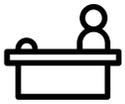


Returning to Mill Rythe Junior School



What will my classroom be like?

You will have up to 14 children in your class, which we will be calling a bubble, and you will have your own desk. You will have all your resources provided for you so you don't need to share and don't need to bring anything into school with you apart from a water bottle. You will have the same class teacher, but perhaps not your normal class teacher, teaching you with a teaching assistant in the morning. The teaching assistant will be with you at lunchtimes. Your desks will be spaced out so that you have your own learning station 2 metres from other adults and children.



What will my lessons be like?

You will do similar lessons to normal lessons in school with maths and English in the morning and everything else in the afternoon. You will spend some time on an induction curriculum when you return. This will help you learn the new rules about being in school and will give you the chance to share your lockdown experience. Miss Ifould has made year 6 a great project for the first two days about mental health and wellbeing linked to the story 'Charlie changes into a chicken!'



Will we have PPA and assemblies?

No! We want to keep you safe in your bubbles so we will not be asking you to work with different teachers during the week who would have worked with other children or asking you to gather with other children from other bubbles for assemblies. Each class will have one day each week when they come to school in PE kit so that they can have a PE session. You will be playing tennis, rounders, athletics or football rounders with your class teacher. Classes will have their own mini-assemblies and circle times across the week to replace our assemblies. I'm sure these will involve a range of quizzes and opportunities to talk about the changes in our lives.



How will I keep safe in school?

We have organised smaller class sizes for every class called bubbles. Each bubble will be its own 'family' and you won't have contact with any other bubble. There are hand sanitisers outside every room and you will be reminded regularly to wash your hands. You will be with the same one or two adults all day, every day. To keep other children and staff safe it is really important that you and your family continue to social distance outside of school too.



Where will I eat my lunch?

You will eat your lunch on the playground with your bubble if the weather is good or in your classroom with your teaching assistant. You can either bring a packed lunch from home or order one from the kitchen. Please bring in your own fresh or dried fruit snack for playtime as the snack trolley will not be open. Your parents and carers have the school kitchen menu.



Can I play outside?

Yes, each bubble will get to play in a different area of our school grounds supervised by an adult. It is important you have time to enjoy the fresh air and we are lucky with our outside area. Break and lunchtimes are happening in two sessions so there will only be four bubbles outside at one time in each area. To keep everyone safe you won't be able to play with anyone from another bubble. You will be on the playground at breaktime and the field at lunchtime. Please do not bring any balls, other games or toys into school with you. We will give you everything you need.



What time will school start and end?

All children will come in through the children's gate from 2nd June. Each bubble has a different start and end time to help you social distance from other families and you will come to school with one adult only. The car park is going to be closed so you will be walking, cycling or scooting to school. If you cycle to school, you must wear a helmet and if you are in years 3 and 4 you must be accompanied by an adult but only one adult can come onto the school site with you. Bikes and scooters will be brought onto the playground and left against a fence during the day so that they are safe. The cycle shed will not be open. At the end of the day you will leave using the normal collection arrangements. If you are being collected, only one adult will be able to come onto the school site to meet you. Year 6 bubbles will be leaving after lunchtime on Friday.



Can I bring my mobile phone to school?

It would be best if these stayed at home. If you have to bring one into school then you will leave it with Mr Bessant and Miss Vousden at the school gate. You will collect it from here at the end of the day. Please bring it in a named sandwich bag.



Will I wear school uniform?

Yes, school looks a little different but we will all be just as smart as always. Each bubble has one day each week when they will come to school in their PE kit so that you can do PE but will not need to get changed in school.



What if I hurt myself at school or feel unwell?

If you hurt yourself at school you will come to the office and see Mrs North (yes she is still here!), Mrs Williamson or Mrs Hext. If they need to help you, they will wear a face mask, gloves and an apron. If you have symptoms of Covid-19 we will give you a room to stay in until your parents or carers are able to come and take you home. We will ask them to make an appointment so you can have a test so that we know when you will be able to return to school and when your family can stop self-isolating. If you have Covid-19 you will have to self-isolate for at least 7 days and your family for at least 14 days. The rest of your bubble will have to self-isolate too if you have Covid-19.