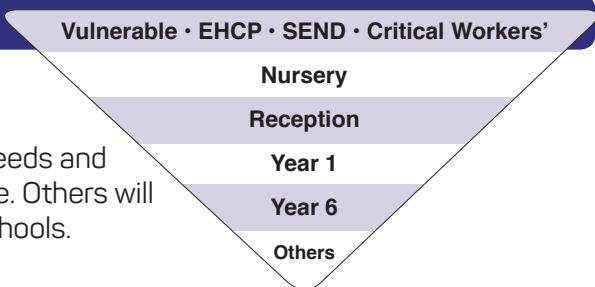


Introducing 'bubbles' in our schools

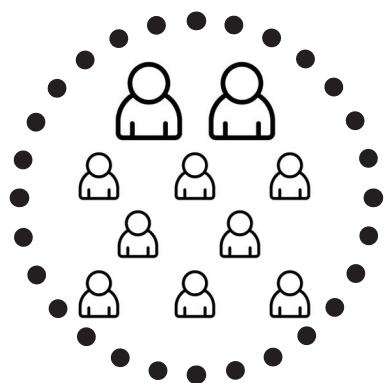
We will only open our schools to more children if we are confident risks have been minimised to an acceptable level.

Our priorities for more children to come to school

This is the order in which children may attend our schools. We will always try to provide places for vulnerable children, children with Educational Health Care Plans, children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and children of workers critical to the Covid-19 response. Others will be accommodated providing we have staff and space within our schools.
Information correct as at 19 May 2020 but is subject to change.



What is a 'bubble'?



A bubble is a small community which will stay together in school. It will usually comprise a teacher and teaching assistant plus a small number of pupils. The size and numbers of bubbles will vary. Where possible we will put siblings together, even if normally they are in different year groups. Children of key workers and vulnerable children will be in their own bubble(s).

Can my child change bubbles?



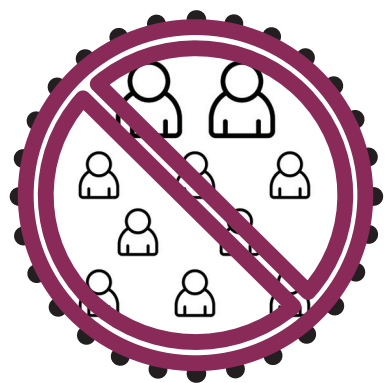
People can only transfer after being absent from school for a seven day period. There needs to be a seven day self-isolation period before someone new joins the bubble.

Will my child be indoors all day?



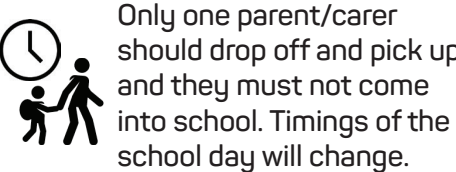
Wherever possible children will work and play outside, in the school playing fields, where there is an even smaller chance of infection. Children will not receive normal lessons.

When will my child attend school?



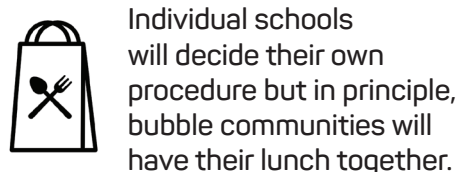
Only when the time is right will children in different year groups be asked to come back. At that time we will ask parents if they want to send them. If they do, we will try to put together an appropriate number of bubble communities.

Can parents/carers come into school?



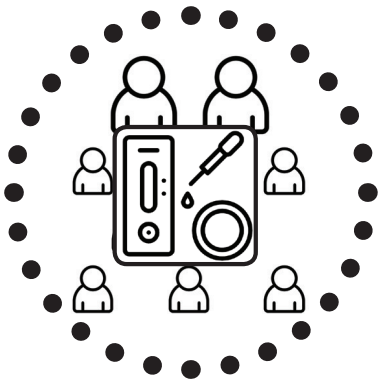
Only one parent/carer should drop off and pick up and they must not come into school. Timings of the school day will change.

What will happen at lunchtimes?



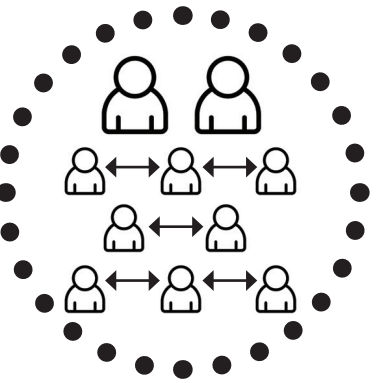
Individual schools will decide their own procedure but in principle, bubble communities will have their lunch together.

What about infection in a bubble?



If a child shows symptoms, they will be isolated in a designated area until they are collected. If the subsequent test is negative, bubble continues in school. If positive, the whole bubble must self-isolate for 14 days.

How will social distancing work?



Among younger children it is accepted it is not possible to maintain social distancing. As long as we keep bubble communities isolated from others, we are minimising risk as best we can.