



BRIXINGTON

Primary Academy

INSPIRING EXCELLENCE

*Our Plans for Phased
Reopening*

*Information for Parents and
Pupils*

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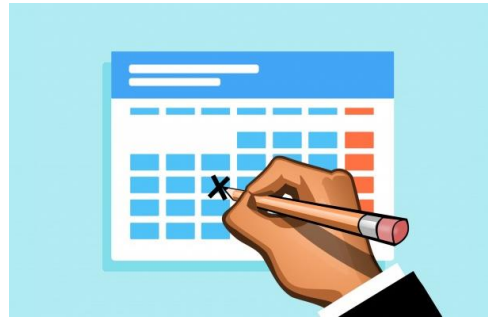
Which pupils will be coming back to school?



- Key Worker: Children whose parents work in an occupation defined by the [Department for Education as critical](#)
- Vulnerable pupils: (These parents will be contacted directly)
 - Nursery pupils
 - Reception pupils
 - Year 1 pupils
 - Year 6 pupils

Other pupils, (Years 2-5) will continue learning at home. All children who are shielding for health reasons will remain at home.

When will pupils be coming back to school?



This will be confirmed soon. The Government have asked us to open from June 2nd but this may change.

1. Key worker, vulnerable and Nursery children will be first
2. Reception will start a few days later
3. Year 1 a few days after that
4. If possible, Year 6 will start (part time) a few days later

Why the phased start?

It is essential that each group of children is given time to understand health and safety procedures before welcoming more pupils.

What days will school be open?

For children in the above groups, school will be open Monday to Thursday only.



Monday	✓
Tuesday	✓
Wednesday	✓
Thursday	✓
Friday	✗

On Fridays, school staff will have time to manage home learning for children at home, and to thoroughly clean the site.

If you are a key worker, and you have no alternative childcare arrangements for Fridays, we will provide childcare for your child in school.

What will school be like?

[Click here for a video to share with children](#)

- School will be providing an education to these children (not just childcare).
- Children will be arranged into 'bubbles' (classes) of similar aged pupils.
- They will stay with the same 'bubble' all day, in the same room.
- They will have specific areas to play in at play and lunchtime, outside.
- All children will be given their own stationery and equipment to use in their space.
- Each bubble will have specific areas for things like toileting and storing bags.
- No assemblies or communal gatherings will take place.
- There will be no indoor PE, but plenty of outdoor PE!
- Normal school uniform will be worn.



What about health and safety?

We have received a great deal of guidance from the Government and are using this to support our plans. So far, we can confirm the following:

- Lots of handwashing throughout the day, including new sanitiser stations
- A person who develops symptoms during the day will be moved to a designated space and looked after while parents are called.
- Children will be encouraged to keep their distance at all times (this is unlikely to always happen in Early Years classes).
- Extra cleaning and sterilisation of equipment
- Different routines for drop-off and collection
- Changes to direction of travel around the site
- Regular assessment of the situation

Do these pupils have to attend?

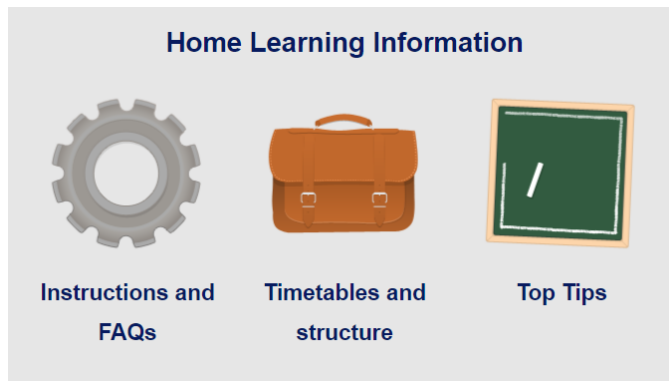
We would encourage all eligible children to attend. When school is open for your child's year group, they should come in to school, but only Monday to Thursday.

Pupils of key worker children should also attend Monday to Thursday (not just for the times when their parents are working).

What if I choose to keep my child at home because of the virus?

If you choose not to send in your child, you must inform us in writing. No parent will receive any attendance letters or fines if they choose to keep their child home during the pandemic.

What about pupils not coming to school? When will they be back?



Home learning will continue for pupils at home.

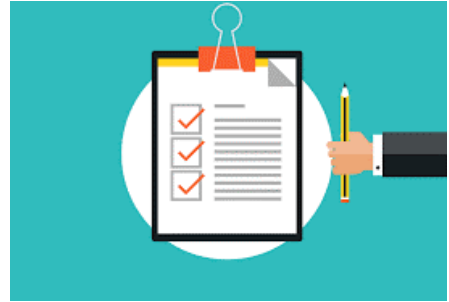
We are ambitious to get all children back to school as soon as we possibly can.

We must be led by the Government's guidance on when this will be safe to do. There are no planned dates for this yet.

What should we do now?

On Thursday 21st May you will be sent a survey. Please complete this as soon as possible.

Talk with your child about what is happening. Use the video to help.



Most of them will still be learning at home. Help them understand that school will keep supporting them and will be open again as soon as possible.

Children who will be coming to school need to understand that it will feel a little different to normal. They will probably have a different teacher, for example, and will be with some but not all of their friends.

Information Coming Soon



- After we receive survey responses we can confirm which children will be taught by which teacher, and in which class.
- How collection/drop-off will work
- Further health and hygiene details
- What home learning will look like
- FISH/wraparound care for those who need it
- Free school meals information

Please remember that more guidance is due from Government and plans could change at any time. We will maintain contact over half term to keep parents informed.

If you have any questions after you have completed the survey, please email them to admin@brixington.devon.sch.uk. We may not be able to respond to all individual enquiries but will publish FAQs again where necessary.

THANK YOU!

We know how difficult this situation is for everyone.

Thank you so much for your patience, understanding and support, as we work together to do the very best we can for all our children during this challenging time.