



Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020

Dear parents and guardians,

**Full Reopening Plan Implementation Date: September 2020**

***This re-opening plan follows the guidance issued by the DFE on 02 July 2020***

**Rationale (information directly stated by the Department for Education):**

The DFE have stated that, 'It is our plan that all pupils, in all year groups, will return to school full-time from the beginning of the autumn term. Returning to school is vital for children's education and for their wellbeing. Time out of school is detrimental for children's cognitive and academic development, particularly for disadvantaged children. This impact can affect both current levels of learning and children's future ability to learn, and therefore we need to ensure all pupils can return to school sooner rather than later. In relation to working in schools, whilst it is not possible to ensure a totally risk-free environment, the Office of National Statistics' analysis suggests that staff in educational settings tend not to be at any greater risk from the disease than many other occupations. There is no evidence that children transmit the disease any more than adults.

Given the improved position, the balance of risk is now overwhelmingly in favour of children returning to school. In welcoming all children back this autumn, schools will be asked to minimise the number of contacts that a pupil has during the school day as part of implementing the system of controls outlined below to reduce the risk of transmission. If schools follow the guidance set out here, they can be confident they are managing risk effectively.

***All schools must cover them all, but the way different schools implement some of the requirements will differ based on their individual circumstances due to school layout and resources available. There cannot be a 'one-size-fits-all' approach where the system of controls describes every scenario.***

Based on the specific guidance issued to all schools in England, please see the information below for Krishna Avanti Primary School return to full opening plan for September 2020.

These arrangements have been put into place following a robust risk assessment process, evaluating and building on what has worked since our successful phased reopening at the beginning of June. We continue to adapt our practice according to ongoing guidance and will communicate any changes with you as they arise.

Last week, the School Stakeholder Committee SSC, in line with the robust risk assessment, were consulted and agreed the arrangements for September unless the situation changes.





Please see below;

The school day will start from 7.45am. Nursery pupils will enter the Nursery classroom side door. A teacher will welcome the children into class. They are picked up at 10.45am or at 2.15pm promptly.

Pupils in Year Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will go through the main green gate. This is the normal entrance for pupils. They are picked up promptly at 2.10pm

Pupils in Year 3 and 4 will go through the main entrance to the building and straight through into the atrium, leading through to the outside of the temple. They will walk into their classroom through the side entrance. They will be escorted to the main entrance and picked up at 2.15pm promptly from Key stage 1 playground.

Pupils in Year 5 and 6 will line up by the disabled parking point. They will be escorted into the school by the back entrance of the school. At the end of the day you will be required to form a queue as we dismiss each child. Pupils are picked up promptly at 2.25pm by the entrance of the school.

**There will be many adults around the school to ensure pupils are safe. Therefore, parents and carers are not allowed to take their child to the classroom in Year 3, 4, 5 & 6. This is to minimise the number of adults wandering around and therefore reducing viral transmission. Please do not stand around to chat. Leave the school premises as quickly as possible.**

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Start Time and Details</b>	<b>Finish Time and Details</b>
Nursery (Morning)	07:45am (drop off at classroom)	10.45am (pick up at the classroom)
Nursery (entitled to 30 hours)	07:45am (drop off at classroom)	2.15pm (pick up at the classroom)
Nursery (Afternoon)	11.15am (drop off at classroom)	2.15pm (pick up at the classroom)
Reception, Year 1, Year 2	07:45am (go through the main green gate)	2.10pm (pick up at the classroom)
Year 3 and 4	07:45am go through the main entrance of the building and straight through into the atrium	2.15pm promptly from the Key stage 1 playground
Year 5 and 6	07:45am line up by the disabled parking point	2.25pm by the entrance of the school

**Siblings will go home at the earlier time – see q&a below for further details.**





We look forward to seeing all of the children once again, and would like to reassure you that the safety of our school community is our priority. We will continue to review the arrangements we have already implemented and update you with any changes as and when we make them. We hope that these arrangements provide you with the information you need to support your child's return to school. Please continue to encourage good infection control practices, such as thorough handwashing, at home and keep your child informed about the things they can do to discourage the spread of infection.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email from Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September to your child's class teacher (please see email links below):

[KAPSH.Nursery@avanti.org.uk](mailto:KAPSH.Nursery@avanti.org.uk)  
[KAPSH.Reception@avanti.org.uk](mailto:KAPSH.Reception@avanti.org.uk)  
[KAPSH.Year1@avanti.org.uk](mailto:KAPSH.Year1@avanti.org.uk)  
[KAPSH.Year2@avanti.org.uk](mailto:KAPSH.Year2@avanti.org.uk)  
[KAPSH.Year3@avanti.org.uk](mailto:KAPSH.Year3@avanti.org.uk)  
[KAPSH.Year4@avanti.org.uk](mailto:KAPSH.Year4@avanti.org.uk)  
[KAPSH.Year5@avanti.org.uk](mailto:KAPSH.Year5@avanti.org.uk)  
[KAPSH.Year6@avanti.org.uk](mailto:KAPSH.Year6@avanti.org.uk)

Please forward questions that have not already been answered via email to your child's class teacher or if your enquiry is more general, please email [kapsharrow@avanti.org.uk](mailto:kapsharrow@avanti.org.uk) and I or a member of the Senior Management Team will attempt to answer you as soon as possible.

