

## Frequently asked questions

I know that you will have many questions about returning to school; I have tried to anticipate some questions, and also reproduced some of the Government's latest advice:

### Can my child return to school?

*From Tuesday 2nd June, we have invited children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 to return. We will also continue to provide childcare to the children of key workers and other eligible children.*

### What if my child is eligible but has siblings who are not?

We are only able to welcome back children in the above groups. This does not include siblings in different year groups unless those siblings are in a priority group, for example, the children of key workers.

### If my child is eligible, is it compulsory for them to attend school?

The Government strongly encourages children in the eligible year groups and priority groups (such as children of key workers) to attend, as requested, unless they are self-isolating or there are other reasons for absence (such as shielding due to health conditions).

Parents will not be fined for non-attendance at this time.

### Should I keep my child at home if they have an underlying health condition or live with someone in a clinically vulnerable group?

- Children and young people who are considered extremely clinically vulnerable and shielding should continue to shield and are not expected to attend.
- Clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable) people are those considered to be at a higher risk of severe illness from coronavirus. A minority of children will fall into this category, and parents should follow medical advice if their child is in this category.
- Children who live in a household with someone who is extremely clinically vulnerable and shielding should only attend if stringent social distancing can be adhered to and the child or young person is able to understand and follow those instructions.
- Children and young people who live with someone who is clinically vulnerable (but not extremely clinically vulnerable) as defined in the social distancing guidance and including those who are pregnant, can attend.
- Although we cannot provide specific medical advice, if you would like to discuss your child or family's specific needs and additional measures that might be needed to keep them safe, please do not hesitate to call or email the school as usual and we will do our best to support.

### What happens if there is a confirmed case of coronavirus at the Academy?

If a child or staff member develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus, they will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 7 days. We need you to ensure that your child can be collected as soon as possible. Those they live with should also self-isolate for 14 days. As you know, tests are available for anyone who displays symptoms.

Where the child or staff member tests positive, the rest of their class/group will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of that wider class do not need to self-isolate unless the child or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.

As we are observing guidance on infection prevention and control, that reduces the risk of transmission, closure of the whole Academy will not generally be necessary.