

FAQs (amendments in red)

- 1. When will the school be open?** *The school will be open for:*
 - *Key Worker children – Monday to Friday*
 - *Nursery children - Monday to Wednesday*
 - *Reception, Year 1 & Year 6 – Monday to Thursday*
 - *School is closed for cleaning and planning/preparation on Friday*
- 2. What time will my child be arriving at school?**
 - *Key Worker children – 8am to 8.30am only*
 - *There will be 2 bubbles of Nursery children who will have staggered start and end times – **Nursery bubble 1: 9am; Nursery bubble 2: 9.15am***
 - *Reception & Year 6 – 8.40am*
 - *Year 1 – 8.50am*
- 3. What time will school finish for my child?**
 - *Key Worker children – 3.30pm to 4pm only*
 - ***Nursery bubble 1: 2pm; Nursery bubble 2: 2.15pm***
 - *Reception & Year 6 – 3pm*
 - *Year 1 – 3.15pm*
- 4. My child usually finishes Nursery at 12pm. Can I still collect them at this time?** *Yes. Please inform Mrs Rowe and we will make safe arrangements for collection.*
- 5. What happens if I am late dropping off or collecting?** *Please notify the office to say that you are late. Parents must then wait until after 9.15am or after 3.15pm to drop off/collect.*
- 6. Will school uniform be worn?** *Uniform must be worn however, any colour leggings/shorts & trainers can be worn accompanied by the school polo shirt or white t-shirt. **THESE MUST BE CHANGED/WASHED DAILY.** Children will not need PE kits.*
- 7. How will you facilitate social distancing at drop off and pick up?** *All areas will be clearly marked adhering to the 2 metre distancing rule and there will be an in/out route which must be followed. Parents/children **MUST NOT** arrive at school outside of the allocated time slot for drop off or pick up. Parents **MUST NOT PARK** outside the school. Parents **MUST NOT CONGREGATE** outside the school gates. Mrs Rowe will be positioned at the gate and will take a register of children expected in school at that time.*
- 8. Can you guarantee that the children will be kept 2 metres apart at all times?** *We will strive to put into place all reasonable measures to create the 2 metre distance rule. It is vitally important that parents recognise that whilst your child will be regularly reminded to social distance, it is impossible to guarantee that this will happen in all year groups and especially in Nursery, Reception & Year 1. **Children in all year groups will be expected and instructed to keep apart.** It is important that parents support the school and prepare children for this so that they understand why they will be asked to do so. This is particularly*

important for the younger children who instinctively gravitate towards each other and the adults in school.

9. **Will my child be with their class teacher in their known classroom?** *Due to logistics, some children will be with their class teacher and some children will be with a different teacher. This may change depending on a variety of factors.*
10. **Will my child be with their friends?** *The limit in each bubble is 15 children. Therefore, it is not possible to guarantee that your child will be with their friends.*
11. **Will staff be wearing PPE?** *Staff are choosing whether to wear PPE and therefore some staff will be wearing masks, gloves and or aprons. Please prepare your child that this may be the case.*
12. **Will temperature checking methods be in place daily BEFORE children enter school?** *No. We do not have the staff or facilities to do this. However, we would recommend that parents take their child's temperature each morning before they attend school. If your child's temperature is raised to 37.8C or greater **YOU MUST NOT SEND THEM TO SCHOOL.***
13. **Can I change my mind and send my child to school at a later date than the 1st June?** *Yes – parents can change their mind and send their child to school at a later date. However, bubbles are now set and fixed and cannot be changed within the first two weeks of term. This is to enable the school to have sufficient time to arrange staffing and create new bubbles to accommodate them within the school building. **The earliest opportunity to make your request to send your child to school is now Monday 8th June for your child to start school on Monday the 15th June.** Due to the very complex logistical planning required to facilitate the children's return, I cannot take notice before this date. **PLEASE DO NOT EMAIL BEFORE THIS DATE - as the window for returning will not be open until 8am Monday 8th June closing at 4pm.** Thereafter, one full week's notice will be required before your child will be able to attend. Parents must email Mrs Rowe directly head@howwood.herts.sch.uk no later than 4pm on a Monday in order for your child to start school the following Monday. Please understand that there cannot be any exceptions to this rule.*
14. **Can I withdraw my child at anytime?** *Yes – if your circumstances change or you decide that school is not the place for your child at this moment in time, you have every right to withdraw your child. We would expect 24 hours notice to be given in writing to Mrs Rowe (email above).*
15. **How will the curriculum be organised?** *The focus of the children's learning will remain around what is set on Google Classroom by their class teacher. Due to no social gatherings or children stepping outside of their bubble, there will be no assemblies, PE or Computing Suite time (with the exception of the Key Worker group).*
16. **Will my child be at a disadvantage academically by not returning to school?** *We do not believe this to be the case. The children will follow the same curriculum be it at home or at school. In September all measures will be put into place to mitigate the effects of this unprecedented period.*
17. **How will the school day run, including break time and lunch time?** *The school day will start & finish with staggered drop off and pick up. As the bubbles cannot mix or go into a space where another bubble has*

visited, we will timetable break times and lunch times with designated areas for each bubble. Lunch will be brought to each classroom and children will eat their lunch in class or outside in their designated area, weather permitting. Lunch will be a packed lunch either provided by school or home.

18. **Will my child be able to have a school dinner?** **Herts Catering will be providing packed lunches only. Your child will be asked daily whether they are having a school packed lunch or one from home.**
19. **How will the school maintain a high level of hygiene?** *Each class will be allocated cleaning products and equipment. All areas will be wiped down as manageably possible throughout the day and each classroom will be thoroughly cleaned at the end of each day by staff. Children and adults will wash their hands following the government guidelines (hand cream will be available). Resources will be limited to those that can be easily cleaned meaning children will not have access to sand, water, climbing apparatus etc. Classrooms will be cleared and be minimally resourced to reduce risk of spread. The school will be deep cleaned every Friday.*
20. **Will children be able to change books?** *Unfortunately, books will have to remain in school and cannot be shared with other bubbles or taken home. Due to difficulty cleaning books, the children will not have physical access to books. The teachers will read to the children and share books using the interactive whiteboards.*
21. **I am returning to work as a key worker; how will school accommodate my child?** *If your child is in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 or Year 6, you will need to decide whether your child will be in the Key Worker group or join their year group. If you choose for your child to join their year group, they will not be able to attend school on Friday in the Key Worker group. You will also have to drop off and collect at the year group time above. This is because the school must follow the government guidelines, which state that, 'It is still important to reduce contact between people as much as possible...young people and staff where possible, only mix in a small, consistent group and that small group stays away from other people and groups.'*
22. **Has the school undertaken a risk assessment?** *Yes. The school takes its position very seriously and a detailed risk assessment has been carried out by the Senior Leadership Team and Governors.*