



HM Government



If your child is eligible to attend school, they should return this term



From 1 June, primary schools in England have welcomed back nursery, reception, year 1 and year 6 children, alongside priority groups (vulnerable children and the children of critical workers).

We're doing everything we can to keep your children safe and happy at school, and it's important that they return to school if they can.

Why should I send my child back to school?

It's the best place for them to learn, and for their overall wellbeing too. It gives them a routine and helps develop their social skills. They also get to see their friends and teachers.

Is it safe for my child to return to school?

Public Health England is clear that the risk is low if schools apply regular handwashing and cleaning measures, and follow government guidance. We also know that if they do catch the virus, illness is less severe in children.

Do children transmit coronavirus more than adults?

No. Children are no more likely to transmit the virus than adults.

Will my young child in primary school be expected to social distance?

We understand that young children find it hard to socially distance. To reduce risk, we are currently advising schools to create class bubbles of 15 children, with no mixing between bubbles. Schools must apply regular handwashing and cleaning measures, and ensure that anyone with symptoms does not attend.

Do both parents need to be critical workers to get a place at school?

No. If one parent is a critical worker then your child is entitled to a full-time place at primary school, no matter what year they are in. Contact your school to arrange a place.

Can other children return to school?

If schools have capacity, they can invite back children in any year group who will especially benefit from being at school because of safety, care, wellbeing or educational concerns. Talk to your school – or social worker if you have one – if you're not sure whether your child can return to school.

When will all children be able to return to school?

The Government is committed to getting all pupils back in September.