

## **September Re-opening Coldfall Information for Parents– FAQs**

### ***1. What are we doing to create a low risk environment?***

The school is following very stringent guidelines from the government on preparing the school site and staff for a full and safe re-opening in September. This involves building on a hierarchy of protective measures to minimise risks. These include:

- applying strict rules to anyone (child or adult) displaying covid19 symptoms and closing classes if tests prove positive
- following the NHS test and trace requirements
- intensive regular daily handwashing and respiratory hygiene routines to be followed by children and staff
- the remodelling of classrooms with tables spaced out as far apart as possible with children seated so they are facing the front, reducing furniture and resources and keeping surfaces clear, regular cleaning of all areas, shared resources and touch points.
- enhanced cleaning arrangements for the whole school – the school will close early on Friday afternoons to allow for deep cleaning time.
- running classes in isolation from any other classes in school so minimising unnecessary contact. Consistent groups reduce the risk of transmission so each class should remain as a distinct group. There will be no assemblies or use of the dining hall.
- teaching the children about safe practice in terms of disease and transmission, no touching and good respiratory hygiene with the “Catch it, bin it, kill it” method.
- having strict rules around social distancing, hand washing and respiratory hygiene for everyone who comes to the school site (e.g. contractors).
- all staff will endeavour to remain socially distant from children especially those who teach across several classes.
- use of PPE where children become unwell, staff are dealing with intimate care needs or caring for children with specific special needs.
- all aspects of the school’s work are risk assessed in line with LA guidance for a pandemic. Risk assessments will be reviewed and updated regularly. They will be posted onto the school’s website.

### ***2. Can I choose to keep my child at home?***

From September it will be a statutory requirement that all children return to school. If you feel concerned at all about returning to school please get in touch with us so we can provide support and reassurance.

### ***3. What if my child has medical needs?***

Even children with medical needs, should be able to return to school in September unless your medical practitioner states otherwise and you are able to provide the school with relevant documentation.

### ***4. Can my child wear a face mask?***

Children who use a face mask to travel to school should remove them safely upon arrival at school and then immediately wash their hands. If your child wears a face mask please teach them how to take it off safely – they should be shown how to do this without touching their face or the mask itself, and then disposing of it in a lidded bin or if it is re-useable in a plastic bag, to be taken home for washing.

### ***5. What will the curriculum be like?***

The main emphasis initially will be on re-socialising the children and making them feel happy and safe. There will be lots of teaching to support their personal, social and emotional learning including teaching about health education and keeping safe. Teachers will work on consolidation of key English and maths skills to enable the children to begin to catch up on any missed learning. In PE there will be no contact sports or games. Our aim is however to teach a full, rich and exciting curriculum to all of our children. The curriculum plans for each year group will be posted onto the school website.

### ***6. How will the school engage with the government's "Big Catch Up" plan?***

The school is awaiting further guidance from the DFE concerning this. However, in the interim we plan to support those children identified by the school as having fallen significantly behind, by running reading support groups on a Friday afternoon. This provision will be for a limited number of pupils as the school's extensive weekly deep clean will be taking place simultaneously.

### ***7. What are the social distancing measures for the children?***

Children will be taught to keep their hands to themselves and not touch others and learn socially distant forms of greetings. Teachers will model socially distant interactions and children will be outdoors when possible or work in different areas of the classroom in the younger age groups. Each class will operate independently of any other so reducing any interactions. Lessons will be planned for individual work rather than pairings or groups. There will be no assemblies or use of the halls and lunches will be eaten in classrooms.

### ***8. How will the school manage break times?***

Break times will be staggered and each class will have their own designated play areas. The playground is split into 6 zoned areas and there will be a rotation of their use by class groups.

### ***9. What will lunchtimes be like? Will the school provide food?***

Children will be eating within their own classroom in order to keep the integrity of the class group. The school kitchen will provide a packed lunch menu with a meat and vegetarian/vegan option each day. Children in R-Y2 are eligible for a free school meal.

The packed lunches will cost £2.80 for children in N, Y3-6, unless eligible for a free school meal. Children may opt for a school packed lunch or bring in their own. After eating their lunches, the children will go out into their designated zoned area of the playground for a 30 minute playtime. As with break times, the lunch time breaks are also staggered to reduce the numbers of children outdoors at any one time.

