

Howard Primary School

September 2020 Returning to School Protocol and Procedures

Updated:

- Autumn 1 2020
- Autumn 2 2020

In line with the Department for Education's instruction, all pupils, in all year groups have returned to school full-time from the beginning of the autumn term – Thursday 3rd September 2020 (2nd Sept/Staff INSET).

Our planning is underpinned by the Department for Education's advice on effective infection protection and control which states the following:

“We are asking schools to prepare for all pupils to return full-time from the start of the autumn term, including those in school-based nurseries. Schools should not put in place rotas.

Schools must comply with health and safety law, which requires them to assess risks and put in place proportionate control measures. Schools should thoroughly review their health and safety risk assessments and draw up plans for the autumn term that address the risks identified using the system of controls set out below. These are an adapted form of the system of protective measures that will be familiar from the summer term. Essential measures include:

1. a requirement that people who are ill stay at home
2. robust hand and respiratory hygiene
3. enhanced cleaning arrangements
4. active engagement with NHS Test and Trace
5. formal consideration of how to reduce contacts and maximise distancing between those in school wherever possible and minimise potential for contamination so far as is reasonably practicable

How contacts are reduced will depend on the school's circumstances and will (as much as possible) include:

- grouping children together
- avoiding contact between groups
- arranging classrooms with forward facing desks
- staff maintaining distance from pupils and other staff as much as possible”

Many of the protocols and procedures that were implemented during the summer term will remain the same in the autumn term with the expectation that they will further embed so that children who did not attend in the summer term will themselves adopt the measures also.

All protocol and procedures are aligned to the Risk Assessment of Schools document that has been produced <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools#introduction>). It is a legal requirement to review and update the previous risk assessment.

“The following plan outlines relevant detail from the government’s guidance with further detail about how Howard Primary School will adopt measures and ensure compliance to the statutory elements within. The aim of this plan is to minimise the risks, whilst acknowledging that we can’t negate them entirely.”

All elements of the system of controls are essential. All schools must cover them all, but the way different schools implement some of the requirements will differ based on their individual circumstances...The system of controls provides a set of principles to help them do this and, if schools follow this advice, they will effectively minimise risks.

Within the government guidance, the systems of control that schools should adopt are clearly listed. This document will outline those systems of control and how Howard Primary School has made them appropriate to our specific context and circumstance.

“System of controls

This is the set of actions schools must take. They are grouped into ‘prevention’ and ‘response to any infection’ and are outlined in more detail in the sections below.

Prevention:

- 1)** minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, **do not attend school**
- 2)** clean hands thoroughly more often than usual
- 3)** ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ approach
- 4)** introduce enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents and bleach
- 5)** minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible
- 6)** where necessary, wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)

Numbers 1 to 4 must be in place in all schools, all the time.

Number 5 must be properly considered and schools must put in place measures that suit their particular circumstances.

Number 6 applies in specific circumstances.

Response to any infection:

- 7)** engage with the NHS Test and Trace process
- 8)** manage confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community
- 9)** contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice

Numbers 7 to 9 must be followed in every case where they are relevant.”

Numbers 7-9 above may require school to share pupil/parent contact information with public health officials. This sharing of information is permissible under current law and is in line with data protection guidance covering schools.

Section 1: public health advice to minimise coronavirus (Covid-19) risks.

