

INSPIRE Strangely



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The Big Open - for all!

What follows are the arrangements for the return to school for **all** our children after the summer holidays.

The following arrangements will be in place for as long as government guidance remains as it is.

If there are changes over the holidays that mean further lockdown procedures are put in place - then our arrangements will change.

Key Messages (followed by detail):

Until at least half-term...

- All children will have to attend school (unless there are shielding reasons not to)
- [There will be a home-school agreement that you will need to respond to for each of your children](#)
- Children will be in their full normal classes but will operate under a 'bubble protocol'
- Buzz Club will **not** be operating (but we will make provision for later collection for some children).
- Children will start school at different times (but siblings at the same time)
- School meals will be in the form of a packed-lunch
- There won't be any school clubs

How The Children Will Be Taught

Children will operate 'in a bubble'. This means they will only be able to interact with other children in their bubble and the adults there too. Other adults entering the bubble will be kept to a minimum but more than one member of staff may enter and work within the bubble.

Lunchtimes and break times will take place 'in the bubble' and timetabled access to different areas of the school will take place in the bubble. The bubble is still important - nothing has changed there!

There won't be mass assemblies but the children will have the opportunity to use other indoor learning spaces (like the Computing Room). There will be cleaning operations to ensure these spaces can be used. Moving to these other learning spaces will be the only reason children will use the corridors.

There will be a one-way system in operation in the corridors so bubbles don't collide. Other learning spaces will be timetabled strategically so groups of children don't have to wait outside or walk past each other as they enter or exit.

Children will enter classrooms from external doors and leave the same way. Toilets will be accessed - up to two at a time - in this way too.

How Will The Children Arrive at and Leave School?

Children of key-workers will be able to drop their children at school at 8.30am and collect them at 4.00pm. We are not running Buzz Club - but to support these families - this provision has been made. [You will need to indicate the need for this service in the home-school agreement survey sent out later.](#) You will need to use the same entrances as set out below.

All children will be divided into 'panels' - A, B & C. We will make sure siblings are in the same panel. We will inform you of which panel your children are in before we break-up next week.

- Panel A will start school at 8.45am and leave at 3.10pm.
- Panel B will start school at 8.55am and leave school at 3.20pm.
- Panel C will start school at 9.05am and leave school at 3.30pm.

We have changed the times at the end of the day to ensure that children are not losing any teaching and learning time by starting the day later.

Children attending Reception will enter through the Springfield Close Gate (the top gate). You will be asked to walk down one side of the road - drop your children with staff and then depart on the opposite side of the street. You will do the same when collecting your children.

Children attending Year 1, 2 & 3 will enter through the gate opposite Great Ground (the Groundsman's Gate) and walk along the playground (behind the cones) and drop your children off and continue to walk out of the gates, past the car-park. You will do the same when collecting your child.

Children in KS2 will enter the school past the old swimming pool and walk to their classes. Parents must not enter the school grounds beyond these areas.

If you have children in more than one year group, ***use the entrance of the youngest child*** - staff will make sure that children get to where they need to be.

In order to make sure we can observe social-distancing as best we can - only have one parent accompany your child(ren) to the school gates.

What Should My Children Bring and Wear?

At the beginning of the term, children will not ***need*** to wear a uniform. This is only because we know you have not yet had a chance to purchase new clothes. However, this will change as time goes on and by October 1st we will expect children to be back in full school uniform. We will communicate with you about new uniform as time goes on.

Children are not required to wear any protective clothing - staff will not be wearing it either.

Children will need a school bag to transport snacks, bottles, reading books, home-learning and INSPIRE planners to and from school. Toys and other items are not permitted in school.

Lunches

There will be no hot meals provided. Lunches provided to those entitled, will be packed-lunches.

This will be reviewed as we move through the Autumn Term.

How Are We Keeping People Safe?

Bubble Protocol is in effect. Children and adults spend their day only in their bubble. Strict behavioural expectations are in place for children with regard to staying in their bubble.

If children are unable to remain in their bubble they are likely to be told to stay away from school. This is something you need to discuss very carefully with your children.

Learning in the classroom will look as normal - though children will be reminded about social distancing wherever it is possible and practical.

Buzz Club is not operating because it creates alternative bubbles that compromise the class-based bubbles. We can not minimise the risk by allowing it to run.

Start, end, break and lunchtimes are staggered so we don't have many people in one place at a time.

There will be no assemblies or gatherings of classes, year groups or the whole school.

Extra hand-washing stations have been set up around the outside of the school building and will continue to be a big part of bubble-life.

We are minimising the number of adults entering a bubble. Staff have strict guidelines to follow too.

Parents and carers will not be able to enter the school site (other than YR, Y1 & Y2 dropping-off and collecting in the playground), for any reason (email or call only – office will be closed).

A link to our risk assessment and planning document will eventually be added to the school website, should you be interested.

Do I Have to Send My Child?

Yes, you do. The government have made it clear that school is compulsory from September.

Important Dates

Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th September - INSET days in school. No children.

Monday 7th September - all children in YR1 - Y6 back to school.

Monday 7th September - new reception classes begin induction.

In Conclusion

We've tried very hard to include what we needed in this letter. If we need to write again, we will.

