

Herne Junior School



COVID-19 ROADMAP

Moving out of Lockdown Measures at the School

April 2021 – December 2021

This document is designed to reflect the gradual easing of COVID-19 Secure Measures that the school has taken since the emergence of the pandemic in March 2020. The most up-to-date and current measures will always feature in our latest COVID-19 Risk Assessment, which is posted on the school's website:

<https://www.hernejunior.com/page/?title=Risk+Assessment&pid=137>

Summer Term 2021

April

Classroom Layout Changes: Classrooms are allowed to have furniture away from just forward-facing and can once again resume previous furniture arrangements in groups if teachers wish to rearrange their classes.

Planning Phase: Implement planning for trips, visitors to school, roll-out of clubs, swimming and other school events.

Clubs: Some clubs to start, e.g. Year 5 and Year 6 football (Fridays), Rocksteady, CM Sports.

Dropping-Off & Collection Windows: Small shift in timings to adjust the school day. Instead of dropping off from 8.15am, change to 8.20am, to allow for staff to prepare for lessons and/or support catch-up provision (see below). Drop-off finishes at 8.40am. Collection will change from 3.15pm to 3.20pm, giving an extra five minutes to the teaching end of day. Collection will still finish at 3.45pm.

Catch-Up Provision: Some before-school catch-up to start for Years 4, 5 and 6, with a focus on reading, e.g. Lexia or small group reading. Planning for additional recruitment for September 2021 to support further provision.

Use of the Field: Reinstate the zones on the field for Class Bubbles

Wraparound Care: Breakfast Club to start from 7.15am where there is a need for this from parents (previously 7.30am). Twilight Club extended from provision up to 5pm, now to go to 5.30pm.

Home Learning Support: Teachers who have been shielding during the spring term have been redeployed to support children in school for this term. If a child or family need support at home due to COVID-19 isolation requirements, then we will identify a member of staff to support those people as and when this is needed.

Masks or Face Coverings: Continue with current arrangements for staff to wear these in communal areas.

Bubbles: We will continue with the three tiers of bubbles. Upper/Lower School (aimed at staffing deployment), Year group bubbles (wraparound care) and mainly class bubbles.

May

Clubs: Continue to extend clubs after school with school staff and CM Sports/Rocksteady. Resume live peripatetic music lessons with Hampshire Music Service in The Lodge & The Woodland Room (both external free-standing rooms separate to the school's main building). Social distancing will be maintained and adults working inside will wear masks if this makes them feel safer in an enclosed space.

Lettings: Evening community lettings will be risk assessed to use the school in the evenings and the holiday periods from June onwards.

Dropping-Off & Collection Windows: From May 24th, Drop-off time will continue as 8.20am until 8.40am, maintaining a 20-minute window. This will also ensure staff are available to support early morning (8am) intervention groups where appropriate. Collection will continue from 3.20pm but will move to finishing at 3.40pm in order to coincide with the start time of after-school clubs.

Catch-Up Provision: Continue before-school catch-up for Years 4, 5 and 6, with a focus on reading, e.g. Lexia or small group reading. Explore a plan to put in place an end of August Reading Activity week for children who will benefit from additional support to make accelerated progress with their reading. This will take place in the week August 23rd to August 27th and will be FREE to children who are invited to attend. Four teaching staff have signalled an interest in running a group in this week. Further information will follow in June.

Use of IT: Continue with current arrangements but ensure that each year group has access to their own set of iPads.

Use of the Field: Continue with the zones on the field for Class Bubbles

Wraparound Care: Continue with current arrangements for Breakfast Club (7.15am – 8.25am) and Twilight Club (3.40pm – 5.30pm)

Masks or Face Coverings: Continue with current arrangements for staff to wear these in communal areas until the end of this half-term.

Bubbles: We will continue with the three tiers of bubbles. Upper/Lower School (aimed at staffing deployment), Year group bubbles (wraparound care) and mainly class bubbles.

June

Clubs: Continue to extend clubs. Consider if lunchtime clubs can resume as long as they are in year group bubbles. If safe to do so, allow these clubs to start running from June 14th.

