

# Reopening of Green Lance CE Primary School

## Frequently Asked Questions

Q. I am due to start work before the allotted time that my child is due to start work, can I drop he/she off earlier?

A. No. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate children before or after the times stipulated at the moment for safety reasons.

Q. Will there be provision for existing critical worker children on June 1 & 2 June?

A. Yes, for anyone that absolutely needs it. However, we must have this preparation time for health and safety considerations around the building.

Q. Will the children 'finish' off their current year groups when it is safe to do so?

A. Unfortunately, it is too early to answer this question, we will need to await further government guidance regarding this and keep you updated.

Q. If I have selected to have my child in full time, can I reduce this if he/she is not coping as well I'd hoped?

A. Yes, the decision on whether to send your child to school either full or part time is entirely up to parents. If you have chosen not to send your child into school and then change your mind, you would need to contact school to see if there would be an available place.

Q. Can my child walk home if I am still at work?

A. Unfortunately the children cannot walk home alone. We require all children to be collected to ensure their safety and to ensure that social distancing is in place on their way home.

Q. Will there be any childcare provision for critical worker children on Friday afternoons?

A. Childcare could be arranged on Friday afternoons for key worker children where it is absolutely necessary and there is no other childcare available.

Q. Can both parents come to drop off and collect our child/children?

A. We would ask that only one parent at any one time attends the school site to reduce the numbers of people that other may come into contact with, therefore reducing the risks.

Q. Our girls are Yr1 and an Yr3 both of us are essential workers. Do they both stay in the essential worker class or does the Yr1 move to the Yr1 class? Are the rest of the years not officially returning until Sept? Will the 'home learning' be done at school for essential worker children?

A. Yes, the Year 1 child will go into their peer Year group rather than critical worker group. At this point we don't know, we are awaiting government guidance regarding

schools reopening. The same work will be done in school that will sent home for children who are home learning wherever possible.

Q. Will we know ahead of time who will be in the class splits? Appreciate you can't accommodate all friendship groups etc, but I think it would ease my child's transition if he knew ahead of time some of the children he'll be with.

A. We appreciate this would make for a smooth return to school and will try our best to accommodate this if we can.

Q. If my child returns I'm minded to send his own lunch in (in a disposable bag as per the guidance) rather than have a school packed lunch. In terms of your arrangements, does this cause difficulties because he's bringing food from home? Is it easier for him to have the food provided by school? Thank you

A. We would prefer to provide those that would usually have a school meal with a school packed lunch to reduce items being brought in from home. We do understand that some parents may wish to send their child with a packed lunch from home instead.

Q. Has any guidance been given regarding children with health conditions such as Asthma and them returning to school? Thank you

A. This would be a parental decision.

Q. Will you be confident that communal areas such as dining hall, hall and toilets can be cleaned thoroughly between groups.

A. Children will not be using the dining hall and hall for communal time, children will eat in their designated classroom. The hall will now be used as one of our designated spaces for Early Years. The toilets will be cleaned in line with the LA guidance which is daily.

Q. Mr Goffee, do you feel confident in bringing the kids back to school? As a parent to a year 6 pupil, I see how much they have missed and would love for my child to return but I am worried.

A. None of us have ever been through this before and I can only imagine how it hard a decision this is for parents. We have tried to put a plan in place that keeps the risk as low as possible but obviously we are worried and share your concerns.

Q. Has the government put into place training and support for the staff to help them in managing/coping with new procedures?

A. No they haven't.

Q. Will friendship groups be considered when grouping children in their bubble of 15 or will it be based on ability or random?

A. We will try our best however this may not always be possible.

Q. If I were to send my children in (twins in Year 1) would they be allowed to sit on a table together?

A. We are looking to create individual work stations for each child due to the amount of resources they will need but we will try to seat them as near to each other as we can.

Q. Will packed lunches be provided to the key worker children?

A. Packed lunches will be provided in school for those children who are on benefits related and universal free school meals.

Q. Could I pay for my child to have a school packed lunch when he is in school on key worker days?

A. Yes, we can arrange that. We will be in touch with parents about their preferences on lunch arrangements once we have definite yes/no answers about attendance.

Q. I presume that the before and after school clubs are not running at the minute?

A. Unfortunately for safety reasons we cannot run any clubs before, during or after school clubs for the foreseeable future.

Q. Does this include the breakfast club run by the nursery?

A. You would need to check with Green Lane Nursery directly

Q. Will there still be work packs every 2 weeks for the children that are staying at home?

A. We are still committed to sending home any learning packs for children who will be home learning.

Q. Will there be a school bus on for Stainton Grove pupils?

A. The local authority is currently working with coach companies. If you require school transport, please email [greenlane@durhamlearning.net](mailto:greenlane@durhamlearning.net) and Miss Hall can speak to you about this directly. The guidance does discourage the use of public transport wherever possible.

Q. Are kids in their own bubble social distancing too?

A. It will be impossible to maintain a 2m social distance however, staff will endeavour to keep children as far apart as possible.

Q. Will parents get fined for not sending kids back?

A. The decision to send their child back to school will be entirely the parent's decision. Any parent who decides not to send their child back will not be fined.

Q. With children who struggle to sit still how will this be managed?

A. We know that this will be a very different experience for the children, especially for those in EYFS and Year 1 and staff will do their best to support the children during this difficult time.

Q. How will pick up and drop of work to avoid large groups of parents?

A. Children will enter school by the main reception at their designated times only. The children will exit school by the rear playground accessed via Dale Road. Social distancing must be adhered to at all times. There will be social distancing markers in place at the entrance path and where possible.