

Parents Questions Answered

How will you limit the risk of infection for my child?

Ranelagh has an ongoing risk assessment which allows us to put in place a comprehensive programme of measures to limit the risk to staff and children.

Due to the age of the children who will be returning, social distancing will be a challenge. Therefore Ranelagh has put in place the following:

From September the 2 classes will be put into 3 groups in order to have smaller class sizes - with a maximum of 20 children per class. The Year group teachers are involved with monitoring the planning and learning of the third group

The third group is a temporary teaching group and this will be risk assessed and reviewed as cases of Covid 19 infection in our community decreases.

If a person has coronavirus symptoms, or someone in their household who does, do not attend school.

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 - promote the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach. Cleaning frequently touched surfaces often using standard products, such as disinfectant.

Two cleaners in school throughout the day who will frequently clean the toilets and classrooms

What will the classroom look like?

The tables will be rearranged -ensuring desks are spaced out as far as possible.

limit mixing - children will stay in their groups and be assigned specific staff members, staggered timetables - Limiting number of children on lunch and breaks, changes to pick up and drop off places .

There will be hand sanitizer in every classroom

There will be cleaning of frequently touched surfaces often using standard products, such as disinfectant.

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How will the school keep my child 2m apart?

As mentioned above, there will be smaller numbers of children in classrooms. There will be floor markings in the playground for children, parents and learning groups to line up at a 2m distance. Part of the curriculum will teach the importance of socially distancing at this time. Playtimes and Lunchtimes will happen at different times so that year groups will not mix.

I don't feel comfortable about sending my child to school. Do they have to attend?

Ranelagh is looking forward to welcoming your child back to school and have taken every precaution to ensure the school environment is as safe as possible. However, we understand that some parents, for a variety of reasons, may still be anxious about this. Please ring the school in September and we can have a member of our admissions team talk to you.

Will I be fined if I keep my children at home?

It is important that your child attends school. There is a system of measures in place to make Ranelagh Covid secure. If you do not send your child in, you may well be fined at this time. However, please refer to the question above as you can always talk to a member of our admission's team.

Should my child wear a face covering, mask or other PPE?

Government guidance states, "Wearing a face covering or face mask in schools or other education settings is not recommended"

Staff will only wear PPE when;

- they feel comfortable wearing one.
- a child whose care routinely already involves the use of PPE due to their intimate care needs.
- a child becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus while in their setting and needs direct personal care until they can return home. A face mask should be worn by the supervising adult if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained. If contact with the child or young person is necessary, then gloves, an apron and a face visor should be worn by the supervising adult. If a risk assessment determines that there is a risk of splashing to the eyes, for example from coughing, spitting, or vomiting, then eye protection should also be worn.

If you have any concerns please speak to the head teacher at your school.

Will there be COVID-19 testing and contact tracing in education and childcare settings?

Tests are widely available for everyone. The school already takes information from all visitors to school to trace if required.

In the event of a child or member of staff testing positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), the school would contact Public Health England for advice which could result in the relevant group of people within the school with whom the child has mixed closely (their cohort), being sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days.

The government guidelines state:

When the wider cohort of children are invited to return to their education settings, all those children eligible to attend, and members of their households, will have access to testing if they display symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19).

To access testing parents should use the 111 online coronavirus service if their child is 5 or over. They should call 111 if the child is under 5.

This will enable them to get back into childcare or education, and their parents or carers to get back to work, if the test proves to be negative.

As part of the national test and trace programme, if other cases are detected within the cohort or in the wider setting, Public Health England's local Health Protection teams will conduct a rapid investigation and will advise schools and other settings on the most appropriate action to take.

Will the start and finish time for the school day change?

The school gates will be opened at 8.45 a.m. to begin the school day at 8.55 a.m.

The school gates will open at 2.55p.m. ready for the end of school at 3.00 p.m.

How will I drop off and collect my child?

Collection and drop off of children will be different. Please stick to these entrances and exits.

The gates will be opened at 8.45 and 1 parent will be allowed into the playground ensuring they stick at the 2m distance. The gates will be closed at 8.55 a.m.

Nursery	New nursery Gates
Reception	Park playground
Year 1	Year 1 playground gate signed entrance
Year 2	3 /4 Gate signed entrance and exit
Year 3 and Year 4	3 /4 Gate signed entrance and exit
Year 5 and Year 6	Red pitch gate signed entrance and exit

Usually someone else collects my child from school as I have to go into work, can someone from another household collect my child?