Systems of control	Action
<p>Prevention</p> <p>1. Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school</p>	<p>If a member of staff, pupil, parent or any other adult show symptoms of Coronavirus or they have tested positive within the last 7 days, they are not to attend school. The symptoms have been communicated with all members of the school community on multiple occasions and will be shared again before the autumn term.</p> <p>If an adult becomes unwell, they are to remove themselves from the setting as soon as possible.</p> <p>If a child in the setting becomes unwell, the existing guidelines will be followed i.e. the child will be removed to a designated isolated space where they can be monitored and supported until they are collected by their parents or carers. The room that the child utilised will be cleaned and the children/adults will wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds.</p> <p>In terms of PPE, a fluid-resistant surgical face mask should be worn by the supervising adult if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained. If contact with the child or young person is necessary, then disposable gloves, a disposable apron and a fluid-resistant surgical face mask should be worn by the supervising adult. The member of staff supporting the symptomatic child does not need to go home to self-isolate unless they develop symptoms themselves or if the symptomatic child subsequently tests positive or they have been requested to do so by NHS Test and Trace.</p> <p>The designated isolation space;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Medical room <p>It will be the Parents responsibility to then have the child tested for coronavirus. If the test is negative the child can return to the setting assuming they are well enough. If the test is positive, all children and adults within that group should self-isolate for 14 days (changed to 10 days from 14th December 2020) and not attend the setting. This is why it is so important to not mix with other children and adults outside of your group – it is a protective mechanism. This guidance also applies if an adult presents as unwell and is subsequently tested as positive.</p> <p>Whether or not the whole bubble will close is dependent on many factors rather than waiting for a test result.</p> <p>Cases of COVID-19 should be reported to the PHE South London Health Protection Team and it will be the responsibility of the office staff with support by the SLT.</p>
<p>Prevention</p> <p>2. Clean hands thoroughly more often than usual.</p>	<p>Adults and children are to sanitise or wash their hands on the following occasions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Entry to school - Before/after break times - Before lunch - When they change rooms - Before leaving school - Anytime that they visit the toilet or cough/sneeze in to their hands. <p>Additional hand sanitisers pumps have been purchased and are stationed in each classroom as well as additional hand sanitisers at appropriate points in school i.e. the reception desk for staff upon arrival and the photocopying areas for increased hygiene as a ‘pinch point’ in the school. Outdoor wash basins have been purchased to help alleviate time spent in toilets washing hands.</p>

	<p>Where children are struggling to wash independently they may receive support assuming the adult supporting is also washing their hands.</p> <p>Hand hygiene protocols are to be re-visited at the start of the year during September when the children will receive reminders about the expectations of practices and protocols in school. They will be established as part of our culture and behaviour expectations.</p> <p>Children and parents will be encouraged to wash their hands at home regularly as well.</p>
<p>Prevention</p> <p>3. Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.</p>	<p>During September, children will be reminded of the posters around school that encourage them to catch it, bin it and kill it. Children will be reminded that if tissues are regularly disposed of throughout the day, they should be thrown in to the bins in each classroom and their hands must be cleaned afterwards.</p> <p>Where pupils struggle to maintain as good respiratory hygiene as their peers (spitting etc) they will need an individual risk assessment to ensure measures can be put in place to reduce the risks. This is not a reason to deny these pupils face-to-face education.</p>
<p>Prevention</p> <p>4. Introduce enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents and bleach</p>	<p>At various intervals (as per the cleaning schedule), adults will disinfect and clean tables, door handles and equipment. Each class will have their own allotted set of classroom cleaning equipment. It will be stored appropriately within the classrooms. Equipment usage will be monitored.</p> <p>Any shared computer, device, photocopier or equipment must be cleaned immediately after use. Keyboards and mice should be cleaned after each use if the computer is shared. Any paper towels or wipes used to clean equipment should be disposed of in a bin or bin bag.</p> <p>Children should be allowed to go to the toilet as they would do in a normal school day, however staff need to be very aware of how many other children are also using the toilet and ensure that children wash their hands afterwards. Toilets are to be cleaned regularly.</p> <p>If we are required to clean an area after a positive case of coronavirus has been identified, we must follow the guidelines (https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings). This includes ensuring that all tissues, PPE, and cleaning materials are put in a separate disposal bag that is stored securely for 72 hours before being disposed of in the blue container next to Stuart's office (used to hold the music instruments).</p>
<p>Prevention</p> <p>5. Minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible.</p>	<p>The purpose of 'bubbles' is to minimise contacts and mixing between people, reducing the transmission of coronavirus. Howard Primary will do everything it can to maintain this whilst still delivering a broad and balanced curriculum. Within bubbles, children and adults must also take measures to distance themselves where at all possible.</p> <p>Planned September transition can no longer occur as hoped. Children will need to return to their new Classteacher on the first day in September.</p> <p>Grouping the Children</p> <p>There has been recognition from the DfE that children cannot distance themselves from staff or from each other. Bubbles provide an additional protective measure and they make it quicker and easier to identify those who need to self-isolate as a result of a positive test result.</p>

The DfE guidance reads as follows:

"In this guidance for the autumn term, maintaining consistent groups remains important, but given the decrease in the prevalence of coronavirus (COVID-19) and the resumption of the full range of curriculum subjects, schools may need to change the emphasis on bubbles within their system of controls and increase the size of these groups."