Dropping-Off & Collection Windows: From June 8th, Drop-off time will move to 8.25am until 8.40am, maintaining a 15-minute window, bringing the school day nearer to our usual start times. This will also ensure staff are available to support early morning (8am) intervention groups where appropriate. Collection will move to the later times of 3.25pm to 3.40pm, thereby continuing to extend the school day. All Year 6 children will leave at 3.30pm and will be expected to walk from their classes to a meeting point with their parents within the grounds (or beyond, where permission is granted by those parents), but this will not be at the back of the Year 6 classrooms, as we need to deploy staff elsewhere at this point. Continue with one-way system to aid smooth drop-off and collection, but remove some barriers to aid flow of people.

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Catch-Up Provision: Continue before-school catch-up for Years 4, 5 and 6. Publish information about the summer holiday Catch-Up Reading Fun Week to all parents/carers. Start to identify which children would benefit from this additional support for the end of August. Ensure invites are sent to all of those requested to come along for this FREE provision.

Use of IT: Continue with current arrangements but ensure that each year group has access to their own set of iPads. Look at deploying the Laptop Trolley, starting with Year 6 focus. ICT Suite continues with limited use, as this is also a staffroom area during June. However, each year group will have an assigned period to access the ICT Suite for discreet IT lessons, e.g. 'Scratch' and e-safety modules.

Library & The Link: Both the library and The Link hold a wealth of books for the children to borrow and gain benefit from. Many books have been housed in classrooms, allowing some continued access for the children. From June 14th reopen both of these library areas to enable loans to proceed as normal.

First Aid Provision: From June 14th, ALL First Aid to the usual First Aid Room near to the offices, for both Lower School and Upper School children and review that this keeps children safe. Staff attending at close quarters to have access to PPE equipment.

Use of the Field: Continue with the zones on the field for Class Bubbles

Wraparound Care: Continue with current arrangements for Breakfast Club (7.15am – 8.25am) but Twilight Club to be extended to 6pm from June 14th, if there is evidence of demand for this (3.40pm – 6pm). Arrange survey with parents.

Masks or Face Coverings: Review whether staff need to continue to wear masks in school but continue to request that visitors to the school wear masks. If there is a change for staff, then this will be implemented from June 14th. Voluntary use of masks for parents/carers outside from June 7th.

Bubbles: We will continue with the three tiers of bubbles. Upper/Lower School (aimed at staffing deployment), Year group bubbles (wraparound care) and mainly class bubbles for the duration of June. Consider whether to disband the main Upper School/Lower School split from July onwards, thereby bringing the staff back together from June 28th. This will be Risk Assessed with reference to the current data and information from Public Health England, especially if there are additional variants of the virus that cause concern.

School Trips, Visitors and Swimming Programme: Implement school trips once again and put in place arrangements for visitors to the school to enhance the children's curriculum (e.g. Rainbow Theatre performances and workshops – Class bubbles only). Start swimming programme for Year 4. Consider if Churcher's College indoor pool is available for Year 5 before the end of term.

Monitoring of Quality in and Around the School: Reintroduce Learning Walks giving senior leaders and subject leaders access to all classes across the school in a Covid-safe way.

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Clubs: Lunchtime clubs can resume as long as they are in year group bubbles. After-school clubs to continue.

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Holiday Club Provision: The school will run a READING ACTIVITY WEEK from Monday August 23rd to Friday August 27th. No other summer clubs will run due to the window and door replacement programme across the whole school building. CM Sports Clubs will be signposted where these are taking place in other local schools nearby.

Dropping-Off & Collection Windows: From July 4th, trial drop-off time will move to 8.30am until 8.40am, maintaining a 10-minute window, bringing the school day nearer to our usual start times. Children arriving continue to filter into the school as before.

This will also ensure staff are available to support early morning (8am) intervention groups where appropriate. School day will finish as it used to at 3.30pm, thereby continuing to extend the school day. Children dismissed from classes and meet parents in pre-arranged places. Consider if one-way system is still needed review at the end of June.

Catch-Up Provision: Continue before-school catch-up for Years 4, 5 and 6. Finalise the summer holiday Catch-Up Reading Activity Week to all children, parents/carers. Ensure invites have been responded to and lists are compiled for this FREE provision.

Use of IT: Continue with current arrangements started in June.

Library & The Link: Remain open as organised in June.

First Aid Provision: ALL First Aid to the usual First Aid Room near to the offices.

Use of the Field: Organise zones into Year Group Bubbles (rather than just Class Bubbles).