### ***10. What will my child need to bring to school?***

Children will need to bring in their **packed lunch** (unless having a school packed lunch), a **water bottle** and **outer wear** if necessary. On the first day children will also need to bring in a **pencil case** containing the recommended stationery (3 HB pencils, sharpener, rubber, small ruler, scissors, glue stick and set of colouring pencils). The school will provide a stationary set for those eligible for free school meals. Stationery sets/pencil cases will need to remain in school once brought in. We also ask children to bring in their own **hand sanitiser** and **tissues** to be kept on their tables. **School reading books** should be returned on the day specified by your child's class teacher each week. Books will be quarantined for 72 hours before being re-circulated. No other items may be brought into school. All items must be named, as any unnamed lost items will be disposed of.

### ***11. What should my child wear to school?***

Children should wear their school uniform and this should be regularly washed. On very sunny days a named sunhat/cap may be worn. Any sunscreen will need to be applied at home. On cooler or wet days please bring in a named coat. Please ensure shoes worn to school can be done up independently by your child. On your class PE days, children should wear their PE kit to school – i.e. Coldfall t-shirt and sweat shirt, active wear bottoms or shorts and trainers or plimsolls. Everything must be named as unnamed lost items will be disposed of.

### ***12. Will children in Y5 & 6 be allowed to walk to and from school?***

Yes, we would encourage Y5 & 6 children to do this as this will help to develop their independence, prepare them for travel to their secondary schools and reduce the numbers of people having contact outside the school gates. Any accompanying parents will not be allowed to access the school site.

### **13. How can I communicate with my child's teacher?**

Parents will not be allowed access to the school site unless they have a specific appointment. If parents have urgent information or queries then these will need to be communicated by email or telephone via the school office. Teachers will not be able to speak to parents in the playground. Please email: [office@coldfall.haringey.sch.uk](mailto:office@coldfall.haringey.sch.uk)

### **14. What will be the handwashing routines for the children?**

Children will need to wash their hands regularly throughout the day. First thing in the morning is crucial, at break times, after using the toilets, before eating food, and after using shared resources. Please ensure children wash their hands also as soon as they arrive home each evening. Each classroom has soap, paper towels and hand sanitiser which will be stocked up twice a day. Children will be taught how to wash their hands for 20 seconds in line with NHS guidance.

Please send in hand sanitiser with your child to be kept in their pencil case.

### **15. Will the school be offering any extended day provision?**

The school is planning on making after school clubs provision for each year group separately up until 5.00pm Monday to Thursday. There will be a maximum of 30 places per year group club (26 in Nursery) with priority given to families where both parents are working full time or single parents are working full time and thereafter on a first come first served basis. The clubs will offer a variety of activities including arts and sports. We aim for these to start in the week beginning 14 September. Further information regarding these will follow.

### **16. What happens if a child or teacher in my child's class becomes ill with the covid19 symptoms?**

If it is your child you will be informed immediately to come and collect them. The affected child/adult will need to take a covid19 test as soon as possible. If the test proves positive then all members of the class will need to isolate for 14 days. The school will need to engage with the NHS test and trace system. Public Health will also issue instructions to the school around its operations and next steps.

### **17. If classes or the school has to close how will my child be supported in their learning?**

The school will immediately ensure that the remote learning provision is re-established for the children through the Google Classroom or Tapestry platforms. This will involve a daily programme of learning, weekly videos and a weekly zoom meeting with small groups of children so that the teacher can maintain good contact.

If you encounter any problems with the remote learning please contact: Ana Clave on [gcsupport@coldfall.haringey.sch.uk](mailto:gcsupport@coldfall.haringey.sch.uk)

**18. Will the school be setting homework?**

The school will be setting homework each week using the Google Classroom platform or Tapestry (for N and R children). This will consist of a weekly spelling activity, reading activity, maths tables and topic. The children will be able to upload their learning onto the platform.

Reading books for the younger classes (R-Y2) will be sent home each week. There will be no home reading diary. Books will need to be returned on your child's class designated day, as books will need to be quarantined for 72 hours upon return.

**19. What should I do if I have children in 2 different year groups returning to school with different start and finish times?**

Due to stringent social distancing restrictions imposed upon the school the staggered drop off and collection times will need to be adhered to and parents may have to return to the site twice. We would encourage parents to make arrangements with other families from the same classes to help them manage the drop off and collection times.

**20. How will drop off and collection work?**

Entry will be much like going to the shops where people queue to enter at a social distance. Only one adult should drop off or collect any child and ideally Y5 & 6 should come alone. As this is a crucial time when there will be more people coming to the school site there is separate guidance for this, detailing entrances, exits and timings. It will be essential that these are strictly adhered to. Please do not bring dogs to the site as this will distract young children from entering swiftly and cause delays.

**Please also refer to the Parent Safety Rules and watch the video on the home page on the school website**

**Thank you very much for your support!**