



School Opening Guide

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What are the attendance expectations?

School attendance is compulsory —the usual rules will apply including:

- Parents' duty to make sure child attends school every day on time.
- Parents duty to inform school of any absences.
- The availability of sanctions for non-attendance.

If your child is in a vulnerable group, or has someone in their household who is vulnerable, the current guidance says they can return to school.

If you have any worries about your child attending, do get in touch with us.

Face coverings

Adults dropping off and collecting pupils are asked to wear a face covering in and around the school site when dropping off and collecting pupils. This is because social distancing cannot be maintained as easily as other times of the day or other areas of the school site.

We recognise that some people are exempt from using face coverings and for this reason, school staff will be sensitive to these needs in enforcing the use of face coverings.

If entering our building, please wear a face covering.

What will the school day look like?

Children will be in one of four bubbles across school: EYFS, Year 1 & 2, Year 3 & 4, and Year 5 & 6. These bubbles will not mix during the school day and will be apart during playtimes and lunchtimes. This helps reduce the risk of infection spreading.

We will encourage all pupils to maintain social distancing, but we know that this is very difficult for our younger children in particular. That's why we will all wash our hands regularly in school at set times each day.

Children will receive their normal lessons—with a few changes! We can't have whole school assemblies and there are rules about the number and frequency of visitors coming into school. Children will still do PE lessons, but we'll try and be outside & there may be a little less competitive games and contact sports to help keep us safe.

We will also be extra-careful about sharing equipment and resources between pupils, only sharing them within bubbles and cleaning items after use. There'll be more regular cleaning of classrooms and 'touch-points' such as light switches and door handles.

Staff will work within their 'bubble' but sometimes they might work in other bubbles across the school. This is safe and follows the national guidance.



Our normal school rules remain, but we will keep displaying our rainbow rules around school and ask pupils to follow them. These help us keep everyone safe.

When we're back in school, we'll work closely with parents and carers to support any children adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Our trained staff can provide emotional support and advice.

For information on remote learning, please see our website's 'Home (Remote) Learning' section.

What does my child need to bring?

Children should wear school uniform. As we will have windows and doors open more often for good ventilation, make sure your child is dressed appropriately. Uniform should be washed in the normal way.

We are asking the children to bring in only essential items:

- Lunchbox (if packed lunches) and water bottle (which will be kept on their desk) with child's name on.
- A coat, only if needed, with child's name on.
- Book bag with school reading book.

Please don't bring:

- Any non-essential items including pencil cases or stationary.
- No face coverings or masks for children to wear in school— we are following government advice that these aren't required in school.

We will provide all pupils with their own equipment and books which will be kept on their desks and cleaned regularly.

Children will bring a reading book home each day—we have systems in place to make sure books are safely handled in school.

Children in EYFS and Year 1 & 2 should wear their PE kit to school on their PE day. Children in Y3-6 should leave their PE kit in school

What will school dinners be like?

You can provide your child with a packed lunch or school can provide a hot meal for your child. All children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2, and children in all year groups who have free school meals funding, can have a free hot meal in school every day. Parents/carers can also pay for a school dinner. See our website or contact the school office for details.

Who can I speak to in school?

Our school office is only open for pre-arranged appointments. Staff will not be able to speak to parents/carers for anything other than short, essential messages at the beginning and end of the day.

Please call us on 0115 9190199 to speak to someone if you need to or contact us on ClassDojo.

It is vital we have up-to-date contact details, especially in case of emergency. If you've had any changes, let us know straight away.

Are you providing any before/after school clubs?

Breakfast club will run from 7:30am-8:40am every day. It costs £3 per session. Contact our office to find out more. After school clubs

What about COVID-19 in school?

It is very important that if your child, or someone in their household, has symptoms of COVID-19, they must follow government stay at home guidance and not attend school.

Symptoms are:

- high temperature
- new, continuous cough
- loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

If a child has symptoms of COVID-19 in school, they will be taken to a safe space and isolated. They must be collected from school swiftly.

The child will be sent home with advice on how to access testing and informed that the person with symptoms must self-isolate for 10 days and the people they live with must self-isolate for 10 days.

If the case is confirmed through testing, Public Health England will advise on what to do next. It is likely that all children and adults in that bubble should isolate for 10 days. and the room and equipment will be thoroughly cleaned.





School Site Map

Y5/6 Entrance & Exit & pick-up point.



