



September Bubble – Parent FAQ

Below are the questions and responses we received about the wider reopening in September. We may have paraphrased some of the questions and where they were regarding individuals, we have made them generic.

1. Can my child come home for lunch?

For the time being we have stopped home dinners. The dinners are now 45 minutes in length to facilitate the whole academy having staggered lunches. We are trying to minimise the traffic into the academy to lower the risk of infection to the children and the staff. The only exception that will be made is for children with SEN needs. Parents must contact the SENCO (Mrs Neighbour) to discuss this.

2. I was just wondering is the academy early close time on a Friday in September a new and permanent thing?

No. It is not a permanent switch. It has been done to enable us to make the academy as safe as possible for our children and staff at this time. If successful, it might be something we may look at in the future. For that to happen, it would involve a 3 month consultation with parents.

3. Is it possible to request an early start time 8:30 and a late finish time 3:30?

The staggered start time is to ensure the academy can maintain a safe environment for the children, staff and families. This system will be done using the surname initials. This ensures all siblings enter at the same time. There are 3 slots (8:30-8:40/3:00-3:10 for A-G) (8:40-8:50/3:10-3:20 H-O) (8:50-9:00/3:20-3:30 P-Z). It is envisaged the breakfast club and after academy club will be open. The only exceptions are for children who access our Enhanced Provision room.

4. Is it possible to request a time slot for Friday lunch time arrangements?

No. The staggered start times are for everyone's safety. (12:00-12:10 A-G) (12:10-12:20 H-O) (12:20-12:30 P-Z). There are two exceptions 1. For children who attend the Enhanced Provision Room 2. Any child having an academy dinner will leave at 12:20.

5. How do we book hot dinners?

Good question and one we will get back to you on. We are looking into a number of ways to do this. More information will follow.

6. I am a childminder and have multiple children to pick up with different surnames, can they all have the same drop off and pick up.

Great question. Yes if you are a childminder picking up a number of children that can be arranged through the office. Unfortunately, this is not the case for parents picking up other children on an ad hoc basis.

7. Are there any plans to get back to normal in future? Children staying in class bubbles etc. This is ruining children's childhoods and I think it needs a rethink.

We all want to return to what we know as normal. The restrictions are in place to protect the children, staff and families until a time when it is safe to return. If we were to allow children to mix from each bubble, spend playtimes with the rest of the children as they normally would, it could cause the virus to spread. If we operated like this and one of our children or staff tested positive for the virus, the whole academy would have to close for everyone for 14 days. Operating in class bubbles allows us to only close one bubble, if unfortunately someone tests positive.