Within the government guidance, it recognises that younger children will not be able to maintain social distancing, and it is acceptable for them not to distance within their group. This has implications for NHS Test and Trace should there be the need to contact parents of children as a result of a positive case. The guidance also advises that siblings may be in different groups and encourages schools to use measures as best they can as it will still reduce the network of possible direct transmission.

PPA teachers and other agency staff can operate across different classes and year groups to facilitate the delivery of the curriculum. **Teaching staff can move between the two classes within a year group bubble only.**

Measures within the classroom

Adults are to encourage children to maintain a distance between one another whilst inside and reduce the amount of time that they are in face-to-face contact with one another. Where circumstances allow, adults are to try to distance from children and one another.

Children with additional needs should receive as much support as normal but adults are to be extra vigilant and mindful of their face-to-face time with the children and reduce this where possible.

Classrooms need to be adapted to support distancing where possible. If tables are used, they should face the front and children should sit side-by-side, not facing one another nor side on. ~~Classrooms will be prepared as such ready for September.~~

Measures elsewhere

There will be no whole-school events where children and adults are required to congregate. Assemblies will be limited to year group assemblies. Children will be required to distance during these assemblies rather than lining in tight rows. Where possible, efforts will be made to have virtual assemblies through video conference software. Children are not to sing during assembly.

Use of your allocated staff room should be minimal. There will be access to water both hot and cold, however strict social distancing must be in place and where possible. It is important for your own wellbeing that you see colleagues and we encourage this, but please do not contravene social distancing measures otherwise multiple groups could be at risk of infection should anyone present with symptoms.

Measures for arriving at and leaving school (inc break/lunch times)

(See appendix 1 for more information)

Staggering entrance/collection will ensure that the adults and children on site can distance appropriately and it will reduce the risk of children coming in to contact with children from other bubbles. This will be difficult for some families of multiple children.

Parents are to be encouraged to walk to school where possible and no parent will be allowed on the school site. If children cycle or scooter to school, then they are to use the storage area to lock their bike/scooter securely near the office.

Adults from the appropriate class will be at the gates to support children and adults as they arrive at school. This way we will continue to reduce footfall of adults on site. Parents mustn't congregate at the 'drop-off' point, they must instead arrive on time and then depart.

Reception and Nursery children are to enter as normal. Parents must arrive on time for entry to school, they must not arrive early or late. In the instance that parents have children in more than one

year group, parents may wait with their children at the front of school, strictly following social distancing from other parents and children. Parents will be asked to drop off and leave, rather than remain on school grounds.

Teachers will not be available to speak to unless teachers initiate the contact. Teachers must commit their time to ensuring that all children safely leave their care. Parents can contact teachers through Google Classroom or the year group email account if they have queries about the day or they can call to make a phone appointment.

The school office is not to be accessed by parents unless through prior arrangement via a call or email. The office will not be open for parents to drop-in to. The DfE guidance states that coming into the site without an appointment is not allowed. However, parents can obviously still call and receive support over the phone or via email.

Any homemade non-disposable face coverings that staff or children, young people or other learners are wearing when they arrive at their setting must be removed by the wearer and placed into a plastic bag that the wearer has brought with them in order to take it home. Disposable face-coverings must be placed in a lidded bin. The wearer must then clean their hands.

Other considerations

Supply teachers, peripatetic teachers and/or other temporary staff can move between schools. Likewise specialists, therapists, clinicians and other support staff for pupils with SEND should provide interventions as usual. However, they must be made aware of school procedures and they must adhere to them. A pamphlet of these will be provided alongside the normal safeguarding procedures.

Where contractors can attend outside of school hours they should. If that is not possible, they should follow all procedures as determined by school.

A record of all visitors must be kept to support NHS Track and Trace.

In terms of classroom resources, for regularly used stationery, children will all have their own individual set that is not to be shared. Other classroom resources like books and games can be used within the bubble but should be cleaned following use.

Shared resources, like art/science / PE equipment are rotated every half term to ensure they are safe.

Games that encourage distancing and little touch need to be made available to the children. However, outdoor equipment should not be used unless we are able to ensure that it is appropriately cleaned between groups of children using it, and that multiple groups do not use it simultaneously. Therefore, each group will need to gather resources from their classrooms. ~~PE lessons will be focused on dance to limit the use of equipment. Computing will be classroom based focusing on Online Safety.~~ **Computing will be timetabled for one year group per day on a two-week rota.** Music will be classroom based and will not allow the use of musical instruments **however individuals in years 3 and 5 will continue using one musical instrument during their Ministrings and Sound Progress lessons.**

Pupils should not bring anything additional from home. There can be no 'show and tell'. However, children can now take books home and return them as normal. Books are to be returned as normal but taken out of circulation for 72 hours before being returned to the library.