Y4 entrance and exit

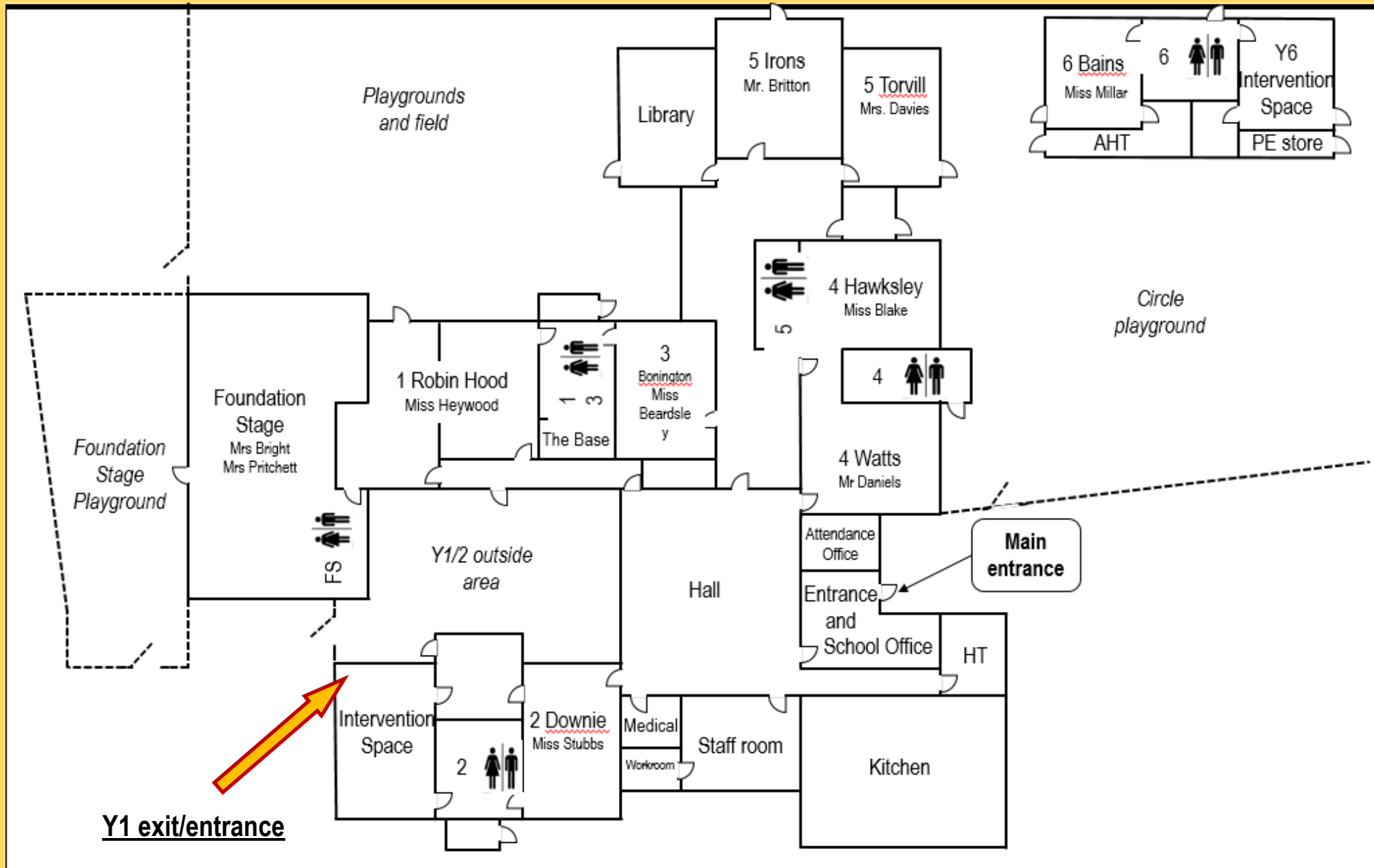
Y4 pick up point

Y3 pick up point

EYFS & Years 1-3 Entrance & Exit

EYFS, Y1 & Y2: Pupils dropped off and collected from classrooms.

Y3,4,5,6: Pupils walk onto site themselves from their allocated gates and are collected from pick-up points shown.



Staying safe around our site



- **No-one (child or adult)** is allowed to leave their household and enter our site if; they have symptoms of COVID-19 (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to sense of taste/smell); if they have been in contact with someone with these symptoms; or they have been advised to self-isolate by NHS Track & Trace.
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- Make sure you and your child wash your hands before setting off for school and when you get home.
- Make sure you are on time to drop off and collect your child. We cannot supervise pupils before their start time. Only one person is allowed on the site with each pupil.
- No parents/carers are permitted onto our playgrounds. Drop off and collect your child from the designated points. Only short, essential messages can be passed on to your child's teacher. Under no circumstances must parents/carers enter classrooms.
- Maintain social distancing from other pupils, families and staff in and around our school site.
- We encourage parents/carers to contact our office via phone, email or ClassDojo and only attend for pre-arranged appointments. If entering our building, please wear a face covering