

How our schools  
are adapting to the  
challenges we face

The health and safety of  
your child is our priority



# Giving you the reassurance and confidence you need

We understand the concerns that parents will have when thinking about their child returning to school. With this in mind we are making preparations closely following the **planning guidance from the Department for Education.**

During the lockdown period, children have continued to attend our schools to allow keyworkers to continue doing their amazing work. This means we have the experience of implementing the necessary measures to keep them safe and well.

This guide is an overview of the steps we are taking to ensure your child learns in a safe environment when our schools re-open. These are just some of the measures we are putting in place to minimise the risk.



# Moving safely around school

- On arrival pupils will be met by school staff
- Staff will be available on corridors at all times during the day to facilitate safe movement through school
- Markings will be on the floor throughout our schools to show the safe distance pupils should stay apart
- Pupils who walk to and from school are asked to be mindful of social distancing when moving through the local community



# Social distancing in class

## To implement this we will ensure pupils:

- Will be taught in small groups of no more than 15, although we expect class sizes will be able to be capped at a much lower number. See individual school letters for exact information
- Sit at their own individual desk
- Have their own books and equipment that will be kept in school
- Have respected boundaries, a teacher space will also be clearly marked out at the front of the classroom



# What about break times?

- Pupils will not mix with others outside of their teaching groups
- Breaks and lunch times will be staggered in order to reduce pupil numbers and movement
- Movement through school will be restricted and supervised
- Only pupils who are being taught in the same group of classrooms will have break and lunch together
- Pupils will move to break and lunch one group at a time



# Ensuring cleanliness

Stringent hygiene has proven to be a key factor in avoiding the spread of the virus and we will do everything we can to promote this in our schools.

- Hand sanitiser will be made available throughout the school
- We will insist on regular hand washing during the day
- We will work to remind pupils how to protect themselves and others in school
- There will be lots of visual reminders around school to promote the need for cleanliness
- Effective daily cleaning routines will be established throughout
- All classrooms will be thoroughly cleaned whilst pupils are on break and lunch
- In addition there will be a thorough weekly clean of each school building



# Our teams

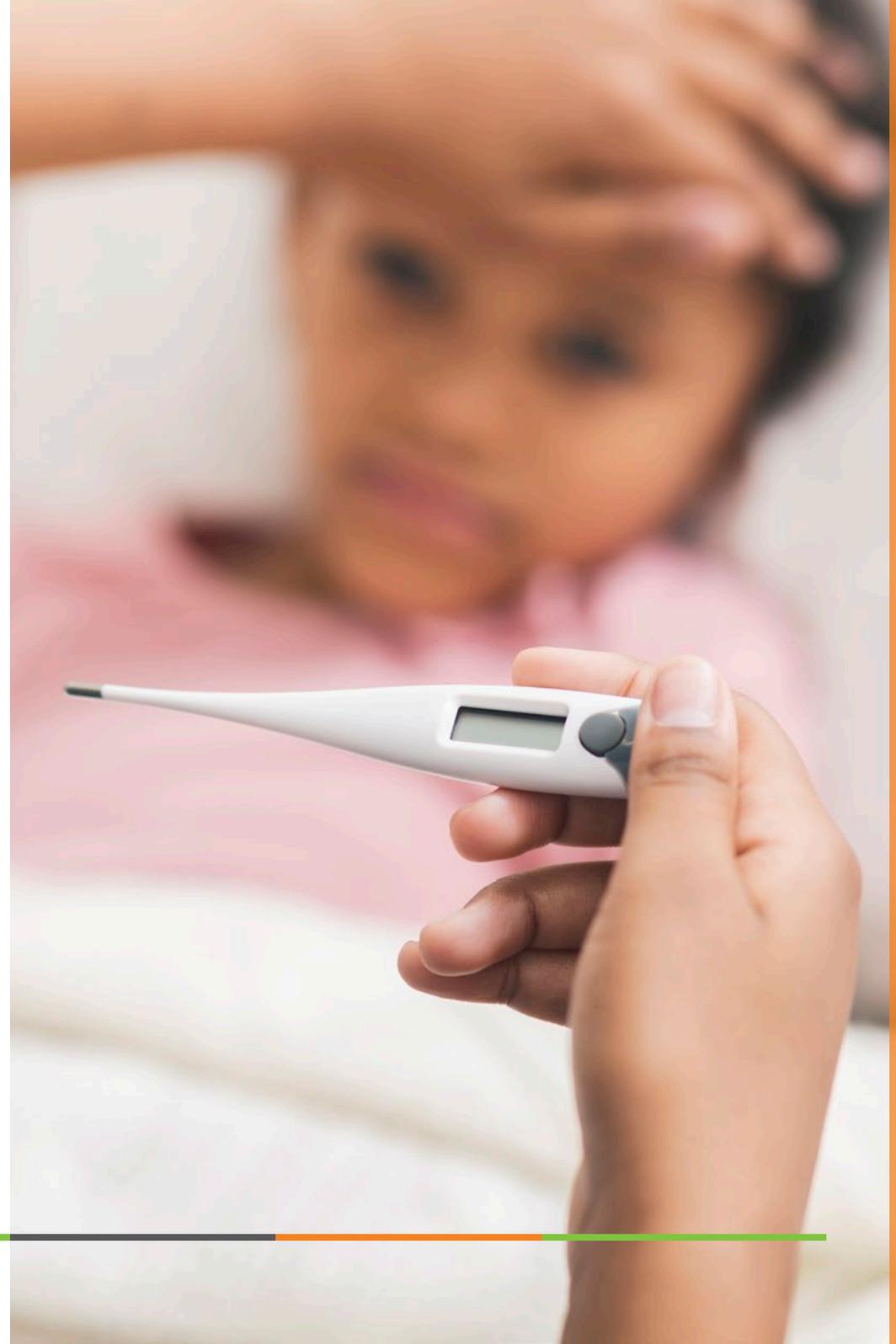
To help with protecting pupils, we will ensure the following steps are taken.

- Our teachers and staff will only work at one school site
- All staff will be trained on social distancing and hygiene measures
- We will ensure our catering teams prepare and serve food safely
- There will be no external visitors allowed into our school buildings
- To avoid unnecessary contact, meetings will be virtual rather than face to face in groups



# Health concerns

- In accordance with guidance, we ask that parents do not send their child to school unless they are 100% well
- If a child becomes unwell during school time, we will look after them separately away from other pupils, until they can return home



# Want to know more?

This is a MAT-wide overview of our approach to ensuring the safety and well-being of everyone in our schools. Additional more specific information relevant to your individual school will be provided, giving details on how this will work in practice.

If you have any concerns at all regarding your child returning to school, please contact us in the usual way.

For further detailed information on the Government recommendations that we will be implementing, please read the **Department for Education guidance**.

Additional Government guidance specific to primary schools can be found **here**.





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