

Returning to Mill Rythe Junior School



What will my classroom be like?

You will be working in your new classrooms with the rest of your class, class teacher and teaching assistant. We will give you everything you need so you don't need to share anything. You don't need to bring anything into school with you apart from a water bottle and a bag for your reading star journal, reading book and home learning. Your teaching assistant will be with you at break time and your class will have their own adult at lunchtime. In class, your desks will be set out in rows but you may work in different places for different lessons.



What will my lessons be like?

Miss Ifould has made a great project for the first two days about mental health and wellbeing linked to the story 'Charlie changes into a chicken!' You will spend some time learning the new rules about being in school and sharing your lockdown experience if you want to. After this, our learning will be normal, with maths and English in the morning and everything else in the afternoon. We can't wait to teach you the brilliant curriculums that are planned in each year group.



Will we have PPA and assemblies?

Yes and no! Miss Lewis and Mr Timms will be teaching PE to our classes this term except for 6AF, who will have Miss Furlong. Mrs Tondeur will also be working with 6AF and 5SG on two afternoons each week during PPA sessions. These adults will aim to teach from a distance of 2 metres and I know you will help them with this. Classes will have their own assemblies and circle times across the week instead of our whole school assemblies.



How will I keep safe in school?

You will spend all day with your class, class teacher and teaching assistant so that you don't come into contact with other children – you will be your own class 'family'. If you work with any other adults, they will social-distance from you. You will be asked to wash or sanitise your hands regularly during the day and adults will help you do this properly. 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 snack and lunch?

You will eat your snack in the classroom after break. Please bring in your own fresh or dried fruit snack for playtime as the snack trolley will not be open. Lunches will be eaten in the classroom with your lunchtime adult. You can either bring a packed lunch from home or order a school dinner from the kitchen. Your parents and carers have the school kitchen menu.



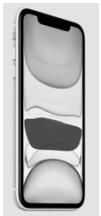
Can I play outside?

Yes, each class 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 will happen in three sessions so there will only be four classes outside at one time in each area. To keep everyone safe you won't be able to play with anyone from another class. 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 each morning. Each bubble has a different start and end time to help you social distance from other families. Only one adult can come to school with you. 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.



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. It must come to school in a named sandwich bag.



Can I wear a face mask/covering in school?

No, children and adults will not be wearing face masks or coverings in school. However, if you come to school on public transport and are aged 11 or over, you will need to wear one on the bus or in a taxi for example.

Your parents will help you to remove these safely and to store them for the rest of the day in the correct way. You must not touch the front of your face mask/covering when removing it and should then wash/sanitise your hands thoroughly.



Will I wear school uniform?

Yes, school looks a little different but we will all be just as smart as always. Each class has one day each week when they will come to school in their PE kit so that you can do PE without having to get changed in school. You will need to have a coat in school each day and a lightweight waterproof on your PE days. You will also need a carrier bag and a change of shoes on your PE days as we will be using the field.



What if I hurt myself at school or feel unwell?

If you hurt yourself at school you will be seen by your class teacher or teaching assistant for minor things. If something is more serious, you will come to the office and see Mrs Williamson, Mrs Ginn 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 class will have to self-isolate too if you have Covid-19. Don't worry, we will have plenty of work to help you with your learning at home.



Will we be swimming and are we able to go to clubs after school?

We are not planning to go swimming in the Autumn term as we will need to check that all of our other systems in school are working first. I expect us to return to using the pool in January. As we are all starting and finishing the day at different times, we cannot run our normal clubs in the Autumn term. I hope that we can return to these as soon as possible. We are planning to run our own breakfast and after school club.