

Health and Safety (including Fire): Addendum



**COVID-19 Phased Return
at Glascote Academy
1st June 2020**

From 20th March 2020 parents were asked to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and for schools to remain open **only** for those children of workers critical to the COVID-19 response and Vulnerable Children who fulfil the criteria laid down by the Government. Only those children **who absolutely need to attend will be in school beyond this date up and until directed otherwise by the Government.**

As of **28th May 2020**, the Prime Minister and his Government have stated that the five test for adjusting lockdown (see below) have been met and therefore from **1st June 2020** schools will conduct a planned phased return for *all pupils* in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 as well as maintain the Keyworker and Vulnerable children groupings.

5 tests for adjusting the lockdown

- 1** Protect the NHS's ability to cope. We must be confident that we are **able to provide sufficient critical care and specialist treatment** right across the UK.
- 2** See a **sustained and consistent fall in the daily death rates** from COVID-19 so we are confident that we have moved beyond the peak.
- 3** Reliable data from SAGE showing that **the rate of infection is decreasing to manageable levels** across the board.
- 4** Be confident that **the range of operational challenges, including testing capacity and PPE, are in hand**, with supply able to meet future demand.
- 5** Be confident that **any adjustments to the current measures will not risk a second peak of infections** that overwhelms the NHS.

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Following the Government guidance for a planned phased return, the school have implemented the necessary changes to the physical environment and the way that it will work from 1st June onwards, until further notification that this must change again as more children return.

Our underpinning values, procedures, duties and promotion of Health and Safety as stated in our main Policy 2019 to 2020 remain unchanged.

This addendum is in addition.

Fire Precautions

Fire precautions are designed to protect people, property and assets against the damage caused by fire. The fire precautions will include:

Fire Prevention Measures:

- Good housekeeping.
- Adequate security measures.
- Maintenance, inspection and testing of electrical installations and equipment.
- Prohibition of smoking in high risk areas.
- Control of contractor's operations on our premises.

Fire Protection Measures:

- Alarm systems.
- Extinguishers.
- Compartmentation and fire-resistant doors. *Addition – due to the nature of the potential spread of Covid-19 which includes from touching surfaces that others have touched, the decision has been taken to pin-back fire doors using wedges during the school day. These wedges can be removed quickly should the need arise to close the doors thus helping maintain safety within a fire situation. These doors will be closed as normal whilst school is closed (i.e. evenings and weekends)*

Pre-Planning:

- Fire drills. *Addition – these will still take place, ideally the first one being within the week beginning 1st June 2020. Procedures for evacuation will follow those normally adhered to by staff members and pupils. Registers will be taken as normal at the bottom of the big playground where Family Bubbles will be lined up with some distancing still in place so long as the children and staff remain away from the building. In the case of a real fire – escaping the building and keeping everyone safe will be paramount and may override the need to fully social distance if this cannot be achieved due to space.*
- training *Addition – all staff received annual Extinguisher refresher training prior to the lockdown in March 2020; Fire Extinguishers aid safe exit only - they are not to be used to tackle a blazing fire.*
- Formulation of fire procedures.
- Fire risk assessment.
- Building layout. *Addition – Layout of classrooms in use for Family Bubbles have been changed to adhere to Government guidance regarding the phased re-opening. Tables are now singular (i.e. one per child) with a maximum of 15 per classroom. Furniture and furnishings not in use will be stored safely in the ICT Suite, Ante-rooms ("Quiet Rooms") and in staff storage cupboards/areas in each teaching area. Corridor tabletop displays have been cleared – entrance and exit routes are clear; Cloakrooms will not be in use (apart from Reception Family Bubbles due need).*
- Co-operation and co-ordination with other premises users.