Government guidance would only allow someone to pick up a child from another household if a 2m distance is kept between them. This would be very difficult with young children and therefore we would advise only members from your household should collect your child.

Does my child have to wear a school uniform?

A school uniform is preferred, however at the moment children should be wearing clean clothes daily.

Some parents have said that wearing a school uniform is a cheaper option.

School uniforms with the logo can be purchased via the school office or website.

White T-shirts and blue skirts and trousers can be purchased at most supermarkets.

Does my child have to change into a PE kit?

No, for the time being, children wear their PE kit on the day they do PE.

Can my child bring a packed lunch?

It is preferred that the children have a hot meal during the day. The lunch is free to all children. If there are dietary concerns then a packed lunch is allowed to be brought to school.

Can I take my child home for dinner?

Not really, it's not advisable. It is important for a child to socialise with peers and lunchtime is an ideal opportunity. There is also the risk of contamination if the child comes out of the learning group.

Can my child bring in a water bottle?

Yes.

Can my child bring in a mobile phone?

No, Ranelagh is limiting items coming into school from home as part of limiting the virus transmission.

I don't want to travel on Public transport, but walking takes too long . Can my child bring their bike or scooter to school?

Yes. There is a bike and scooter shed in the KS2 playground. It is locked at 9.00 a.m. and opened at 2.55p.m. Owners leave it at their own risk.

I have tried to keep up with the fantastic learning you have put on google classroom, but I am worried that my child has not learned as much as they would have in school.

There is a catch up programme and this is one of the reasons we have smaller groups. As the virus transmission decreases in our community, the children will move into 2 classes and have a third teacher to deliver tailor-made interventions allowing children to catch up. All of the children will need to catch up and changes to the curriculum will happen to meet these needs.

How will the curriculum change?

A temporary curriculum will start in September which will ensure children are ready for learning. The children have been in a very strange situation and the school structure will continue to be different. Therefore a focus on mental healthiness, physical healthiness, computing and creativity will be at the centre of learning. Children will be taught all subjects. One of the reasons we are having smaller class sizes to begin with is for catch up in English, Maths and Science. The class teachers will share the learning for their year group in September.

I am worried that my fears about Covid have upset my child.

We are all in a very unusual position. Our aim always at Ranelagh was to develop the child academically, creatively, physically and mentally healthy. Part of the temporary curriculum at the beginning of September will be to discuss and share feelings and give children strategies that will allow a more positive mental healthiness. There will also be programmes offered for parents who need to discuss issues and worries around Covid 19.

I was not able to use Google classroom as well as I thought , could parents have some training?

Yes, our Community Cohesion Leader and Computing Leader are designing parent programmes and the dates will be shared in September.

Will Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club start again?

At this stage Ranelagh is considering how to provide this service whilst keeping the children safe and not mixing year groups. There is a parent survey for you to complete so that we can work out how the wrap around care can happen. More information will be sent to you at the beginning of September. Unfortunately, we will not be offering wrap around care until 14th September 2020, at the earliest.

My child has SEND, they will be unable to stick to the social distancing rules, should they return to school?

Absolutely. One of the teachers in Ranelagh's inclusion team will have been in touch with you. An individual risk assessment has been carried out for specific individual children . A staggered transition will happen in September in order for their return to school to be as smooth as possible.

My child begins Nursery very soon, how will I know whether my child has a place?

A member of our EYFS team will have been in touch. Letters will be given out for the date your child will start. We are doing this slowly to begin with in order for you to come into the Nursery to settle your child.

My child begins Reception in September , how will I know whether my child has a place?

A member of our EYFS team will have been in touch. Letters will be given out for the date your child will start. We are doing this slowly to begin with in order for you to come into the school to settle your child.

When will I know my child's new class and the name of their teacher?

There will be a link on the website so that you can see your child's new teacher and a letter has already been shared with this information.

I always enjoyed coming into the school to watch my child perform in sharing assemblies and watch the end of term parent assemblies. Will this still happen ?

We have missed parents visiting and have missed all the wonderful community events that Ranelagh provides. We will constantly be assessing the situation and as soon as it is safe parents will be invited in. We aim to share your child's learning in virtual assemblies by the end of the first term