

## Introduction

This is a very difficult time and the DE have produced a lot of guidance over June and the School is awaiting more guidance in July.

We are moving forward with our planning in order to ensure you have information regarding when your child can commence school after the summer period and begin to work with you to support individual children who may require specific programmes. The school has also had a significant increase in pupil numbers that represents staffing challenges, restructuring and accommodation issues alongside creating Sections/Bubbles for safe learning.

It is difficult to know what will happen over the summer period so we are preparing 4 different approaches to attendance. Currently the School is focused on Plan 1 and we hope to be in touch soon with the detail for your child around this plan.

To support you with as much information as possible the school has given you the details of the other attendance plans depending on the science in August.

### 1. Approaches to Reopening Arvalee

One of the following Plans will be applied in August according to updated advice in July and August. Currently we are considering Plan A.

#### PLAN A: APPLYING CURRENT THINKING

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
Week 1 24 August – 28 August • INDUCTION WEEK	FINAL PREPARATIONS	A	A	B	B
Week 2 31 August – 4 Sept	BANK HOLIDAY	Offer to All pupils to Return: Some pupils may require transition support back into School – the class teacher will be in touch in August as required			

The pupils will be grouped in two groups and given opportunity for induction. Then all return in September to be taught in Bubbles. This is based on the school creating Bubbles/Sections to manage any possible cross infection and increased hand washing and sanitation practice.

- **Plan B / C and D all demand significant Blended Learning Support**

#### PLAN B: SCIENCE INDICATES THE NEED TO LIMIT NUMBERS

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
Week 1 24 August • INDUCTION WEEK	FINAL PREPARATIONS	A	A	B	B
Week 2 31 AUGUST	BANK HOLIDAY	A	A	B	B
Week 3 7 September	A	A	B	B	B
Week 4 14 September	A	A	A	B	B
Week 5 21 September	A	A	B	B	B
Week 6 28 September	A	A	A	B	B

- This plan will be implemented if Science States that numbers must be limited. Some pupils may be in each day in discussion with families.

### **PLAN C: SCIENCE INDICATES SIGNIFICANT LIMITING OF NUMBERS**

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
Week 1 24 August • INDUCTION WEEK	FINAL PREPARATIONS	A	B	C	CLEANING
Week 2 31 AUGUST	BANK HOLIDAY	A	B	C	A
Week 3 7 September	B	C	A	B	C
Week 4 14 September	A	B	C	A	B
Week 5 21 September	C	A	B	C	A
Week 6 28 September	B	C	A	B	C REVIEW

- The School will be divided into 3 groups with 1 day in school followed by two days learning at home. Consideration will be taken at the time for pupils that require additional support.

### **PLAN D: SCIENCE INDICATES LOCKDOWN**

- Essential Care Facility Set up for any families that require support
- Work Packs and Remote Learning set up

## **2. General Principles within all Plans:**

### **A. Sections/Bubbles**



Your child will be taught in one of the sections and the School plans to use this structure to limit contact and ensure best practice in Cross infection.

### **3. Attendance and Entrance**

#### **3.a Restart**

- The school is planning around an induction week for limited numbers in August and developing from there in September. This is to support pupils getting an opportunity to experience the sections, hand washing regimes and get used to any social distancing practices which are possible. The Arvalee Back to School Social Story is on the School Web Site.

#### **3.b Temperatures:**

- According to PHA advice (June) pupil's temperatures are not to be taken unless the individual presents with symptoms of feeling unwell. Adults will take their own temperature and monitor their own health.

#### **3.c Under no circumstances** should pupils or staff attend school if they:

- feel unwell, have any of the three identified COVID-19 symptoms (a new continuous cough, a high temperature or loss of taste or smell) or they have tested positive to COVID-19 in the past 14 days.
- live in a household with someone who has symptoms of COVID-19 or has tested positive to COVID-19 in the past 14 days.

