



Danemill

Return to School

From

March 8th 2021

Review

This document aims to set out serve as a reminder for Danemill's plans to return to school for all children following the following Government Guidance:

All children will return on Monday 8th March 2021.

Our children will return into their classes and taught by their class teacher. They will form a bubble with their classmates in their class. They will be able to learn and play with the children within their class. There will be two exceptions: Pre-School and EYFS. Pre-School will be one bubble. EYFS as a year group will be one bubble. They will continue to have break time, lunch time and PE lessons within their bubble.

Drop-off and Collection Arrangements:

Reminders

We appreciate the support that you will need to have gained to support us with these staggered entries and exit but this is one of the most difficult jobs that we must navigate. To show that we can open as a school we have to ensure that we can support adults to socially distance.

We therefore must implement a one-way system so we can enter and exit adults at drop off and collection. With only 3 entrances, we have no other choice than to stagger entry and exit.

Please note parents will not be able to come past these gates into school under any circumstance. We also will not be allowed any parents in our school building. Any meetings will be phone calls or via weblink.

This will be monitored on a weekly basis, at least.

***If you are late and miss your entry then you will need to wait away from the school building until all of the children have entered then we will be able to make provision to get your child to their correct bubble.**

***If children are distressed and unable to independently separate from their parents then they will be asked to try again the following day and/or at a different point of the day after the staggered opening. Please note that your child's teacher and our SLT members are there to support you at all times.**

Upon arrival and departure, children will be asked to wash their hands. There are also scheduled hand washing slots during the school day.

If you choose to walk to school and your child is wearing a face covering, we will ask you to remove it for them before they enter the school gates. The government guidelines are clear and direct children to not require PPE in school.

Please protect yourself and others by wearing your mask on the school premises unless medically exempt.

If your child has siblings, then we know that this is going to be a difficult time to navigate. However, there will be SLT members of staff on hand to support you.

Classrooms

- Adults will continue to maintain social distancing.
- Classrooms will be well ventilated with doors and windows left open.
- Classroom furniture will be laid out in line with government guidance. Pre-School and EYFS will continue to have free flow and continuous provision. Other year groups will have their tables in rows as directed by the government guidance.



- Children will sit in the same seat throughout the day.
- Children will have access to their own pencil case and stationery. This is all provided by school.
- Children will be expected to wear their uniform. On days where they will have a PE session, they will be able to come to school in their PE kit (tracksuit) so that this minimises changing of clothes.
- **Please do not send your child into school with additional things, e.g., show and tell, sports equipment, pencil cases.**

Movement Around School

- Children will eat their dinner in their classrooms. On days where the weather is good, we may eat outdoors within our bubbles. Children will wash their hands thoroughly before and after children eat their lunch.
- To the best of our ability, groups of children will not mix.
- We will make the most of our outdoor space and the children will have slots to be able to use our Forest School. They will also have an additional afternoon play.

Additional Information:

Our staff within school are given the opportunity to participate in a voluntary lateral flow testing system.

Actions if a pupil shows COVID-19 symptoms



Pupil displays COVID-19 symptoms.



Isolated in an identified room within school.



Send home and advised to complete COVID test.
Household members should self-isolate for 10 days. Encourage to get tested.



If test is negative, return to school and household ends self-isolation.
If test is positive, move to 'confirmed case' scenario.

Actions if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 in a school



Pupil or staff member tests positive for COVID-19.



Individual receives medical advice and/or treatment.
Class or group may be sent home and told to self-isolate for 10 days.



If other cases are detected within the school, report to PHE who will investigate and advise.

Whistleblowing Policy:

<http://www.danemill.com/documents/policies/201819/DSAT%20Whistleblowing%20Policy%20V2.0.pdf>

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Can I collect siblings at the same time?
A. Children need to be collected at the time that they are allocated.

2. Can I come with my child to the classroom?
A. No. Parents are not allowed past the school gate or in the school building. They will also be asked to collect from the school gate.

3. Is it full uniform?
A. Children need to wear full uniform. On the days that they have PE, they can wear their PE tracksuit ALL DAY.

If anyone has any spare tracksuits, please let us know.

4. Can they bring a packed lunch?
A. Yes. Please speak to your child about not sharing food. Under no circumstances are they allowed to share a packed lunch.

5. Will my child be tested for COVID within school?
A. No.



6. Will my child be able to give out birthday sweets?
- A. **We can share birthday sweets only if you bring them to school 5 days before your child's birthday. We can then ensure that they are quarantined and COVID safe ready for the day! We cannot change this rule under any circumstances.**
7. How will I communicate with my child's class teacher?
- A. This will be through the normal communication procedures. Please email the office (office@dsatdanemill.org) and messages can be forwarded or a telephone conversation can be arranged. **There will be no face-to-face meetings until further notice.**
8. Will children be allowed reading books?
- A. Yes. When a reading book is returned then it will be placed into a lidded book box for 72 hours before being made available for others to borrow.
9. Can my child bring hand sanitizer to school?
- A. Yes. Your child will need to hand this to their class teacher so that this can be locked in a safe place due to the possible alcohol content. This will be made available to your child at all handwashing points. **Similarly, if your child is allergic to our soap then you can send in a specific soap with your child and we will lock this in a safe place. Please label them.**
10. Can my child bring their own pencil case?
- A. No. Individual pencil cases will be provided for all children in all year groups.
11. Will swimming continue?
- A. Not at present but we are in discussions with Enderby Leisure Centre about this as a possibility moving forward.
12. Will there be after school clubs?
- A. There will be no after school clubs available for the foreseeable future. However, breakfast club and after school club are available **and weekly timetables are sent out for you to see the activities happening.**
13. Will free fruit be available for KS1?
- A. Yes.

If you have any questions, please do email the office. We will include any FAQ in newsletters moving forward.