

<b>'Return to School' Survey May 16<sup>th</sup> 2020</b>			
	<b>Yes I will send my child</b>	<b>No I will not send my child</b>	<b>I don't know</b>
<b>Reception</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Other year groups</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>35</b>

**Please can you add any questions you may have so that we can respond to any questions you may have?**

1. I have the following questions- - Will the children be continuing with their formal learning or will it be similar to the schedule you provide to the children who have been attending school throughout the crisis (crafts, play, Outdoor activities)? - How long would the children be in class? Full or half days? Thanks  
 – We will be focussing on Reading, Writing and maths. Also lots of time invested in readjusting to the 'new normal' of schooling and well-being. The Govt. want all school to focus on key skills and we don't have to offer a 'broad and balanced curriculum'

2.  This was a specific question relating to a specific child. I will answer that question directly

3. Will it be school work or play . Thanks . See answer to Q1 please
4. We will need to know all safety measures that will insure our child's safety. We also would suggest live Zoom classes especially for year 6 in the mean-time. We will share the safety plan with parents and that will help them to make a more informed decision. Zoom is a possibility, but not all children have access to internet and IT equipment. Also if teachers are teaching in school they can't lead zoom lessons unless they teach and broadcast simultaneously
5. The only question I have is that as a key worker will my child still be looked after in school during the summer holidays. Currently, the Govt are saying that schools will not be open during the summer holidays. In my opinion, some of the key workers' children need a break from school, as do staff. Some children have been in school since February without a break – other than when we were closed - Easter weekend and weekends.
6. Will the children be getting taught in school for those few weeks and have structured lessons or will it be as it is currently? See answer to Q1 please

7. Why reception and year 1 children first when clearly they can't understand social distancing rules? Surely years 6,5 and 4 first would make more sense. **The decision to re-introduce Reception, Year1 and Year 6, was not our decision, it was the Govt. and not one that was made in consultation with Teaching unions.**
8. Why are the younger ones going back when it would be more difficult for them to social distance than the bigger children **See reply to Q7 please**
9. We are choosing not to send our Year 1 child (we are both key workers) from 1/6/2020 however if circumstances change before they finish for the summer holidays, would we be able to start sending our child? **Yes, so long as we have warning that the children intend to return we would need to make space in the 'bubbles'**
10. For a year 6 pupil, do we know anything further regarding transition arrangements for Wirral Grammar? **The Govt said that year 6 would be returning to school to prepare for the transition to High Schools, but they later said transition visits are not to take place. Miss Ebbrell has had conversations with staff from High Schools about children in Y6 and will be passing work etc on.**
11. Can you ensure there is hand gel in the classrooms readily available throughout the day. Can you also confirm that any child showing symptoms will be given a government guideline test to confirm. **We have stock-piled hand sanitizer, tissues, disinfectant, wipes etc, in preparation for the return to school. Each class has a 'station' of these items available – we have had these 'stations' in place during the last few months when teaching key worker children. Any child are showing symptoms of Covid 19 will be put in a smaller room and parents called. We have also 'deep cleaned' school in recent weeks and will do so again before the 1<sup>st</sup> June**
12. I'm happy for my child to return to school
13. Not got any I can think of as yet as waiting to see what the situation is in the next few weeks
14. Will drop off and collection times be staggered? **Yes, all 'bubbles' will have different drop off times, pick up times, lunches and breaks. Only one parent is to bring a child to school and parents will not be allowed in the building**
15. Is remote learning possible as I know some students from other schools are using zoom so they can all attend a class with the teachers and students in a video call – **please see answer to Q4 above**
16. Just how will social distancing be out in place especially with the younger children. Will they have to wear masks and the teachers. **We have been advised that masks should not be worn in school. It will be impossible to get children to socially distance from each other. We have tried with the key**

worker children we have had in school. We can 'enforce' social distancing in class with older children, but not at break and with younger children