Teachers can take student books home (and return them freely) to assess or use to support planning etc. This is also true of library books.

<p>Prevention</p> <p>6. Where necessary, wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).</p>	<p>Full PPE should only be used for two reasons; where an individual is presenting with coronavirus symptoms and/or when a child is receiving intimate care (toileting/relevant first aid support).</p> <p>The PPE available in school for dealing with cleaning of potentially infected zones and supporting ill children or adults is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Face masks - Aprons - Gloves of various sizes - Face shields (limited quantities) <p>Children need to know that some adults might be wearing PPE and that it is 'ok'.</p> <p><u>Use of face coverings:</u></p> <p>Staff are encouraged to wear face coverings or visors in all areas of the school unless supporting pupils in a classroom. This includes TAs who may be taking intervention groups.</p>
<p>Response to any infection</p> <p>7. Engage with NHS Test and Trace.</p>	<p>Parents and staff will be informed that they are expected to engage in the NHS Track and Trace process if required to do so.</p> <p>They will be required to book a test and provide details of anyone that they have been in close contact with. They will then be obliged to follow the 'stay at home' regulations.</p> <p>Anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus can and should get a test.</p> <p>If school thinks that the family of the symptomatic child/adult is unlikely to book a test appropriately, we will provide a home testing kit. We should receive these before the start of the autumn term and they will be stored in the Medical Room. Given the potential low numbers of kits, they will only be issued with the agreement of either JDeS, JH, GG.</p> <p>Contact with the symptomatic family will be maintained so that we can respond appropriately to either a positive or a negative result.</p> <p>If the test result is negative, the child can return to school assuming they would do so under normal circumstances.</p> <p>If the test result is positive, the child and family need to follow the 'stay at home' guidelines.</p>
<p>Response to any infection</p> <p>8. Manage confirmed cases of coronavirus (Covid-19) amongst the school community.</p>	<p>School should contact the local health protection team:</p> <p>PHE South London Health Protection Team, Floor 3C Skipton House, 80 London Road London, SE1 6LH</p> <p>Phe.slhpt@nhs.net; slhpt-ocall@phe.gov.uk</p> <p>Phone: 0344 326 2052</p> <p>FAX: 0344 326 7255</p> <p>Out of hours health professional only: please phone 0344 326 2052</p> <p>An allocated member of staff will be responsible for calling the DFE COVID-19 helpline to report any positive cases.</p> <p>School must provide the details of those children/adults that have been in direct close contact with the child/adult (face-to-face contact for any length of time); proximity contacts (extended close</p>

	<p>contact – within 1m-2m for more than 15 minutes); travelling in a small vehicle with the infected person.</p> <p>The office team An allocated member of staff will prepare a report that shows the contact details of each member of the bubbles to support the contact tracers.</p> <p>School will inform parents of the infection, but we will not reveal the name of the infected child/adult.</p> <p>Those contacted or sent home must self-isolate for 14 10 days but those living in the household do not have to unless the child shows symptoms. At that point the household will need to go in to full isolation following stay at home guidance and have the test. If the symptomatic child's test is negative, they must continue to isolate for the remainder of the 14 10 days. If the result is positive, they must inform school immediately and isolate for at least 7 days from the onset of symptoms.</p> <p>Howard Primary will not (as per the DfE instruction) be able to ask for evidence of negative test results or other medical evidence before admitting children back after a period of self-isolation.</p>
<p>Response to any infection</p> <p>9. Contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice.</p>	<p>Keep in contact with our health protection team.</p> <p>If school has 2 or more confirmed cases within a 14 day period, this could be considered an outbreak and greater measures would need to be put in place. The health protection team would advise throughout.</p> <p>This could result in a bubble lockdown, a school closure.</p> <p>Testing will focus on the affected classes, then their year groups and then the remainder of school if required.</p>

