

RETURN-TO-SCHOOL HANDBOOK MARCH 2021 ADDENDUM



MAPLE TREE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Climbing the branches of success

Since we reopened in September, many of the new Covid-19 related procedures and policies remain unchanged. However, the Department for Education (DfE) has updated their guidance and we have updated our risk assessment in line with any changes. This addendum sits alongside the main 'Return to School Handbook' and where they cover the same things, this document should be referred to as the most up to date.

The DfE guidance for schools reopening fully in March 2021 was published on February 22nd and is available [here](#) and further guidance for parents is available [here](#).

UPDATES FOR MARCH 2021:

Start and end of the day:

Adults must continue to wear face coverings on site (unless holding a valid exemption) and the one-way system is still in place. However, the times for the staggered starts and finishes have changed slightly, please see the table below. **Please note that these now also apply to Mulberries and Reception.**

	Surnames A-G	Surnames H-Q	Surnames R-Z
Start of day drop off	8:50am	8:55am	9:00am
End of morning pick up (mulberries only)	11:50am	11:55am	12:00pm
End of day pick up	3:20pm	3:25pm	3:30pm

In Years 5 and 6, where pupils are walking onto site without an adult, they can continue to arrive at 8:45am and they will be let out at 3:25-3:30pm at the end of the day.

Lunchtime and snacks

Lunches will continue to be staggered with the children eating and playing outside with their bubble only. Hot school dinners will be available and will be eaten in the hall by Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and in the classrooms by everyone else. Since it will take a while for the children to get back in to their school routine, please feel free to send them in with an afternoon snack in case they need it.

Learning resources and PE

We still want to restrict the amount of resources coming from home into school, so please only send your child with their lunch, water and home learning pack (reading record, reading book etc). We will be allowing reading books to go home as we will quarantine them here at school. On the day when the class has PE, we would still like them to come into school in their PE kits. PE is going to be done outside as much as possible so please make sure they have warm clothes and coats.

Uniform

Although we would like the pupils back in full school uniform, we understand that sourcing some items (like school shoes) may be an issue and don't want to add undue pressure on families. Please let us know if this is the case for your family. We hope to see children in the correct uniform from the start of the Summer term.

Contact with school

The school office remains closed face-to-face, so if you need to contact them then please call or email. We discourage conversations with the class teachers at the doors, but where this must occur, please maintain a 2m distance from staff and **do not enter the box by the door.**

The homelearning@ and info@ emails will be closed for now, so please use the office@ to contact the school and covid@ to inform us of any covid cases.

Google Classroom

Teachers will not be checking google classroom daily, unless a child in their class is self-isolating or there is a bubble closure. As all pupils are expected to be back in school, the home learning set will all be on a weekly overview, with links to external resources (as per the policy).

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.