

# How our schools are adapting to the challenges we face

The health and safety of  
your child is our priority



# Giving you the reassurance and confidence you need

We understand the concerns that parents will have when thinking about their child returning to school in September. With this in mind we are making preparations closely following the **planning guidance from the Department for Education**.

During the lockdown period, children have continued to attend our schools to allow keyworkers to continue doing their amazing work. This means we have the experience of implementing the necessary measures to keep them safe and well.

This guide is an overview of the steps we are taking to ensure your child learns in a safe environment when our schools re-open. These are just some of the measures we are putting in place to minimise the risk.





# Moving safely around school

- Pupils will queue and socially distance coming into schools
- Staff will be available on corridors at all times during the day to facilitate safe movement through school
- Markings will be on the floor throughout our schools to show the safe distance pupils should stay apart
- Pupils who walk to and from school are asked to be mindful of social distancing when moving through the local community
- Movement around the school will be minimised, as appropriate
- Pupils during the day will be operating in bubbles



# Social distancing in class

## To implement this we will ensure pupils:

- Have their own books and equipment that will be kept in school, where appropriate
- Have respected boundaries, a teacher space will also be clearly marked out at the front of the classroom
- A combination of social distancing, minimising movement and system of social bubbles will be in force during the school day





# What about break times?

- Pupils will be kept together in their bubbles
- Breaks and lunch times will be staggered where possible in order to reduce pupil numbers and movement
- Movement through school will be restricted and supervised



# Ensuring cleanliness

Stringent hygiene has proven to be a key factor in avoiding the spread of the virus and we will do everything we can to promote this in our schools.

- Hand sanitiser will be made available throughout the school
- We will insist on regular hand washing during the day
- We will work to remind pupils how to protect themselves and others in school
- There will be lots of visual reminders around school to promote the need for cleanliness
- Enhanced daily cleaning routines will be established throughout
- All classrooms will be cleaned whilst pupils are at lunch
- We will promote “Catch it, bin it, kill it” for respiratory hygiene



# Our teams

To help with protecting pupils, we will ensure the following steps are taken.