Section 2: School operations

Aspect of school	Action
<p>Transport</p> <p>There is a distinction between dedicated school transport and wider public transport:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> by dedicated school transport, we mean services that are used only to carry pupils to school. This includes statutory home to school transport, but may also include some existing or new commercial travel routes, where they carry school pupils only by public transport services, we mean routes which are also used by the general public 	<p>Dedicated school transport</p> <p>Pupils on dedicated school services do not mix with the general public on those journeys and tend to be consistent. This means that the advice for passengers on public transport to adopt a social distance of two metres from people outside their household or support bubble, or a 'one metre plus' approach where this is not possible, will not apply from the autumn term on dedicated transport. Therefore, school trips using coaches can still occur as long as the children travel in their consistent bubbles.</p> <p>If children are travelling via coach to a trip, for example, they are expected to adhere to the systems of control still i.e. good hand hygiene and distancing where possible.</p> <p>School will only use travel companies who can share a policy that outlines their commitment to thoroughly cleaning coaches between use.</p> <p>Wider public transport</p> <p>Children should not attend trips or visits if they are required to use public transport to get there.</p>

<p>Attendance</p> <p>Now the circumstances have changed and it is vital for all children to return to school to minimise as far as possible the longer-term impact of the pandemic on children's education, wellbeing and wider development.</p> <p>School attendance will therefore be mandatory again from the beginning of the autumn term.</p>	<p>Attendance expectations</p> <p>School will communicate the necessity of attending school to parents and where required, we will offer additional pastoral support.</p> <p>School will re-establish attendance routines as before i.e. we will continue to record and monitor attendance as we did pre-covid and any absence will be followed up.</p> <p>Where appropriate, we will engage with the local authority to pursue sanctions for families with non-attending pupils (in line with the local authority's code of conduct).</p> <p>Pupils who are shielding or self-isolating</p> <p>If rates of infection in the local area rise, then some parents who have children who were once shielding due to medical advice may wish to isolate their children again. Howard Primary will support those parents through dialogue with the school nurse team so that appropriate advice can be offered and leeway afforded.</p> <p>Where children can't attend school as parents are following clinical and/or public health advice, absence will not be penalised.</p> <p>Pupils and families who are anxious about return to school</p> <p>If parents of pupils with significant risk factors are concerned, we will provide opportunity to discuss the safety at school and the procedures in place in an attempt to provide reassurance – this could be via a Teams/Zoom meeting.</p> <p>These pupils are to be identified by school.</p>
<p>School Workforce</p>	<p>Staff who are clinically vulnerable or extremely clinically vulnerable</p> <p>Howard Primary School has planned to follow the full measures within the guidance, therefore most staff will return to the workplace as normal.</p> <p>Those members of staff that received a letter to say that they were extremely vulnerable and advising them to shield can also return as normal given that shielding comes to a close on 1st August. However, those adults will be encouraged to maintain social distancing measures as much as possible when in attendance.</p> <p>People who live with those who are clinically extremely vulnerable or clinically vulnerable can attend school as normal also.</p> <p>Deploying support staff and accommodating visiting specialists</p> <p>As per government guidance, teaching assistants may be deployed where possible to lead groups or cover lessons under the direction and supervision of a qualified, or nominated, teacher. This will become an important measure to reduce the necessity of bringing in agency staff and compromising the integrity of bubbles, should there be a need to arrange cover for any reason.</p> <p>Supply teachers and other temporary or peripatetic teachers</p> <p>Supply teachers will be used as a last resort to cover classes, however if required they will need to maintain stringent distancing.</p> <p>Where possible we will try to use the same supply staff for as long as possible in order to minimise the number of different people coming into class bubbles.</p> <p>Staff taking leave</p> <p>The government has set a requirement that people returning from some countries will be required to quarantine for 14 days.</p>

