Wider opening for our primary schools

These principles have been agreed by the York Schools and Academies Board, representing all maintained schools and academy trusts across the city. Individual schools will adapt according to their own circumstances.

We will only open our schools to more children if we are confident it is safe to do so. We will make that decision soon.

Our priorities for more children to come to school

Vulnerable • EHCP • SEND • Critical Workers'

This is the order in which children may attend our schools. We will always try to provide places for vulnerable children, children with Educational Health Care Plans, children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and children of workers critical to the Covid-19 response. Others will be accommodated providing we have staff and space within our schools. Information correct as at 18 May 2020 but is subject to change.

Nursery
Reception
Year 1
Year 6
Others

What has changed?

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We are still working out if it will be possible to welcome back children who have not been at school for some time. If

it is possible, those children will be from Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. Priority will be given as described above.

What about their brothers and sisters?

Sorry, at this stage,

only children in the year

groups described above.

For now, children in Years

2-5 need to stay at home.

How are you making sure school is safe?



We will check for risks before school opens.



If a child or family member is sick, they cannot come to school.



There will be fewer children in a classroom.



Everyone will wash their hands regularly.



School will be cleaned regularly.

What might change at school?



The time you drop off and pick up your child. Only one parent/carer should attend.



They will not have their normal lessons.



Your child may have a different classroom and a different teacher.



We will change how we serve lunch.

Does my child have to come to school?



If your child is well and in one of the groups asked to attend, then they should.



There will be no fines if you decide you do not want your child to go to school.

Will my child be tested?



If your child shows symptoms of Covid-19, yes, they will be able to be tested.

Will school be every day?



It is unlikely your child will be at school every day.

Why should more children attend school?



It is good for children's mental wellbeing.



School is the best place for them to learn.



It is good for children to socialise with other children.

What if there is a case of Covid-19 at school?



If anyone at school tests positive, the whole class must self-isolate for 14 days.



The people they live with must self-isolate for 14 days.



If you think you have symptoms, self-isolate for 7 days.