Wraparound Care: Continue with current arrangements for Breakfast Club (7.15am – 8.25am) and Twilight Club (3.40pm – 6pm)

Masks or Face Coverings: Review whether staff need to continue to wear masks in school in communal areas but continue to request that visitors to the school wear masks inside the school. Masks not required outside the school by any parents/carers or contractors.

Bubbles: Year Group Bubbles become the norm for breaktimes and lunchtimes and continue in wraparound care). For staff, disband the main Upper School/Lower School split from July onwards, thereby bringing the staff back together from June 28th. This will be Risk Assessed with reference to the current data and information from Public Health England, especially if there are additional variants of the virus that cause concern.

School Trips, Visitors and Swimming Programme: Implement school trips for ALL year groups and continue with visitors to the school to enhance the children's curriculum (e.g. Rainbow Theatre performances and workshops – Class bubbles only, as this is indoors). Continue swimming programme for Year 4. Consider if Churcher's College indoor pool is available for Year 5 before the end of term.

School Events: Arrange an end-of-term MUSIC CONCERT (outside), Year Group Sports Days, to include invite to parents/carers to watch. Year 6 end-of term Barn Dance (already booked), end of year video of Year 6 – production and Leavers' Assembly – as this would be indoors, there are no plans to invite parents at this time.

For everyone's safety, this ROADMAP will be reviewed each month to update it in line with government guidance and the latest NHS &

Public Health England data.

September will be added later in the summer term.

HM Government's Roadmap out of lockdown



From 8 March, people in England will see restrictions start to lift and the government's four-step roadmap offer a route back to a more normal life.

The success of the vaccination programme is one factor - so far over 17 million people have had their jabs - but by no means the whole story. The public have also risen to the challenge of suppressing COVID-19: by obeying the law; staying at home; getting tested when needed; isolating when required, and following the 'hands, face, space' and 'letting fresh air in' guidance.

Taken together, this means that even though absolute case numbers remain relatively high, we will be able to begin relaxing the current strict lockdown. While we must all remain vigilant - in particular against the threat from new COVID-19 variants - and continue to protect the NHS, a safe exit from lockdown can begin. It will take place in four steps; and at each step, we plan to lift restrictions across the whole of England at the same time.

In implementing this plan we will be guided by data, not dates, so that we do not risk a surge in infections that would put unsustainable pressure on the NHS. For that reason, all the dates in the roadmap are indicative and subject to change. There will be a minimum of five weeks between each step: four weeks for the scientific data to reflect the changes in restrictions and to be analysed; followed by one week's advance notice of the restrictions that will be eased.

Only when the government is sure that it is safe to move from one step to the next will the final decision be made. The decision will be based on four tests:

- the vaccine deployment programme continues successfully
- evidence shows vaccines are sufficiently effective in reducing hospitalisations and deaths in those vaccinated
- infection rates do not risk a surge in hospitalisations which would put unsustainable pressure on the NHS
- our assessment of the risks is not fundamentally changed by new Variants of Concern

The government will continue to protect the public by ensuring local outbreaks are managed quickly and effectively and that we combat new dangerous variants, both within the UK and at the border. The government will also continue to support families and businesses throughout the steps set out in the roadmap - details of which will be set out by the Chancellor in the Budget on 3 March.

Find out more about the current [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) restrictions](#), including what you can and cannot do.

Step 1 - 8 and 29 March

Changes on 8 March

Education

In Step 1, our priority is to ensure that all children and students return safely to face-to-face education in schools and colleges from 8 March. Childcare and children's supervised activities can also resume where necessary to enable parents to work or engage in similar activities. We are introducing twice-weekly rapid testing for secondary and college pupils - in

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addition to regular testing for all teachers - to reduce the chance of the virus spreading in schools.

Higher Education students at English universities on practical courses can also return from 8 March.

Social contact

People will be allowed to leave home for recreation and exercise outdoors with their household or support bubble, if they are eligible for one, or with one person from outside their household. Care home residents will also be allowed one regular visitor.

Changes on 29 March

Social contact

The evidence shows that it is safer for people to meet outdoors rather than indoors. And this is why from 29 March, when most schools start to break up for the Easter holidays, outdoor gatherings (including in private gardens) of either 6 people (the Rule of 6) or 2 households will also be allowed, making it easier for friends and families to meet outside.

Business and activities

Outdoor sports facilities such as tennis and basketball courts, and open-air swimming pools, will also be allowed to reopen, and people will be able to take part in formally organised outdoor sports.

