

Outwood Academy City Fields

Frequently Asked Questions

Question	Answer
What are the Government guidelines for schools?	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools#section-1-public-health-advice-to-minimise-coronavirus-covid-19-risks
As a parent or carer, I want to read more about schools during the Coronavirus outbreak, where can I find this?	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?utm_source=10%20July%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19
What if anyone in the school becomes unwell with Covid-19 symptoms?	Students will be sent home and all should follow the government guidance https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance
Will social distancing still be important?	Where possible, staff will try to maintain a 2 metre social distance from other adults and students (although this will not always be possible). Students are still recommended to try and keep themselves distanced, to try not to touch others or face others (hence why we are facing all students in the same direction and enforcing the one way system). We are asking that students do not hug each other, shake hands, fist bump etc.
My child has special needs, how will their needs be met?	Our inclusion team will be working with you to ensure that we still meet the needs of all students. This may look different than it did previously but we will keep communicating with you to get this right.
My child has medical needs or is in a category more at risk. What will be put in place?	We are currently writing risk assessments for categories of students and staff. Where appropriate, parents and students will be included in this.
Why is it important that my child brings their own equipment to the academy?	This is really important. More than ever before, please ensure that your child has their pencil case and its contents every day. We have equipment ready to give a child if they do not have their own - but we would expect them to keep this safe and bring it every day. We will also be providing each student with some equipment but not everything can be given to every child.
Why does my child need to use a specific gate to come into the academy?	It is really important that we try to do everything possible to keep different year groups apart so they stay within their bubble to try and avoid cross contamination. All students must ONLY use their assigned gate.
Where does my child go once they are through the gate to stay within their bubble?	In September students will receive a map and training on what will happen. Each year group bubble will go through their designated gate, to their assigned pre registration holding area. See above.
What will happen if my child is shielding?	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19 The link above gives advice for a very percentage of the population that this is appropriate for. We will continue to provide on-line learning for students who we know are shielding on the advice of their Doctor. The advice changes on the 1st August, please read this carefully.
My child is very anxious about returning to the academy, what do I do?	Please communicate with us about this so that we can support. Go through this letter with your child explaining what will be in place. Remind your child that full training will be provided in September. We have our full range of mental wellbeing resources available. https://www.freeston.outwood.com/mental-wellbeing can be accessed at any

	time, we will be enhancing this resource in the near future.
What happens if a student does not adhere to the guidelines whilst on site?	<p>The reason why the government has asked schools to fully open is to provide education to all and to address the potential gaps in missed learning. It is really important that we all return to education and continue to learn in a safe and controlled environment. We will be teaching students about their own social responsibility in September. It is vitally important that all consider the impact of their choices on others as well as themselves.</p> <p>Clearly, any student who cannot behave in a safe, sensible and responsible manner could put students and staff at risk. Working together we believe we can provide all students with much needed contact in a secure environment.</p> <p>The Behaviour Policy is already on our website, an addendum for September will be available on our website in due course.</p>