



# Date Valley School

## Parent Guide for Returning to School

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NEENA LONE HEADTEACHER

DATE: 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2020

# Headteacher message

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Assalamu'alaykum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh

Verily, with every hardship comes ease! (Qur'an 94:6)

Hardship does not last forever. Everyone experiences difficulty, events in life that may seem insurmountable. The believer must be confident that the difficulty will pass and that they will be rewarded for patience. Just as nothing in this world is forever, neither is this Covid-19 pandemic, Alhamdulillah.

I know that this is such a worrying time for families. I can assure you that we are very carefully planning each step to ensure we safeguard your child whilst in our care.

Anas ibn Malik reported: A man said, "O Messenger of Allah, should I tie my camel and trust in Allah, or should I leave her untied and trust in Allah?" The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "Tie her and trust in Allah." (Sunan al-Tirmidhī)

We are currently working on the final details and doing our part in tying our camel and inshaa' Allah we will be ready and prepared to re-open and welcome you back to school. Thereafter, we place our trust in Allah. It is important that parents read this guide, understand the next steps and work with us, so together we can resume a smooth operation and once again begin to achieve great things.

I thank you for your support through this unprecedented period and look forward to seeing you and your children very soon inshaa' Allah.

JazaakumAllahu Khayran

# Safety Measures

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The school will carry out a deep clean before pupils return on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020.

Thereafter, we will be undertaking regular cleaning procedures throughout the school day to minimise the spread of germs.

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Parents will be expected to adhere to the social distancing rule outside the school premises keeping to 2 metres apart. 2-metre markers will be set out on the ground at all entrances.

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Children are not required to bring books or book bags to school. They must bring their packed lunch and water bottle in a plastic bag (more details later).

They must not bring in anything else from home. Please ensure they adhere to these rules.

# Dropping off and collecting your child:

We will be staggering drop off and pick up times to ensure social distancing is maintained and so that not all pupils enter and leave school at the same time using the same entrance and exit.

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Nursery start time is 9.15am and end time is 2.45pm.

They will be entering and leaving school using the middle door at the back of the school.

Reception start time is 9.00am and end time is 3.00pm. They will be entering and leaving school through the side door at the back of the school.

There will be no Morning Hifth or Early Starters for Early Years children.

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Year 6 start time is 8.00am and end time is 3.20pm

EXCEPT on Wednesdays when the end time is 12.30pm.

They will be entering and leaving school using the middle door at the back of the school.

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Parents will not have access to the school playground. You will hand over your child to their designated adult at the green school gates in the morning.

We will dismiss your child to you at the school gates at the end of your child's school day.

We request you to be on time both in the morning and afternoon.

# Entrances: some photos

Reception will enter and leave school through the side door.



All children will enter school through the green gates



Nursery and Y6 will enter and leave school through the middle door (at different times).



# Safety Measures in Class

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Year 6 pupils will be in ONE bubble of 14. There will be social distancing and space between desks.

Each child will have a set seating position.

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Nursery and Reception children will be placed in a bubble of 12-14 children and will have one key adult looking after them.

They will have more access to outdoor learning to promote movement, play and physical development.

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Pupils will be provided with their own set of stationery to use in school. This will minimise contact and cross contamination through sharing.

All equipment and stationery will be wiped at the end of the day.

# Outdoor Provision: some photos



Colour-coded tricycles for each Nursery bubble.



Colour-coded climbing frame for each Nursery bubble.



Colour-coded equipment for each bubble to use.

# Classroom Provision: some photos

Nursery



Reception



Year 6



# Handwashing Procedures

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Regular handwashing will be conducted as a class during the day as well as:

1. As soon as they arrive at school
2. After sneezing or coughing
3. Before and after handling or eating food
4. After going to the toilet

We will have hand-washing stations set up in each classroom.

**We will reinforce the 20-second rule for handwashing**

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Each class will have their own washing facility. There will also be wipes for surfaces and hand sanitisers.

There will also be a daily cleaning schedule being implemented during the school day.

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All communal areas will have a provision for washing hands.



# Uniform and Equipment

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Early Years should wear fresh clean clothes, that are practical wear for the school day. Outfits should be changed every day.

Year 6 children should wear fresh clean uniform and alternate it with their PE uniform, if uniform items cannot be washed at the end of every day. They should wear PE uniform as usual on Tuesdays.

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All unnecessary items have been removed from all classrooms.

Soft furnishings have been removed from all classrooms to allow cleaning to be effective.

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All equipment, resources and toys in Early Years and Year 6 will be washed and disinfected at the end of every day.

# Playtime and lunchtime

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At play times for Year 6 we will try to ensure social distancing guidelines are adhered to as much as possible.

We will also introduce games and activities for the pupils to participate in which will allow for social distancing.

They will be encouraged to use the open space surrounding the school more.

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At lunch times children will be eating either in their own classroom or, weather permitting, outdoors in their own bubble with their adult.

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Children need to bring their lunch in a labelled disposable bag, which will be thrown away after they have finished. Please ensure you do not pack too much food which may end up being discarded.

Water bottles need to be disposable too. Please make sure they are labelled with your child's name.

# Communication

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If your child is clinically vulnerable, you should follow medical advice to decide if they should come back to school. Please refer to the government guidance for this:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/people-at-higher-risk/whos-at-higher-risk-from-coronavirus/>

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Please note the school office will have restricted access to parents, dealing with urgent queries only. Any non-urgent queries should be either addressed via email or telephone.

Non-essential visitors will not be permitted to enter the school until further notice.



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Any meetings with the headteacher and / or other staff must be pre-booked. Face to face meetings will only take place if deemed absolutely necessary, and cannot be conducted via telephone or online meeting. Face to face meetings will be conducted in accordance with social distancing guidelines.

# In the event of someone becoming unwell

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The school has a supply of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including disposable gloves, aprons and fluid-resistant surgical face masks. These will be used if a child or adult becomes unwell whilst being in school.

We have 2 medical bays set up; 1 will be specifically for individuals displaying symptoms of Coronavirus.

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If any child or adult becomes unwell with a new continuous cough or a high temperature whilst at school, they will be sent home.

While the pupil is awaiting collection, they will be placed in a separate room, away from others, until they are collected. It is vital we can contact parents immediately, so please ensure your contact details held by the school are up to date.

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Staff will ensure movement in and around the school is minimised. No more than one pupil will be permitted to leave their classroom to use the toilet or other areas of the school during lesson time.

This is the reason for the restrictions on pupil numbers in school.