



COVID-19 Measures to follow in school

As you would expect, there are a number of procedures we will have to follow to keep our children, staff and wider school family safe and this procedure will provide information about the safety measures that will be in place. Please be assured that although we are not able to return to what school used to be like for our children, we will support each child to engage with what will be the version of school life we are able to provide for them using current guidance.

We request that you acknowledge that you have read and understood this form and that you have communicated this to your child before attending their first lesson. By sending your child to school each Saturday you are confirming each time that none of the 8 conditions set out in paragraph 7 below are applicable to you, your household or your child. You should not send your child to school if any of those 8 conditions are met.

As noted in 7 below, if a child within a group becomes ill with obvious symptoms related to Covid 19 then all parents of children in that group will be contacted to arrange collection. You are required to come and collect your child immediately.

Please use the following information to help prepare your child for a happy and successful return to French school.

1. Social distancing during lessons and break times

The Government guidance now allows children to once again be back in full classes and with their class teacher. A sensible and pragmatic approach to social distancing will be taken recognising the guidance, the age of the children and our context.

For pupils of CE1 and above, social distancing between children will be encouraged wherever possible and particularly in the building, with actual physical contact, again wherever possible, minimised both in and outside.

Children will be expected to respect social distancing around staff members as much as feasibly possible. As a result of this measure, our approach to teaching will continue to be modified accordingly, however you can be assured that all staff will maintain a caring, positive and engaging learning environment befitting of our school's ethos and values.

During break times, pupils from different classes should not mix: they will be able to play in the allocated areas of the playground (see map in attachments).

2. Authorised areas in the school premises

The children will be allowed in designated areas inside and outside the school building:

- They will be allowed to stay in their classroom and will access their allocated toilets and handwashing stations.
- They will have a designated area in the playground for break times

To limit the risk of cross-contamination, the children will not be able to walk inside the school building or use other rooms (library, hall, etc).

3. Arrangements for drop-off and pick-up

Drop-off and pick-up should follow the same arrangements as usual: approach your child class by the external area and let them go in when the teacher opens the classroom door. We will ask you to wait in your car before the opening of the classroom (2.15pm) and to maintain social distancing with others while moving through the external areas of the school.

The same procedures should be followed for the pick-ups, knowing that pick-up times are 4.30pm for Maternelle & CP1 classes and 4.45pm for all the other classes. We will also ask you to maintain social distancing if you wait between the two pick-up times.

No adults will be allowed in the school building. If for an emergency, an adult needs to enter the building, this will happen through the “pond” entry and the adult will need to wear a face covering and be accompanied by a member of the school staff.

4. Personal hygiene

Regular handwashing will be scheduled:

- upon arrival at school
- before children go on breaks
- when children return from breaks
- and before leaving the school

Pupils will be reminded to wash their hands for 20 seconds with water and soap and the importance of proper drying with disposable towels.

We will also follow the “Catch it, Bin it, Kill it” method and we will remind pupils to avoid touching face, eyes, nose or mouth with unclean hands.

5. School material & personal items

Pupils should only bring to school the following items:

- Their named water bottle and a snack
- Their class book (*manuel*) and their booknotes/folders (*cahiers/classeurs*)

The teachers will give them a pencil case with the small material they need for the lesson every Saturday.

6. Library and one-to-one reading sessions

Books are loaned every Saturday to pupils. All books returned will be quarantined for a week and will be available for loan on the following Saturday.

One-to-one reading sessions will be organised only with members of staff and depending on government guidelines we will re-assess having volunteers coming in school for these reading sessions in later times.

7. Expectations and arrangements guidelines related to illness

The school will manage any situation related to health and wellbeing with care, sensitivity and professional discretion. We are bound to be extra vigilant at this time and respond to all and any illness cases that arise in a precautionary way – your understanding of this is appreciated.

A child should not attend school if:

1. They have been diagnosed with Covid 19 and are within their 10-day isolation period.
2. A household member has been diagnosed with Covid 19 and they are within their 14-day isolation period.
3. They have been identified as a contact of someone who has been diagnosed with Covid 19 and are within their 14-day isolation period.
4. They demonstrate the symptoms of Covid 19 namely, a new, persistent cough, a temperature higher than 37.8 degrees or are experiencing a loss of taste or smell.
5. They are waiting for a Covid 19 test result.
6. They have been abroad to a country identified by the Government as requiring 14-day quarantine on return and they remain within that period.
7. They remain on the revised shielding list due to a medical condition or are in a household where a member remains on the revised list – please contact the school for further information/guidance.
8. They are unwell in any other way.

We appreciate children's wish to be in school at this time, **but it is essential for their and other children's health and wellbeing that parents abide by the above instructions!**

The school should be contacted directly should any of the above occur. This can be done through the normal school communication channels including leaving a clear AND detailed message on the mobile phone line (07913 811345) or via email (lucile@petite-ecole-reigate.co.uk).

Testing is available for children and their families with more information available by dialling NHS 111 or contacting your GP.

For points 1 – 5 a negative test result will be required before a child is allowed to return to school.