	Where staff are required to quarantine after returning from holidays, they need to understand that any period of absence is not authorised given that they are knowingly becoming absent from work. Each request for an unpaid absence, will be judged on its individual factors by JDeS.
Safeguarding	All existing pre-covid safeguarding measures will return as normal.
Catering	<p>The expectation is that the school kitchen will be fully open in Autumn term. Whilst policy and practices continue to embed. School is negotiating what exactly can be offered.</p> <p>Catering provision has returned to a full lunchtime service as normal.</p>
Lunch and break times	<p>Midday supervisors will continue to support the supervision of lunchtimes but wherever possible they will be allocated to bubbles that cannot mix.</p> <p>On occasions, support staff will be required to help to supervise the children whilst they eat and then support in cleaning the room before children go out for their playtime.</p>
Staffroom and Staff management	<p>Staff parking in the upper carpark (KD, JH, RV, GK, MP, CF) will be able to continue to park in there. There will be able to walk down to the main school office past Sherwood Nursery.</p> <p>PPA will be taken in the allocated rooms which may be the music room, purple room or PPA room. Social distancing measures will need to continue to be followed.</p> <p>Each Year group bubble will be allocated a different ‘staff breakout’ room. Staff will have access to water (hot/cold).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception-Reading room (between Year 2) • Year 1-Staffroom • Year 2-Reading room Music Room • Year 3-Staffroom • Year 4-Staffroom • Year 5 and PPA teachers -Music room • Year 6-PPA room <p>Support staff will be required to help to supervise the children whilst they eat and then support in cleaning the tables before children go out for their lunchtime.</p> <p>Staff will be able to use toilets closest to where they are working. Hand washing before entry and on exit is required.</p>
Estates	Teachers need to ensure that classrooms have good ventilation (open windows and doors). Air conditioning and heating will be able to be used as normal.
Educational Visits	School trips are permitted to resume however the risk of compromising the integrity of bubbles by mixing with other schools attending venues or using coaches that have also been used by other schools, does not seem conducive with guidance. Visitors must sign a declaration that they have

	not been in proximity with anyone with symptoms or have symptoms themselves before attending. All visitors must wear face coverings at all times when in school.
Wraparound care	Wraparound care is permitted to commence. Children attending wrap around care will ideally need to be kept in separate bubbles, however that might not be possible due to limited staff numbers and children attending therefore the children will need to remain in small consistent bubbles, observing very good hand hygiene. Please see the risk assessment of the care provider for details.

Section 3: Curriculum, behaviour and pastoral support

Aspect of school	Action
<p>Curriculum expectations</p> <p>The key principles that underpin government advice on curriculum planning are:</p> <p>Education is not optional: all pupils receive a high-quality education that promotes their development and prepares them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life.</p> <p>The curriculum remains broad and ambitious: all pupils continue to be taught a wide range of subjects, maintaining their choices for further study and employment.</p> <p>Remote education, where needed, is high quality and aligns as closely as possible with in-school provision: schools and other settings continue to build their capability to educate pupils remotely, where this is needed.</p>	<p>Howard Primary School will have followed a 'recovery curriculum' for the first half of the Autumn Term. We will apply our curriculum model in its fullest and continue to identify gaps in core learning that need to be negated over a period of time, with additional intervention for those year groups that have less time to 'catch-up'. However, we will have a period of adjustment in September.</p> <p>During this period, children will be reminded of all of their hard work during the previous year and we will 'reset' the expectations so that children know that we are expecting of them on their return to school i.e. great learning behaviours.</p> <p>Our September 2020 curriculum will be as planned.</p> <p>We have returned to the normal teaching of all subjects in the second half of the autumn term. PE and computing will be kept under review.</p> <p>Formative assessment will be used to a greater extent so that teachers can tailor the learning journeys.</p> <p>Remote education will become a focus in the sense that it will become integrated in to the school curriculum. Class teachers will close Class Dojo and move over to Google Classroom. Oak National Academy lessons will be used periodically throughout the curriculum so that children are comfortable with the content and format in readiness to reverting to that way of working should local lockdowns or a national lockdown be imposed.</p> <p>The Relationship and Health Education element of our new curriculum will be planned and consulted on with parents shortly after the summer holiday. There is now leeway to defer the implementation of that curriculum content until the summer term 2021.</p>

