Thursday
4	Onyx	Thursday
4	Quartz	Thursday
5	Tourmaline	Wednesday
5	Amethyst	Wednesday
6	Titanium	Tuesday
6	Platinum	Tuesday
6	Palladium	Tuesday
Moonstone	Moonstone	Friday

What should children bring to school with them?

- Bookbag (Years N, R, 1, and 2)
- Bookbag or small bag (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)
- Named Water bottle
- Lunch box
- Contact book
- Reading book - as appropriate

We ask that children do not bring in pencil cases or large bags.

Lunch and Play Arrangements

Children can either bring a packed lunch in with them or order one via ParentPay for a school hot lunch. School packed lunches are chargeable at the usual price or free if your child is eligible for UIFSM or FSM.

Each bubble will have a designated time slot in the hall for lunch and then a designated space per year group to play in outside. This is because the transmission rate of Covid is lower outside than it is inside. This does not include contact sports such as football, and these must be played in class bubble groups only.

Playground equipment will be provided for each bubble.

Hygiene and PPE

All pupils will be supported to wash their hands routinely throughout the school day. Staff will clean surfaces (door handles, desk tops, etc) several times each day. Our team of cleaners will follow an enhanced cleaning regime at the end of each day.

It will be necessary, in exceptional circumstances, for staff to wear PPE on occasion if: they are administering intimate care or if they are looking after a pupil who is showing symptoms of COVID-19.

Children should not wear face masks or other PPE in school.

Social Distancing

There will be visual reminders around the site to remind everybody of social distancing whilst on the school site. There is no expectation for social distancing of pupils in classrooms or when in their bubble.

In addition, timetabling and staggered playtimes and lunchtimes will help limit the amount of pupils moving around the school site.

We will not have whole school assemblies, we will be doing these virtually into classrooms as we can not have more than one bubble in the school hall.

Year group interventions will not take place in year 2 - 6, interventions will happen in their own classes.

Changes to how Staff Work

While the school wants to make learning as normal as it can for all pupils it is important that we comply with guidelines from the government.

There is the possibility that at times some staff may need to teach the class remotely from a different location with an additional adult in the classroom with the children to support their learning. Where possible classes will continue to have 2 members of staff in the class - one to deliver the teaching and a teaching assistant to support learning.

Wraparound Care

We will continue to offer offer a limited Breakfast and After School Club from March for parents who have no alternative but to use this provision.

These spaces were already booked in term 2 as we asked parents to book spaces for term 3 and 4 ahead of a return after Christmas. If you are unsure if you have a space and need one, please contact the school office who will direct you to our Breakfast Club Manager and After School Club Manager.

Questions and Answers

What do I do if I need to get a message to the school?

Please call, email or message the school office

How can I prepare my child?

We have produced a transition site on our school website for you to access with lots of information and support for returning to school. You can access this on the homepage of the website, click on the 'links' tab at the top of the screen and then 'transition 2020'

What would you do if my child was upset and crying?

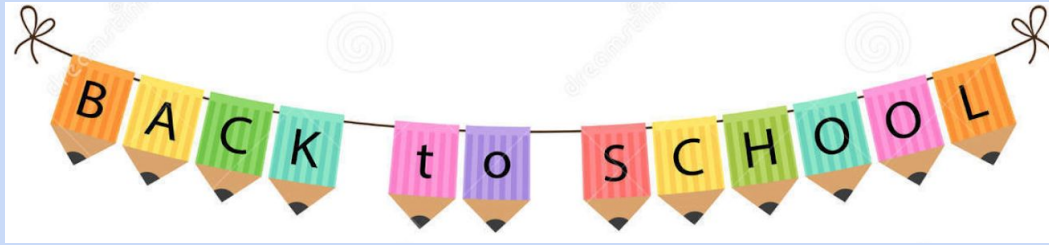
We would provide comfort and reassurance in the usual way. It is essential that we are able to support pupils emotional well-being whilst in school.

What if I am late dropping my child off?

You will need to go to the office and we will ask an adult to collect your son/daughter but we will only allow one child through the office at a time so you may need to wait.

What will the school do if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 in school?

We will follow Public Health England advice on an individual basis and contact parents as necessary



This information is in line with current guidance and subject to change.

If you have a question not answered here please email us or call the school office and we will respond as soon as we can.