



3/6/20

Dear Parents and Carers

Details on Skegness Infant and Junior Academy reopening during June 2020

We look forward to welcoming your child to our site on June 8th and below you will find more information about how the school day will be organised now children will be back on site at the Infants and Juniors. Please remember you will not be pressured about non-attendance or fined. To stress there will not be any fines issued due to non-attendance.

Who can now attend school and from when?

- On June 8th SIA and SJA opens for key workers and vulnerable children.
- Other year groups are not able to come back to school yet.
- Children cannot attend if they, or a family member they live with, have symptoms of Covid-19
- Any children who are 'extremely clinically vulnerable' should not attend school.
- If someone in your household is 'extremely clinically vulnerable' (shielded) the DfE guidance states that pupils should only attend if stringent social distancing can be adhered to. This means that the child must be able to understand and follow those instructions. It may be possible for a Year 6 to attend in these circumstances, but it would be highly unlikely for a Year 1 or Reception child.

Timings and arrangement for beginning of the day

- Children will be organised in a group with up to 15 children (this is the maximum suggested). At the Infants and Juniors our Risk assessments show we can accommodate 7-9 children in each class. This means they may not be in their usual classroom or with their usual staff member or usual friendship group.
- The children will be with the same group of children throughout the whole week. They will not mix with other children in the school. Routines and processes will be very rigid with regular handwashing in place.
- The intention is that they will be with the same staff member all week.
- Where we can allow, there will be two adults per group of children.
- Lunches will be eaten in classes or outside whenever possible. Children will receive a packed lunch. No hot meals will be served. The academy will provide a packed lunch until further notice.
- Children will be allocated a table in their group labelled with their name and their own equipment that must not be shared.
- All breaks will be staggered throughout the day to enable each group to have time outdoors and regular access to the outside area. There may be more breaks than usual.
- We will continue with our behaviour policy and reward good behaviour. If children cannot carry out the new rules and agree to the Home School Agreement we may need to contact you. We will carry out the usual sanctions as in our Behaviour Policy.
- We will share our revised Home/Academy Agreement that covers this period of reopening and contains further details. This may answer any further questions you have.

Cleaning/Health and Safety

- A cleaner will remain on site throughout the day to ensure regular cleaning takes place. A deep clean will take place from 3 pm each day.
- All staff will have access to suitable cleaning materials to use within classroom areas. These will not be accessible to children.
- Children will be shown all new routines. The Government has suggested the following range of controls to create a safer environment. These include:



- *minimising contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend childcare settings, schools or colleges*
- *cleaning hands more often than usual - wash hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly or use alcohol hand rub or sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered*
- *ensuring good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach*
- *cleaning frequently touched surfaces often using standard products, such as detergents and bleach*
- *minimising contact and mixing by altering, as much as possible, the environment (such as classroom layout) and timetables (such as staggered break times)*

Other recommendations from the guidance are

- All soft furnishings and cushions will be removed from the classrooms.
- We will always try to maintain safe distancing in school but please be aware this will be challenging, especially with our younger children.
- There is no expectation that staff will routinely wear face coverings. However, staff may wear PPE in very specific circumstances.
- Please also note that, especially with our younger children, it is possible that a member of our staff may not be able to comfort your child if they become distressed.
- Closure of school libraries is recommended to limit access to surfaces where the virus could linger.

Lunchtime

- No hot meals will be served. Children will receive a packed lunch from our usual meal providers. All drinks will also be provided. No lunchboxes or drinks bottles need to come into the academy.
- Lunches will be eaten in classrooms to reduce mixing with other groups.
- FSM vouchers will continue until further notice

What will children need to wear?

As we know that the Corona virus can cling to certain surfaces, **it is very important for your child to have clean clothes every day.** This will minimise potential transmission.

Children need to be dressed to take part in PE activities. They will not need to change for this activity but remain in the same clothes all day. They will also need a sunhat to remain on site while your child is in.

Our usual precautions apply in the summer term. Please apply sun cream before school. It is possible to buy SPF that only needs one application and it will last all day. We will not be able to apply this to children.

This is a big change from our current uniform policy; however, we appreciate that children will have grown over the weeks they have been in lockdown with you so there is no requirement to wear uniform.

We do not require anything to come into the academy site, just your child. We will provide anything they need. Children will access books via e-versions to minimise transmission. Therefore, no reading book will be sent home until further notice.

The start/end of the day

We kindly request only 1 parent carer to arrive/pick up with children. We cannot give permission for children to walk home alone.

SJA –

- Entry to the academy site is via the rear entrance gates on Burgh Road. Please note this will be the only site entry point during this re-opening period to reduce contact with other parents/carers and children.



- If you are a key worker or your child is eligible to attend, a staff member will receive your child from 8.45-9.15. The child will be directed to their group on entry. If you need to drive, it will be necessary to park and walk as there will be no access to our carpark throughout the re-opening period until further notice.
- At the end of the day, children will be bought out onto the field and released to you at the rear of the building. If you arrive at the gate early to pick up your child, please phone the office and the gates will be unlocked

SIA-

- Entry to the academy is via Pelham Road. You will enter onto the Reception playground where a one way and queuing system will be clearly marked. You will need to wait until staff are able to receive your child. Please drop off between 8.45 and 9.15.
- At the end of the day, your child will be bought out to you. Please wait in the same area.

	SIA	SJA
Monday – Friday	Children on site between 8.45-9.15 and leave 2.45-3pm	Children on site between 8.45-9.15 and leave 2.45-3pm

We will contact parents and carers of all children who may need a variation to these arrangements outlined.

Access to the school

If you need to contact the academy, please phone in via our usual numbers. If you need a staff member to phone you back, please make this clear leaving your number, as we are unable to hold face to face meetings with you. The offices on site and car park will not be accessible until further notice.

The period of lockdown has underlined the importance of full contact details with all our parents/ carers. We will require all updates to phone numbers and your email is considered as an essential means to communicate with you should your child fall ill. We will be testing these out as we cannot accept children into the site if we do not have these from you. Please understand this is a necessary safeguard.

Home Learning

- For those children who do not return to school during June, we will continue with home/remote learning. This will continue to be accessed in the same way. If any aspect changes, your usual teacher will be in touch to let you know the changes.
- For those who cannot access this online, we will ensure we have packs available.
- If you need support with home learning, you can access this in the same way through your child's teacher if it is a learning query or via our IT helpdesk if it is a technical difficulty.
- If your child is not attending school, we need to maintain regular contact with you as we have been doing since lockdown. Our safe and well checks need to continue.

Next Steps

I appreciate how rigid this outline of the new arrangements is and that making a decision about your child returning to school may be difficult for you.

Please access the following link to ensure we have all the contact details from you and to complete meal options.

<https://bit.ly/2XwpcmV>

We will test contact details out to ensure they all work should we need to contact you if your child falls ill.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents and carers for the support you have given the school during this difficult time.



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Kind regards, stay safe

Mrs R Pryme

Executive Principal

A Learning Partnership



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