In order to continue with our thorough planning, it's crucial that you fill in the surveys we send out to you as quickly as possible. They will close at 10am Monday (Monday 13th July). They will be short and sweet - I promise. We will be chasing those of you who don't respond.

In Other News

I thought you'd like to know about our comings and goings at the end of this year!

We are welcoming 2 new teachers and a new deputy head in September. Charlotte Goodship and Charlotte Brown will both be joining us in Year 3 and Year 5 respectively. As mentioned before - Kelly Fletcher will be our new deputy head. They are all excited to be part of our school community and have already started contributing!

As you would imagine - if we are welcoming new members of staff then that means we are saying a fond farewell to some too.

Mr Pavey is moving on to another county! We will certainly miss his calm, caring manner and wish him all the best for the future.

Mrs Cross is also leaving us at the end of this year to spend more time with her lovely family. Lucky family! Mrs Cross has been an important member of our staff for many years and she will be missed by us all.

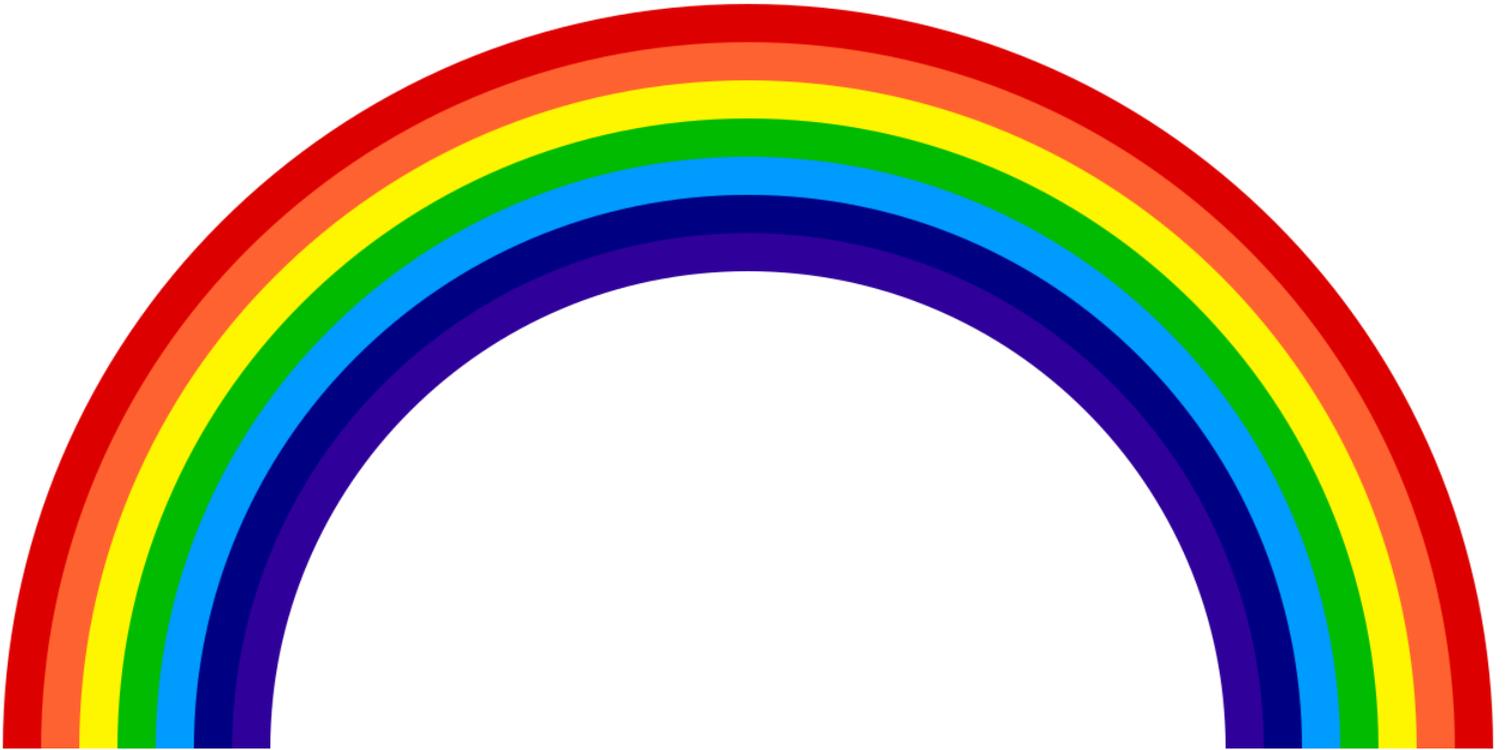
Finally, after around 30 years of cycling backwards and forwards to this building and 33 years of teaching all round, Mr Wahab is putting away his chalk and slate for the last time on Friday! Having started his career teaching Year 8 children in a middle school, Shams has finished off with Year 1



biting at his ankles. There can't be many families in Shaftesbury who haven't had the benefit of Mr Wahab's incredible knowledge and enthusiasm and I'm sure there is a feeling of fondness out in the community that matches the feelings here in school. Good luck Shams - enjoy your well-earned retirement.

Full Rainbows

The final Full Rainbows will be revealed next week and will then end for the summer.



Take care.

Paul