On behalf of team Krishna Avanti, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for supporting the school over the past months and supporting your child with their distance learning, and we look forward to seeing everyone in September.

## **Frequently asked Questions**

### **When will children return to school?**

The children in Nursery and Reception will receive letters. They have a phased induction to begin with. Children in Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 will return to school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

### **Why are we continuing with having children in a 'bubble'?**

In order to minimise contact between all of the children who are attending school, schools have been directed to create 'bubbles' so that contact is minimised. Every school setting is different so all schools will take into consideration their own setting, building layout, staffing, class sizes, team teaching, lunchtimes, playtimes, entrances and exits. Whilst we will ensure that children remain with their base class for the majority of the time, we have created the following bubbles to ensure we are able to provide the logistics required for the school to run:





**Early Years:** Nursery and Reception

**Key Stage 1:** Year 1 and 2

**Key Stage 2:** Year 3 and 4

**Key Stage 2:** Year 5 and 6

### Why have we decided on the phase bubbles?

If we remain purely with class bubbles, then we need to facilitate a more staggered drop off and collection times, individual morning and afternoon playtimes and individual lunchtimes as children would not be allowed to be in the same area (dining room or playground) at the same time. It would also mean that the Year 1 and Year 2 children would not be able to walk through the corridor to the hall. By using phase bubbles, it means that the children can have access to the prasadam/dining room instead of having to eat in their classrooms. They can have playtimes with friends who may be in a different class (whilst maintaining social distancing). Targeted teaching can take place for children who are in mixed classes, staff can move between the classes in their phase bubbles to offer support and deliver group or individual interventions. We are able to track and trace groups of children and staff if required in the event that an individual has a positive test result for Covid-19 and a bubble needs to be closed to self-isolate for 14 days. For most of the day children will be in their class bubbles and Phase bubbles will be for instances where children move between classes for targeted teaching, break and lunchtimes.

### What happens if I have different children in different year groups with different drop off and collection times?

Our school day will start at 07.45am for all children. We have minimised disruption by having a minimal staggered collection time. However, this may not work for some parents. If your child has a sibling you will collect both children at the youngest child's time slot. The class teacher will ensure we arrange the correct pick up time.

We urge parents to make every effort to keep to these times to minimise the number of people on site at any one time. **There should only be 1 accompanying adult with any child at drop off or collection this is in line with the Government guidelines to ensure we are limiting the number of adults on the premises.**

### Where do I drop my child off or collect my child from?

Look at the tabled information at the beginning of the letter.

All parents and carers to the school must adhere to the social distancing rules whilst on site and whilst waiting for your child. **Please note that parents will not be able to stop and talk to the teacher at drop off or collection time as there will be a build-up of other adults and children waiting. Should parents wish to communicate with their child's class teacher can they please send an email (email addresses shown above) to the individual year groups.**





We envisage the drop off and collections taking slightly longer than they would do usually and we ask parents to be patient, particularly during the first couple of weeks as we all become familiar with the new routine.

### **Will I be able to park on the school site?**

No, our gates will be closed leading up to school opening time. You will **not** be able to drive onto the school site and where possible, we advise walking to school as the bike and scooter shed is closed. If you do need to drive please ensure you are considerate when parking outside the school and do not block driveways of neighbours. A separate letter regarding this important matter will be sent out.

### **What if my child arrives late?**

You must ring the buzzer at the front entrance and then wait by entrance. Please be aware you may have to wait patiently, as most staff are helping children to settle into school. If your child is late on more than two occasions a meeting will be arranged to discuss the matter.

### **I have a Nursery/Reception child who has never been to school before – I am worried about them settling into the school**

We are currently reviewing the best approach for our youngest members of school as it still remains the case that we cannot invite parents to stay and play sessions in the Nursery and Reception as we normally would do. We will be considering the best approach for the children to begin their journey with us, but this will take place over sessions in the first weeks of starting back and we ask that parents are patient as we endeavour to ensure the children feel safe and secure when starting. This may impact on the number of days / sessions which nursery children are offered over the first two weeks of term.

