



Year 6 Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Class ‘Bubble’?

- A group of between 10-15 children
- Pupils and staff will stay in the bubble all day, with a designated indoor and outdoor space
- Children will be spread out in class and there will be staggered playtimes/lunchtimes, drop off/collection times
- Children will be encouraged to stay in their bubbles at playtimes. There will be designated areas on the playground and field
- Less sharing of equipment - children will have their own desk and tray with equipment and books
- No bags other than lunch boxes, which will be kept at the child’s desk, will be allowed
- Outside spaces will be used more, moving in corridors less and a one way system will be used whenever possible
- Each bubble will have its own designated bathroom

Will my child be with their class teacher?

This is unlikely to be the case. Each class will be split into groups of between 10 and 15 children meaning that the majority of them will be taught by a different member of staff.

Will my child be in their original classroom?

Again, this is unlikely. In order to keep the children in groups of no more than 10-15, we will be using classrooms not needed by other year groups. We will also need to repurpose some rooms so that we can continue to provide care for vulnerable/key worker children who have attended throughout the lockdown period.

Will my child be socially distanced 100% of the time?

The guidance from the DfE is clear: the focus is on bubbles of 10-15 children. Children will be distanced in the classroom however; we cannot guarantee that this will be 2m due to the size of the room and the number of pupils.

The focus will be on:

- Minimising contact and not mixing bubbles
- Avoiding contact with anyone with symptoms
- Frequent hand washing and good respiratory practices
- Regular cleaning

Will home learning continue?

Home learning will continue for **all** children in **all** year groups.

What are the times of the Academy day?

The Academy will be open from 8:45 -3:15 and parents will be allocated a drop off and collection time in order to ensure families can be socially distanced.

Can all my children come in if I have a Year 6 child returning?

Unfortunately not.

What will happen if my child is in Year 6 but I chose not to send him/her in?

The decision you make regarding returning your child, when their year groups is identified, to the Academy is fully respected and the Governing Body and government are very clear that there is **no penalty** for not returning your child. You will **not** be fined for non-attendance

If my child does attend the Academy, what will their day look like? Are they being taught or offered child care?

For all children returning, our primary aim is to support mental wellbeing, especially given the reality that so many of them will have missed family and friends, and will find themselves returning to a very different school experience from that which they remember. Initially, we will spend time doing lots of activities to support wellbeing. As children settle into school, we feel it is important to have routine and structure within their day, and normalise back to being in school as much as possible. At this point, children will receive structured teaching sessions. We have no intention of putting pressure to cram or catch up on missed learning.

Will my child get to see and play with their friends?

Children will be placed in a bubble, split alphabetically. This means that they *could* have some of their friends with them, but not all. The bubble will play together throughout the day but they will not mix with other bubbles. Given the level of planning and organisation currently needed to reopen safely, we do not have the capacity to organise bubbles by way of friendship groups. Health and safety must be a priority as we reopen and we apologise we cannot do more here.

Will my child have to wear uniform?

In the interests of safety and ease we ask for children to come in fresh, clean clothes daily. Summer uniform can be worn or PE style clothes and sensible trainer footwear for multipurpose activities. This means that there will be no need to change during the day for outdoor activities and prevents the need for PE kits (extra bags) in school.

Will lunch be provided?

Lunch will be provided by the Academy catering contractors and the menu is available to you in the normal way. Lunches must be paid for through SchoolGateway as usual. Your child can bring a packed lunch however, this must contain an ice pack as it will be with them, at their desk, through out the day.

What are the Playtime and Lunchtime routines?

Playtimes and lunchtimes will be staggered to restrict the number of children on the playground. At playtime, your child's group will be encouraged to social distance, however we cannot enforce children to keep 2 metres apart. We will prevent games that involve touching (tag for example) and prevent direct contact.

How will I drop off and collect my child?

Drop off and pick up times will be staggered to minimise the number of families on site. This will be with **ONE** parent/carer only. You will be allocated a time to arrive. **Please note:** Year 6 children will be allowed to walk to and from the Academy on their own however staff cannot be responsible for enforcing social distancing once they leave the Academy site.

Parents/Carers will not be allowed on the Academy site. Any questions or concerns can be emailed or communicated over the phone. We will not be offering any face-to-face meetings.

How can I communicate with my child's teacher?

- For the safety of our office staff, we ask you to communicate with the office via email or phone, even if you are on the premises
- All items required for the day should enter the Academy with your child. Forgotten items should not be brought in and will not be accepted.
- If you do have to come to the office, for example to collect your child if they are unwell, only one person at a time and please stand at least two metres away from the office window.

Transition to Secondary School

During this period there will not be any visits to secondary schools nor will secondary school staff visit the Academy to speak to your child. Information regarding your child's academic and personal achievements have been requested by your child's allocated secondary school and this has already been provided by Mrs Rodney. The SATs will not be carried out, by the Academy, this academic year.

How will the Academy be cleaned?

The Academy has been deep cleaned and daily cleaning routines are well established. Cleaning materials have been made available to staff to clean in the day, when appropriate. The Academy has worked closely with the cleaning contractors to ensure a high standard of cleaning, the provision of cleaning materials and the implementation of the guidance from Public Health England.

What do Parents do if their child or a member of their household has a suspected COVID-19?

Do Not bring your child to the Academy. Arrange a COVID-19 test for your child or member of your household. Self isolate whilst waiting for the results. Depending upon the test result take the required action outlined by the current government advice. If you need additional information please do not hesitate to contact the Academy office.

What will St Peter and St Paul do if there is a suspected COVID-19 case?

- A separate, ventilated room has been identified which will only be used for suspected cases
- The child will be supervised by an adult who will wear PPE equipment
- The parent will be called to come and collect the child
- The child will be given a face covering to wear (to protect others) when they leave the building to be collected by their parents
- The parent will be requested to apply for a COVID -19 test for their child
- The isolation room will then be thoroughly cleaned
- All pupils and staff in the affected bubble will be asked to self-isolate whilst the suspected case is tested. If the test is negative the children and staff in the affected bubble will be able to return to the Academy

What happens if there is a confirmed case?

The child/staff member would self-isolate for 7 days, with the rest of the household isolating for 14 days. Any child or member of staff who displays symptoms are encouraged to be tested for COVID-19. Where the child/staff member tests negative, they can return to the Academy.

Where the test is positive, the bubble will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. Household members of the bubble do not need to self-isolate unless the child/staff member subsequently develops symptoms.

Shielding and extremely clinically vulnerable families

Children classed as extremely clinically vulnerable due to pre-existing medical conditions are not expected to return to the Academy. Those classed as clinically vulnerable should follow medical advice as to whether to return to the Academy at this time. If your child lives with an extremely clinically vulnerable adult then they should only attend if stringent social distancing can be adhered to. As an Academy we cannot guarantee that, therefore your child will need to stay at home

Safeguarding

Our key priority is always the care and safeguarding of children. We are in regular contact with many families and pupils but, if you have a non-urgent safeguarding issue, please or email the Academy office on admin@stpstp.co.uk and ask for Mrs Seymour, Miss Everson or Miss Henry. If something is urgent, you can contact the Bromley MASH (multi agency safeguarding hub) on 020 8461 7373