For point 8 and in line with our precautionary approach, taking into account that children's presentation of Covid 19 remains ambiguous, those who are unwell either at home or at school with symptoms outside those given in point 4 should be assessed by their GP or NHS 111.

The medical professional will then direct parents to whether a Covid 19 test is necessary. If a test is required then it should be undertaken with the child only returning to school if it is negative. Positive outcomes should be responded to following Government guidance. If the medical professional advises that no test is necessary, then the child may return to school once they are well enough to do so and it has been confirmed by the school.

Should a child become unwell while at school then appropriate measures will be applied to care for them and we will contact parents for their collection. Parents should then contact NHS 111 or a GP and follow the instruction they provide.

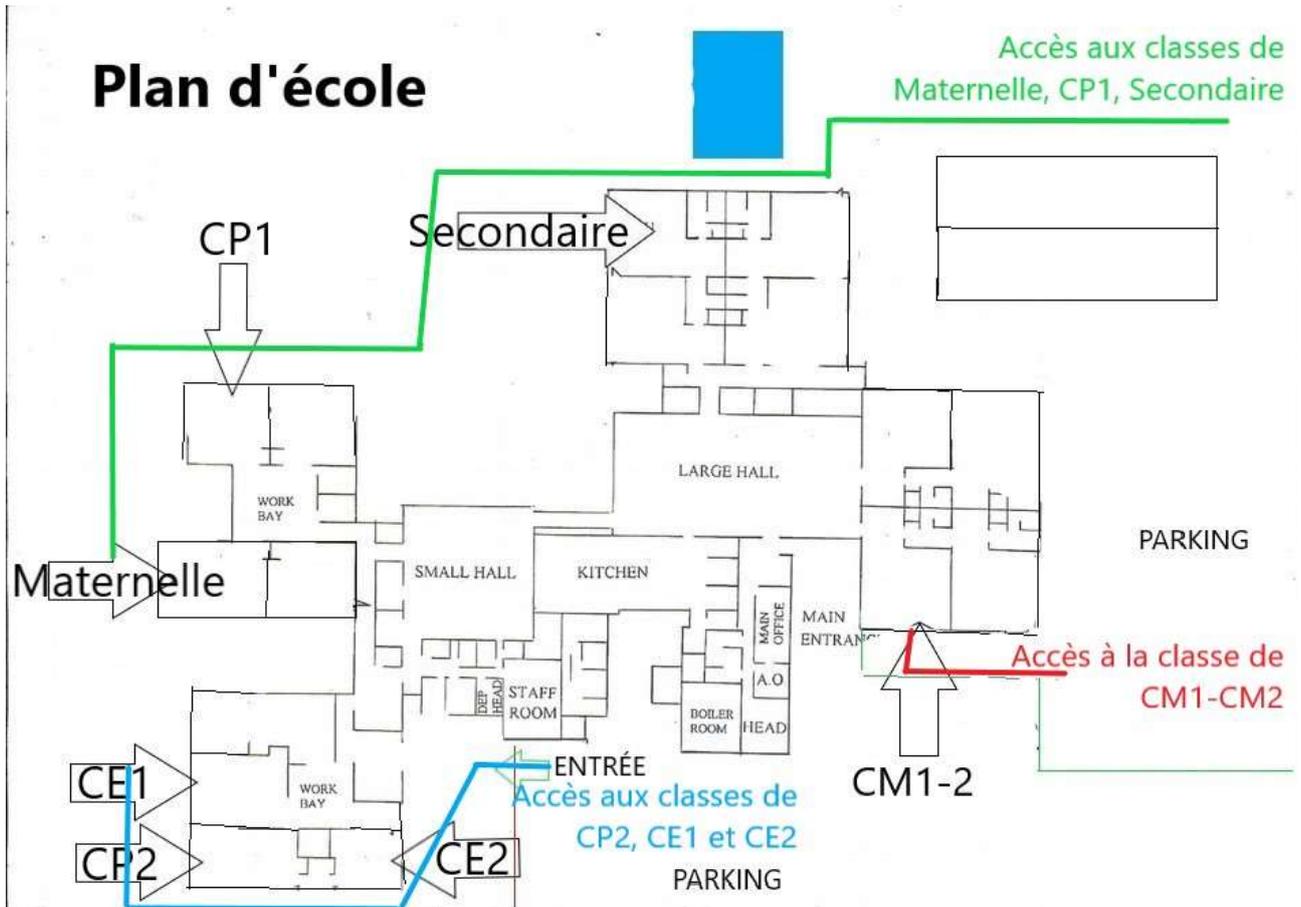
In school, if a child within a group becomes ill with obvious symptoms related to Covid 19 then all parents of children in that group will be contacted to arrange collection.

Children within the group of a confirmed case of Covid 19 will need to isolate and access available testing. Families should contact NHS 111 for further advice. Children will not be allowed to return to school until the 14-day isolation period is over and they have received a negative test result.

Other groups will not necessarily be impacted by illness in a specific group. However, any arising cases will be assessed and further action for other groups cannot be ruled out. Information will be made available to you should this occur, and your understanding and support will be appreciated.

8. Attachments

Map of school for classrooms locations and access



Map of school for break times