### **Can adults bring children inside school or to the school doors?**

No. Adults are asked to say goodbye to the children on the pathway – the children know our school (or will get to know our school quickly) and will become very familiar with this new routine – we have seen this with the keyworker children since March and it has been very successful.

### **I need to speak to my child's teacher – what do I do?**

We have set up class group emails to for parents to make contact with their child's class teacher. Teachers will be teaching and so will return calls or emails at the end of the day or as soon as possible as staff will be unable to ring during the school day, with the exception of raising medical needs.

### **Does my child have to return to school in September?**

Yes. The government have issued formal guidance stating that school attendance is mandatory. This means all children are expected to come back to school.





### **What if I, or someone in my household, is shielding?**

Shielding advice for all adults and children will pause on 1<sup>st</sup> August, subject to a continued decline in the rates of community transmission of coronavirus. This means that the small number of pupils who will remain on the shielded patient list can also return to school, as can those who have family members who are shielding. Some pupils no longer required to shield but who generally remain under the care of a specialist health professional may need to discuss their care with their health professional before returning to school in September. Where children are not able to attend school as parents are following clinical and/or public health advice, a meeting will need to be arranged with you. Please let us know if this affects you. As a school, we are committed to ensuring the safety, happiness and well-being of all of our children. We know it will not be an easy transition for some children who will have been at home for 5 months and we ask parents to let us support the children in school with their routines and building relationships with peers and adults.

### **I have had to rebook my holiday due to the lockdown – what will happen?**

We are still unable to authorise any term time applications for holidays apart from ones that may come under exceptional circumstances. If you choose to book your holiday during term time due to limitations placed by holiday companies i.e. if the holiday was booked and due to take place prior to September a meeting will be arranged to discuss each case. You will need to submit appropriate evidence to the school.

### **Children have missed so much of school, therefore will they be behind in their learning?**

As we welcome the children back into school, there will be an adapted recovery curriculum to ensure we are assessing where the children are at academically and focus on targeted teaching to support children to get 'back on track'. Where appropriate content that children would have normally been taught, but have missed since March, will be taught in the autumn term. We fully appreciate the support and learning children have undertaken at home during the lockdown period, but understand that learning is not usually a solitary task and this will have impacted all children on some level. Some of the lessons we would usually teach may be pitched at a different level and the emphasis will be on the core skills, such as reading, phonics and key maths concepts. We ask parents to support us with this by practising and encouraging children to read and complete their home learning each week.

**We ask parents to support their child to complete the summer learning so that the children have a head start in September.**

- ✓ Harrow summer reading challenge.
- ✓ Learn your times tables if you are in Key stage 2.
- ✓ Online handbook of resources - please see link on each year group's website page under distance learning.
- ✓ Please direct your child to this so that they are aware of what is available to support them.





- ✓ Keep a daily diary. This is a great way to practise your handwriting and English skills.
- ✓ Complete the Red Cross British Kindness activities. <https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-involved/teaching-resources/summer-of-kindness-calendar>  
Bring all your learning to school in September. We are looking forward to celebrating it!

We will also be reviewing the curriculum to ensure the children have capacity and opportunity to re-establish relationships and develop their growth mind-set, 'build learning power' and mindfulness to support all areas of their wellbeing, as well as relearning routines.

### **Will Fun Development and after school clubs still be on offer?**

In order that 'bubbles' remain consistent there will be no clubs. We will review the situation and keep you updated.

Government guidelines clearly states that places of work must be considerate and flexible (see guidelines below) therefore you may wish to make appropriate arrangements within your workplace to ensure your child is collected on time as there will be no clubs at this present time. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

### **Will the children be able to have carpet time?**

Yes. Children will be able to have limited carpet time, as guidance states that transmission occurs when in direct face-to-face contact with an individual for more than 15 minutes. For this reason, carpet time will be limited. The educators will remain 1+ / 2 metre distance from the children where possible and we will be adapting our curriculum accordingly.

### **Will the children all have to sit in rows in their classroom?**

Nursery, Reception and Year 1 – No. The children will have small grouped tables where they are sat side by side and opposite other children, 2 table distances apart – this will allow for the sharing of practical resources which are relied upon in the younger years. These resources will be cleaned and disinfected regularly.

Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 – Yes. The children will sit side by side and partner work will be facilitated. For group discussion, the children will pair up with the children sat in the rows behind them. This will also be dependent on the space available within each classroom, dependent on class sizes.

### **Will the children sit together (opposite each other) at lunch time?**

Yes. Due to extending the lunch hour children will sit with members of their own class. The children from the other classes in their phase bubble will be in the dining room together, so that hot meals can be served and we have adequate adult supervision. The tables and chairs will be thoroughly cleaned between each lunch sitting.