<p>Specific points for early years foundation stage (EYFS) to key stage 3</p>	<p>For pupils in Reception, teachers should also assess and address gaps in language, early reading and mathematics, particularly ensuring children’s acquisition of phonic knowledge and extending their vocabulary. Settings should follow updates to the EYFS disapplication guidance. For nursery settings and Reception, consider how all groups of children can be given equal opportunities for outdoor learning.</p> <p>For pupils in key stages 1 and 2, school leaders are expected to prioritise identifying gaps and re-establish good progress in the essentials (phonics and reading, increasing vocabulary, writing and mathematics), identifying opportunities across the curriculum so they read widely, and developing their knowledge and vocabulary. The curriculum should remain broad, so that the majority of pupils are taught a full range of subjects over the year, including sciences, humanities, the arts, physical education/sport, religious education and relationships and health education.</p>
<p>Music</p>	<p>Given that there could be an additional risk of infection in environments where children and adults are singing, chanting, playing wind and brass instruments or shouting, singing should not happen in groups of more than 15 and when it does take place, children need to be side-by-side and not facing one another. This has implications for our music curriculum and adjustments will need to be made.</p>
<p>Physical activity in schools</p>	<p>PE lessons are still to take place. Where possible, they are to take place outside as transmission of the disease is reduced in the outdoors. No sharing of PE kit will be allowed.</p> <p>The systems of control will still need to be applied during these sessions. Pupils will be kept in consistent groups and sports equipment will be allocated to different year groups. Hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene is paramount due to the nature of exercising and the way people breathe as a result. Hands must be washed thoroughly after completing a PE session.</p> <p>Contact sports are to be avoided.</p> <p>External coaches can still be used to deliver PE sessions as long as they also follow the protective measures.</p>
<p><u>Well-being team</u></p> <p>Mental Health Leads: SP EA</p> <p>RHE Leads RR JH</p>	<p>The well-being team will ensure that appropriate materials are on hand to support children’s wellbeing. Class teachers will deliver RHE sessions that provide children with the opportunity to rebuild friendships and social engagement and address issues linked to coronavirus.</p> <p>Where issues arise, SP is to be informed so that specific interventions can take place. SP and EA will need to ensure that they distance in line with current government guidelines during meetings (minimum of 2 metres) given that they will be required to work across phases. SP and EA will both be allocated face coverings or visors to use whilst working with children. Staff to follow adapted behaviour policy regarding Good to be Green. Outside agencies to be allocated purple room whilst in school meeting with a parent or pupil. Outside agencies working with pupils will be allocated the computer suite (not being used for lessons).</p>
<p>Behaviour expectations</p>	<p>The current approved behaviour policy coronavirus amendment will still apply.</p> <p>During September, expectations of behaviour will be revisited and the school’s values of the 5C’s will be widely discussed so that the ethos of the school does not change. The climate and culture needs to remain one of high expectations and respect for one another.</p> <p>The mixing of bubbles is not appropriate for behaviour management. If a member of SLT is required to deal with a behaviour issue the child must not be brought to their offices. Instead they should be called to speak with the child outside or in the school lobby. Any conversation should be socially distanced and the adult should wear a face covering.</p>

Section 4: Assessment and accountability

Aspect of school	Action
Primary Assessment	<p>All statutory assessments (other than the Reception Baseline) will take place in the academic year 20/21 in accordance with the usual timetables. The tests are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the phonics screening check • key stage 1 tests and teacher assessment • the year 4 multiplication tables check • key stage 2 tests (maths and reading tests only) and teacher assessment • statutory trialling <p>Howard Primary will prepare for these tests in the same manner as has been done in previous years.</p>

Section 5: Contingency planning for outbreaks

Aspect of school	Action
A local outbreak	<p>If school is made aware of a local outbreak, the PHE health protection team or the local authority may advise school to close. Preparations will be made by way of a contingency plan so that learning can still continue and the community can remain safe.</p>
Remote education support	<p>Howard Primary School needs to be in the position to offer immediate remote education if there was a local outbreak and subsequent lockdown.</p> <p>Our immediate response will be the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Where appropriate, children are to take home their individual stationery packs and their current exercise books ➤ Adults will share lessons via Google Classroom, often in reference to Oak National Academy lessons that are tailored for every objective in the primary curriculum (EYFS coming soon). ➤ Teachers will then be able to meet with children that require additional support. <p>Chosen learning activities will follow our curriculum sequencing and will be of high quality. All teachers will use this consistently to support online learning. More detail on Oak National Academy can be found here (https://www.thenational.academy/information-for-teachers).</p> <p>Where children can't access the internet, children will receive home-learning packs (paper-based) to complete. However, efforts will be made to ensure vulnerable/disadvantaged families are not further disadvantaged by their lack of technology in the household. The existing devices will be re-distributed to those eligible families.</p> <p>The principles for delivery will be as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Children will receive learning opportunities for a range of subjects each day ➤ Learning will be sequenced as per our current curriculum model ➤ High quality explanations will be made through curriculum resources such as Oak National ➤ Work will be checked through uploads to Google Classroom ➤ Lessons will be of the equivalent length of a normal school day.