### **4. Application of Guidance Points**

- 4.1 Hand washing and Social distancing for adults are the main thrust of the PHA guidance coming to schools but we will continue to apply the guidance as we move forward.
- 4.2 All staff are to enter via the front door of the school and take their own temperature and record it. If it is high do not enter the building, phone the school and inform of your absence due to illness. An adult temperature needs to be below 37.7. The temperature should be taken three times to ensure that it is high. If the Temperature is high the staff member must return home immediately and contact the school to advise them of the illness. If the temperature returns to normal, a return to work is appropriate and the staff member is to contact the school.
- 4.3 The School will only have essential visitors. All visitors must report to the front door at reception. No access will be facilitated at the side Pupil entrance. This is to ensure that temperatures are taken and hands are sanitised prior to entry to the building.
- 4.4 Pupils are not to wear PPE. Frequent handwashing will be encouraged in each classroom.
- 4.5 Where pupils can social distance this is to be encouraged and supported. Pupils should be seated 1 metre apart and lining up should reflect social distancing regulations. If possible, staff can maintain a 2 metre distance but this will be considered with each child and classroom as appropriate to the child's care, understanding and development needs.
- 4.6 Due to the guidance regarding the 15 minute exposure time to Covid 19, staff will not wear PPE other than in situations where this guidance cannot be maintained and during intimate care procedures. Where this PPE cannot be worn due to the child's behaviour or the child's understanding of the situation the staff are to ensure frequent handwashing. Each Care and Behaviour Plan must be considered in light of Social Distancing and how learning can be facilitated without a challenge that may lead to the requirement for prolonged periods of contact.
- 4.7 If the pupil presents with symptoms of Covid 19, the pupil will be taken to the Learning Support Room and await the parent to pick the child up. The Temperature will be taken to indicate if it is high. This should be done three times to ensure a high reading. Staff should wear a face Shield, (if possible) and ensure consistent hand washing.

- 4.8 Medication must be in a clearly marked bottle with a prescribed label. Unless it is part of the Care Plan all medication will be kept in School. The current policy for administration of medication and storage will continue to apply.
- 4.9 If your child requires changes of clothes and/or nappies, they are to be sent into his/her class in a bag clearly marked with your child's name.
- 4.10 Dinner Money needs to be in a sealed envelope and clearly marked with your child's name. The School would ask that the right money is used as giving change will be difficult at this time. The cost of dinners in the next academic year will be forwarded in August.
- 4.11 The Pupils lunches will be served in their Bubbles/Sections and they will access the play areas next to their classrooms. The Sections are to be maintained as much as possible to limit the numbers of children and adults mixing as per the guidance.
- 4.12 Learning in the classroom can be supported through strategies such as hand over hand and guiding the child with contact. This should be followed by hand washing. A face shield should be worn if possible.
- 4.13 The contents of the recovery curriculum will be clarified by your Teacher when the term commences and based on the needs of your child.
- 4.14 The Health Trust is still to provide information regarding the delivery of Speech and Language Therapy, Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy next year.
- 4.15 The Children's Community Nurses are currently coordinating the training for staff to ensure that the Pupils Care Plans will be in place as the pupils return.
- 4.16 Counselling Services are due to provide information regarding how the service will be provided for pupils.

## **5. Transport**

- Home to school Transport is a responsibility of the Education Authority.
- To ensure that your child can come to school we would ask that as many parents organise transport into school as possible.
- If transport is not possible for you to organise the School will be in touch in August to see if the EA can carry out this transport. We will send a text out in the week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> August with updated information.
- We will operate 2 start windows for August; namely 9.00am to 9.30am and 9.30 to 10.00am
- Do not arrive early to allow the free movement of cars away from the school
  - A letter will be sent from the school to indicate your child's induction days in August, the start window times and the Section that your child will be learning in.

**Conclusion:**

- Arvalee School is working off Plan A and the school will contact you in August to confirm this.
- Some pupils may require extended induction periods and the teacher will be in touch week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> August 2020 to support this in necessary.
- Transport cannot be confirmed until August so plan to transport your child if possible.
- The school will work with you so enjoy your summer period and we hope to move everything forward in the new academic year.