### Will there still be assemblies and worship?

No, we will not be doing our normal assembly or large gatherings in the temple. A weekly celebration assembly will be held in the classroom and certificates will be sent home with the children.

### Will the children see their friends if they are not in the same class?

Yes. By implementing phase bubbles, we are able to have phased breaks at different times, which will allow the children full use of the playground, therefore more space and they will have the opportunity to see friends and build relationships with children who may be in a different class (social distancing will be encouraged). Each phase bubble will have their own playground equipment so we are minimising the risk of infection through minimising the use of shared resources.

### Will children have to wear uniform?

Yes. On return to school in September, children are required to wear full uniform. On the days when they have PE or yoga, we would like the children to wear their PE kit instead of school uniform so that changing is not required at school. This is to minimise close personal contact. Please note that **PE kit is NOT non-uniform**. Please see website for the correct uniform list.

### When is my child's P.E or yoga day?

Please note that a timetable will be put on the website, under the year group heading in September.

It is really important that children's clothes are named so that they are able to be returned to their owner immediately – this is particularly important for jumpers and coats as parents will not be able to come into the school to look for misplaced items.

### Can the children bring their own pencil cases and bags to school?

Yes. Children are strongly recommended to bring their own pencil cases and stationery to school in September. However, they will not be able to take it home each day. It will remain on their desk. This will reduce the risk of viral transmission. Please make sure items are labelled and not shared with other pupils. In addition, we shall provide equipment they will need in the classroom. Children may bring a small school bag which should have essentials only:

- A reusable water bottle – with their name on it
- Coat / hat / gloves when the weather becomes cold - named

It is really important that children's items are named so that they are able to be returned to their owner immediately.







### **Will my child get help from the teacher if they need it?**

Yes. Teachers will maintain social distancing wherever possible, but they will be able to spend short amounts of time with children during independent work to support them with their learning.

### **Will my child's learning be marked?**

We will aim to mark children's learning where it is safe and appropriate to do so wearing the correct PPE. We guarantee all children will have direct verbal feedback about their learning with the teacher either via groups or individually. Immediate feedback will be given as the children are working independently where appropriate and any independent or extended written work will be assessed by the teacher as they would do normally and recorded using our assessment programme (which generates the parent consultation discussion). Self-assessment and whole class or group marking will also take place when appropriate.

### **Can children wear masks at school?**

No. The guidance is very clear that masks should not be worn by children at school and have issued instructions for guiding children in the safe removal of children's masks if they arrive at school wearing one. However, we will consider the sensitive nature of this. Please let your child's class teacher know if you have a query about this matter.

### **What happens if a child or staff member feels unwell?**

If anyone in the school becomes unwell with

- A new, continuous cough
- A high temperature
- has a loss of or change in their normal sense of taste or smell

They will be sent home and advised to follow 'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection'.

This means that:

- A test should be arranged to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19) – this should be arranged via the NHS website.
- If the test is positive, the child / staff member must self-isolate for at least 7 days. Other members of the household should self-isolate for 14 days.
- If the test is negative, the child or staff member may return to school once they feel better.

### **Will parents be told if a child or staff member is sent home?**

No. Until a test result is received, no parents or staff will be notified. If the individual's test is returned as positive, then an email message will be sent out to the children / adults who are in the same bubble, stating that their bubble will be closing for 14 days. This closure will take place with immediate effect so parents / carers will need to ensure that all contact details are up to date and messages are checked regularly during the school day in case we need to





request individual or bubbles of children are to be collected. It may be advisable to notify any employers that this is a possibility and have a childcare backup plan.

**What happens if my child’s bubble closes?**

In the event that we need to close a school bubble, then the staff and children must self-isolate at home and should be monitored for any symptoms for 14 days. Other members of the household do NOT need to self-isolate unless the individual who has attended school shows symptoms. Siblings who are in other bubbles at school may continue to attend school. We shall notify you of the return to school date at the point of closure. Online learning will be available within 48 hours of the bubble closing and we will email and text accordingly, as we have done since lockdown began.

**What happens if there are more than 1 confirmed case of Coronavirus (Covid-19)?**

If schools have two or more confirmed cases within 14 days, or an overall rise in sickness absence where coronavirus (COVID-19) is suspected, they may have an outbreak, and must continue to work with their local health protection team who will be able to advise if additional action is required.

In some cases, health protection teams may recommend that a larger number of other pupils self-isolate at home as a precautionary measure – this may include the whole school site.

We hope the detailed letter will help your child and yourself prepare for September. We want to keep you informed with up to date changes and to ensure we have a happy, healthy community as we move forward together in these unprecedented times.

Thank you in advance for your support. We continue to wish you and your families’ good health.

Mrs Bindu Rai  
Principal

