

# Glebe School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

You will be aware by now that it is compulsory to send all pupils back to school next month, so I wanted to remind and reassure you of the measures we have put in place to ensure the school is as safe as it can be for the pupils' return.

I know for many of you reading this, you will be anxious about sending your child back to school but life poses many risks and like any danger, our aim is to reduce these as far as possible.

Over the summer the school has been thoroughly cleaned and teachers have worked hard to set-up socially distanced classrooms and we have removed soft furnishings etc. Hand sanitisers, tissues and paper towels are in all classrooms and pupils will be required to frequently wash their hands throughout the day. Pupils must have their own pencil case with pens and pencils in order to reduce the sharing of equipment. We have instructed our caterers to provide packed lunches only and most year groups will dine separately. There will be restrictions on anyone wanting to visit the school for the near future, excluding educational professionals. We have ordered visors for all staff, should they choose to wear one. However, we are not encouraging pupils to wear a facemask at this stage, except on public transport.

As the coronavirus may well be around with us for the foreseeable future, it is something that we all need to adapt to, so children do not continue to be the victims of a lost childhood. Recently released data from the government's scientific advisory group (SAGE) have predicted that the chance of children being infected in September this year at 0.15% per 1000 and the risk of death at 0.02 per million. Of course, any infection or death is tragic but with the risk being so low it is critical that we work together to ensure our children return to school in order to learn, grow and thrive once again.

Finally, please remember the changes to the school day from September. The school building will only open to pupils from **8:50 am** (school gates will remain closed until this time) and I urge you not to send your child any earlier. Pupils will go immediately to their tutor room when they enter the building and there will be no breakfast club. Socialising in the school at this time is prohibited. Lessons will start at 9am and the school day will finish at **3:15**, when pupils will be escorted off site / to the buses by a member of staff.

For more details about our coronavirus action plan, please see our risk assessment on the school website by clicking on the following link. <https://glebe.bromley.sch.uk/news-and-events/letters/>

If you still have concerns and would like to speak to me in more detail about the school's reopening, then please call the school office or email me directly at [itravis@glebe.bromley.sch.uk](mailto:itravis@glebe.bromley.sch.uk) and I will happily answer any of your questions.

Best wishes

Mr Ian Travis

Head Teacher