Travel

The 'stay at home' rule will end on 29 March but many restrictions will remain in place. People should continue to work from home where they can and minimise the number of journeys they make where possible, avoiding travel at the busiest times and routes. Travel abroad will continue to be prohibited, other than for a small number of permitted reasons. Holidays abroad will not be allowed, given it will remain important to manage the risk of imported variants and protect the vaccination programme. The government has launched a new taskforce to review global travel which will report on 12 April.

Step 2 - not before 12 April

Business and activities

Step 2, which will be no earlier than 12 April, will see the opening of non-essential retail; personal care premises such as hairdressers and nail salons; and public buildings, including libraries and community centres. Indoor leisure facilities such as gyms will also reopen (but only for use by people on their own or in household groups); as will most outdoor attractions and settings including outdoor hospitality venues, zoos, theme parks, and drive-in cinemas. Self-contained accommodation such as campsites and holiday lets, where indoor facilities are not shared with other households, can also reopen.

Hospitality venues will be allowed to serve people outdoors at Step 2 and there will be no need for customers to order a substantial meal with alcoholic drinks and no curfew, although customers must order, eat and drink while seated ('table service'). Wider social contact rules will apply in all these settings to prevent indoor mixing between different households.

Events

While funerals can continue with up to 30 mourners, the number of people able to attend weddings, receptions and commemorative events such as wakes will rise to 15.

Step 3 - not before 17 May

Social contact

As part of Step 3, no earlier than 17 May, the government will look to continue easing limits on seeing friends and family wherever possible, allowing people to decide on the appropriate level of risk for their circumstances.

This means that most legal restrictions on meeting others outdoors will be lifted - although gatherings of over 30 people will remain illegal. Indoors, the Rule of 6 or 2 households will apply - we will keep under review whether it is safe to increase this.

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As soon as possible and by no later than Step 3, we will also update the advice on social distancing between friends and family, including hugging. But until this point, people should continue to keep their distance from anyone not in their household or support bubble.

Business and activities

Most businesses in all but the highest risk sectors will be able to reopen. In all sectors, COVID-Secure guidance will remain in place and businesses may not cater for groups bigger than the legal limits. Indoor hospitality will reopen - and as in Step 2, venues will not have to serve a substantial meal with alcoholic drinks; nor will there be a curfew. Customers will, however, have to order, eat and drink while seated.

Other indoor locations to open up in Step 3 include indoor entertainment venues such as cinemas and children's play areas; the rest of the accommodation sector, including hotels, hostels and B&Bs; and indoor adult group sports and exercise classes. The government will also allow some larger performances and sporting events in indoor venues with a capacity of 1,000 people or half-full (whichever is a lower number), and in outdoor venues with a capacity of 4,000 people or half-full (whichever is a lower number). In the largest outdoor seated venues, where crowds can be spread out, up to 10,000 people will be able to attend (or a quarter-full, whichever is lower).

Events

Up to 30 people will be able to attend weddings, receptions and wakes, as well as funerals. This limit will also apply to other types of significant life events including bar mitzvahs and christenings.

Review of social distancing

Finally, before Step 4 begins, the government will complete a review of social distancing and other long-term measures that have been put in place to cut transmission. This will inform decisions on the timing and circumstances under which the rules on 1 metre plus, the wearing of face coverings and other measures may be lifted. This will also inform guidance on working from home – which should continue wherever possible until this review is complete.

Step 4 - not before 21 June

Social contact

By Step 4 which will take place no earlier than 21 June, the government hopes to be in a position to remove all legal limits on social contact.

Business, activities and events

We hope to reopen remaining premises, including nightclubs, and ease the restrictions on large events and performances that apply in Step 3. This will be subject to the results of a scientific Events Research Programme to test the outcome of certain pilot events through the spring and summer, where we will trial the use of testing and other techniques to cut the risk of infection. The same Events Research Programme will guide decisions on whether all limits can be removed on weddings and other life events.

As we move through each of these phases in the roadmap, we must all remember that COVID-19 remains a part of our lives. We are going to have to keep living our lives differently to keep ourselves and others safe. We must carry on with 'hands, face, space'. Comply with the COVID-Secure measures that remain in place. Meet outdoors when we can and keep letting fresh air in. Get tested when needed. Get vaccinated when offered. If we all continue to play our part, we will be that bit closer to a future that is more familiar.