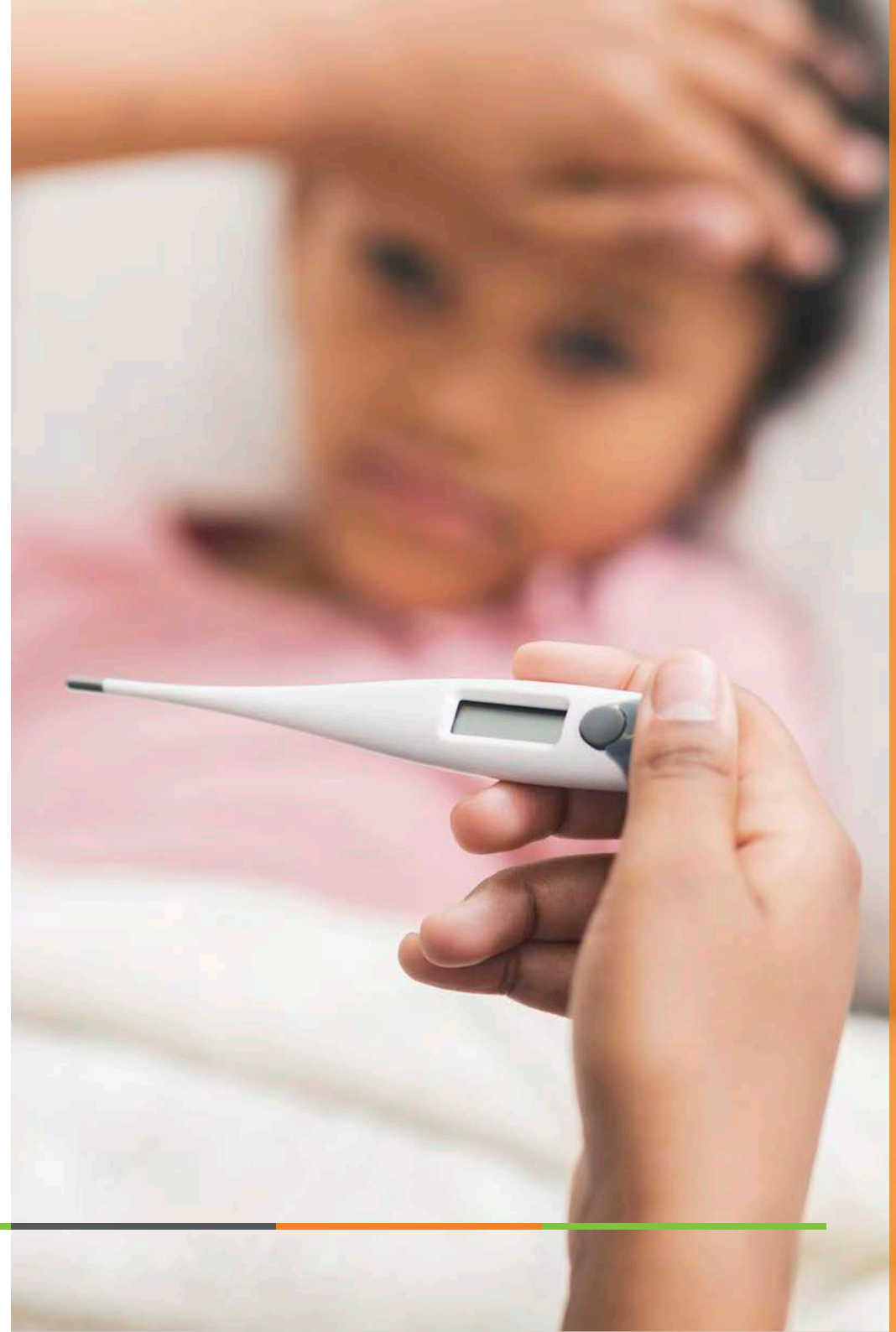
- Our teachers and staff will only work at one school site
- All staff will be trained on social distancing and hygiene measures
- We will ensure our catering teams prepare and serve food safely
- External visitors will be required to complete track and trace information
- There will be a reduction in the number of face to face meetings. Many will be moved online





# Health concerns

- In accordance with guidance, we ask that parents do not send their child to school unless they are 100% well
- If a child becomes unwell during school time, we will look after them separately away from other pupils, until they can return home





# Face coverings for Year 7 and above

- On their first day back at the academy all students will be provided with a re-useable face covering on entry to the building. They will also be given a sealable plastic bag for storing the face covering when not being worn. This will form part of the academy uniform and the academy uniform policy has been amended to reflect this
- All students will be required to wear a face covering during lesson change overs and when on corridors
- All students will also be required to wear a face covering when queuing for food or moving to the main hall seating area. Students will not have to wear a face covering when they are sat in the main hall or sat in the upper school restaurant
- Students will not have to wear a face covering during lessons

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# Face coverings<sub>continued</sub>

- Students will not have to wear a face covering when outside at break and lunch time
- Face coverings must be worn securely over the nose and mouth
- Students should avoid touching the face covering as much as is possible
- Face coverings should be stored in a sealed plastic bag when not being worn
- Re-useable face coverings should be washed regularly in accordance with the national guidance
- The Behaviour for Learning Policy has been amended to take in to account the latest guidance and will be followed should students fail to adhere to the guidance
- Students with a medical exemption do not need to wear a face covering. Medical evidence is required in such circumstances





# Want to know more?

This is a MAT-wide overview of our approach to ensuring the safety and well-being of everyone in our schools. Additional more specific information relevant to your individual school will be provided, giving details on how this will work in practice.

If you have any concerns at all regarding your child returning to school, please contact us in the usual way.

For further detailed information on the Government recommendations that we will be implementing, please read the **Department for Education guidance**.

Additional Government guidance specific to primary schools can be found **here**.





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