



HOOK JUNIOR
SCHOOL

Our aims for arrangements upon return in September 2021

(subject to interim change according to DfE guidance)

23rd July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to provide details of our aims for our arrangements when children return to school on Monday September 6th. We are aiming for a return to pre-Covid operation in line with DfE July 2021 guidance for schools, but subject to change if guidance alters over the summer. We will confirm final arrangements to you before children start school in September.

Please be assured that the health and safety of the children, staff, parents and community is at the forefront of all considerations. It will be good for all concerned to have a return to more of our usual operation.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Martin

Headteacher

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For ease the titles are in alphabetical order.

Attendance – mandatory for all children

The DfE clearly states that full time school attendance for all children is mandatory, attendance is recorded and our Attendance Policy will apply:

parents' duty to secure that their child attends regularly at school where the child is a registered pupil at school and they are of compulsory school age;

schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence

the availability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct

Children must attend school unless a statutory reason applies (for example, if a child is unable to attend because of sickness or is absent for a necessary religious observance etc.). Children are required to attend full time for the entire duration of the school day (from the start time to the end time for their class).

Punctuality - We will be applying our Attendance policy under which we record lateness. It will be very important, especially given the staggered starts that children arrive at school on time for their class registration. This will be monitored on a daily basis.

Children's equipment

PE Kit - Children to continue to wear their PE kit to and from school on the days when their class has PE. We will inform you when your child's PE day before returning to school.

School bags - One small rucksack or bag may be brought in with all contents placed inside the bag (named water bottle, books, fruit or vegetable snack, packed lunch).

Pencil cases and stationery - Children are not to bring in any pencil cases or stationery. All the stationery they need will be provided for them at school.

Playtime snacks – children are to have **only fruit or vegetables** as a playtime snack.

Lunches – the children will return to the school hall for lunch with their year group, finally seated at new dining tables.

Control Measures

We will continue with:

- Ensuring good hygiene for everyone – hand sanitisation.
- Maintaining appropriate cleaning regimes.
- Keeping occupied spaces well ventilated.
- Following public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.
- Staff undertaking x2 weekly lateral flow tests

Class arrangements

Children will operate within their classes, across classes and year groups for playtimes, lunch and other activities.

They will not be restricted to class bubbles, but if cases arise in school we may need to return to bubbles as a control measure.

Pupil desks can be arranged in any manner to facilitate learning.

All teachers and staff may operate across different classes and year groups in order to facilitate the delivery of the school curriculum and meet specific needs of the pupils. Whilst staff are not required to wear face masks, they may choose to do so.

Clubs, Trips, Visitors, Events, Volunteers

We gradually aim to:

- open and extend our offer of clubs and extra-curricular activities
- organise educational trips, residential trips, school events and productions
- invite volunteers back in to school to support the children

Curriculum

Continue with a full curriculum offer underpinned as follows:

Education is not optional: all pupils will receive a high-quality education that promotes their development and prepares them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences.

The curriculum remains broad and ambitious: all pupils will continue to be taught a wide range of subjects.

Drop off and Collection

School starts for all children at 8.30am and ends at 3.20pm

Drop off - We aim to return to our usual opening time of 8.30am, with this now being the official start of the school day:

All gates to be opened at 8.30am when school starts, children enter and go directly to their classes to start the school day promptly and be registered by 8.40 (children not in class for registration will be marked as late)

All children to enter the school grounds through any gate.

Gates will close at 8.38am.

Parents and carers to drop children off at the school gate and continue to allow children to enter school independently, the children have greatly benefited from this arrangement.

Staff members to be on duty at each gate to open them at 8.30am and welcome all children on site.

Collection – school ends at 3.20pm

All gates will open at 3.15pm and you may enter the school grounds and remain only on the playground.

3.20pm school ends, staff will lead children to the playground to be collected. Children may walk/scoot/cycle home only if we have received written permission from parents.

Gates will close at 3.30pm.

Parent and School communication

We advise continuing to use email, phone, Seesaw and Teams as primary methods of communication.

Numbers of adults in the school reception area will be limited.

Face to face appointments may be arranged at mutually agreeable times.

Learning consultations to be offered via Teams or face to face (as parents indicated a preference for both when we consulted with you)

Parents and carers to be invited to attend learning events, productions etc.

Playtimes

Return to pre-Covid arrangements for playtimes, with the removal of zoned areas and children playing across year groups and using play equipment again.

Remote learning

Our current facility to switch to remote learning will remain in place.

Only children who are absent with COVID symptoms, have tested positive, are isolating because a member of their household has COVID symptoms, or are required to quarantine because they have tested positive will be provided with remote learning via Seesaw.

Uniform

All children will be expected to wear full school uniform and school shoes in line with our school uniform policy.