



Returning to school in September information and support

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What are the government are saying about returning to school in September?



Returning to school is vital for children's education and for their wellbeing. Time out of school is detrimental for children's cognitive and academic development. This impact can affect both current levels of learning and children's future ability to learn, and therefore we need to ensure all pupils can return to school sooner rather than later. The risk to children themselves of becoming severely ill from coronavirus (COVID-19) is very low and there are negative health impacts of being out of school.

We are asking schools to prepare for all pupils to return full-time from the start of the autumn term. Schools must comply with health and safety law, which requires them to assess risks and put in place proportionate control measures. Essential measures include:

- *a requirement that people who are ill stay at home*
- *robust hand and respiratory hygiene*
- *enhanced cleaning arrangements*
- *active engagement with NHS Test and Trace*

How contacts are reduced will depend on the school's circumstances and will (as much as possible) include:

- *grouping children together*
- *avoiding contact between groups*
- *arranging classrooms with forward facing desks*
- *staff maintaining distance from pupils and other staff as much as possible*

The full document can be read at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>



At Nether Edge we are working really hard behind the scenes to ensure we are going above and beyond to meet the government measures in relation to Coronavirus and welcoming all children back to school in September. We have already shared lots of information relating to our plans and will be sharing more as we come to the end of the holidays. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact us via Class Dojo or via the enquiries email address. We are always available to support you through this time.

Over the next few days and weeks, we will be sharing more information to support you and your children with the transition back to school.

If you would like us to know anything about your child's lockdown experience and if you feel they will need additional support when coming back to school, please email yourvoice@netheredge.sheffield.sch.uk. This is confidential email address managed by Miss Ahmed and Mrs Nott.

Look out for the next issue on Friday 21st August, where we will be sharing a few tips to help reduce anxiety in children.

Wishing you all well,

Miss Ahmed