17. The high school is now open also for young carers will you be doing this too?  
We will offer places to Young Carers, but some young carers have siblings who would not be invited into school, I feel this would be difficult for children to see siblings go to school as they stayed at home.
18. Not question as such but providing my work continue to allow me my current working plan, I won't be sending my son on 1st June. If that changes though I may have to.
19. Would like support packs to cover the level to be achieved at the end of year 5. Want to give [REDACTED] the best chance possible to be on track for year 6 if he is not returning until September. We will do our best to continue to supply work that is suitable for children
20. If you will have to leave the pupils at the front yard, do they need their own pack lunch, and if they have to wear masks.
21. How can we guarantee are children are going to be safe if we send them back I cannot guarantee 100% that the children and staff will be safe. I will do all I can. I will follow the advice given, but I am fighting an invisible virus. It's not as simple as fencing off a dangerous part of the school yard for example
22. I am concerned that sending only one of my children will risk infection being brought back to the house and them also feeling singled out from their sibling being allowed to stay at home. Young kids learn through play how will they play if they can't go near each other? Will returning in these circumstances make children dislike going to school seeing all the different things put in place will it scare them more than making the school a happy place for them to thrive ? All valid points. The decision to send children to school, or not, is the parent's choice. If you feel sending children to school, in these circumstances, is not safe or it will be detrimental to their well-being, you need to keep your children at home. I cannot tell you to do that or openly support it. I have been asked to prepare school to be open on 1<sup>st</sup> June, if possible and regardless of if I agree with that decision or not. I have been asked to 'do a job' by my employers
23. Reception class...if the children were trying to play together will they be told this isn't allowed or will 'playing' with children of their bubble be ok? Playing with children in their 'bubble' will be fine, we would struggle to stop that and I wouldn't want to stop it.
24. I will only send my child back once I'm forced to go back to my normal work shifts at the moment I am able to work around school times to look after and teach them myself – if you do need to send your children back, please give us warning

25. Just worried about the children picking this virus up and the distancing between them all – see answer to Q21 above please

26. No questions yet

## **If you will not be sending your children back to school, would you mind telling us the reasons why? This will help us if we are asked by the Dept for Education**

**Thank you for the feedback and expanding on the reasons behind your decisions. I am very grateful to those people who have also expressed concern for the safety of staff too**

1. I am not yet comfortable that the infection rate is down enough and we feel we still need more time to see how the R rate increases/ decreases after the slow lifting of lock down this week affects the transmission of the virus. We desperately want our son to return to education but it still feels a little quick to make that decision.
2. I don't believe that children should be sent to school to spread germs until the threat of the virus is under control
3. We are undecided at the moment however our reasons for not sending [REDACTED] would be because I ([REDACTED]) am at a higher risk of complications if I were to contract Covid-19, however I have been advised to practice 'stringent social distancing' rather than to shield. The other reason would be because going into school and adhering to social distancing with friends and teachers may be worrying to my son (although I know you and your staff will do their absolute best to reduce any anxiety of course). **Thank you for your support – we will do our best and hopefully our best will be good enough**
4. Although we really would like him to return to school, we do have concerns about his safety and the safety of other pupils and staff around him which are causing us to be undecided.
5. It's too soon and don't think it's safe enough at the moment
6. It is safer to be at home.
7. This will depend on our child safety.
8. my child will be going in daily
9. I feel my 4 year old would struggle to remain socially distanced from teachers and other pupils and it would be an unnatural environment for him to be in. I feel it would be detrimental to his mental health being distanced from his friends when he can see them and he is used to a completely different way of behaving in school.
10. We feel that it is not safe to send our children back to school. We are not prepared to risk our children's or teachers lives for such a short period of time to attend school. We would prefer to start a new academic school year in September.

11. Pregnant and due 6/7/20
12. I'm unsure what the right thing to do is as I don't want him to miss his last few weeks of primary school but I also think that at this present time it is unsafe for children to be in school. Social distancing in schools is almost impossible, even for an 11 year old. So I feel he will be safer at home. Although I'm really upset for him if he misses the end of primary. I really don't know what to do.
13. Because their safety is not guaranteed.
14. not required back yet as no date yet for year 4.
15. I have 4 other kids, I'm also a single parent so I'm not bringing them all to school to drop 1 child off xx
16. Although I would like my child to have closure for leaving primary school, I feel at the present time that there is insufficient evidence to suggest that spending half a term in a school environment is safe. Perhaps in July Year 6 could have a day on the field together playing non-contact games (if daily cases fall significantly) so they can have a lasting memory of a fun day together. **We will try to organise an event or activity for Y6, but only if it is safe to do so**
17. I am shielding and do not want to risk my child or myself
18. It is impossible to social distance young children. There will only be a few weeks before the summer holidays start and I don't want my child thinking everything is back to 'normal' when school will finish for 6 weeks again as soon as that happens. Also, I am not confident in the drop in numbers being enough for schools to re-open.
19. Because I don't think it's safe for them to come back
20. Don't feel safe enough
21. █████ is vulnerable so we are shielding at the moment
22. If I'm at home and it's classed as unsafe for me to go back to work, I don't see it being safe for my child to go back to school. I also don't see the point in putting them at risk in July for a couple of weeks school work! I think the social distancing in school with friends could have more of a lasting damage than the missed work itself.
23. Although I know the school will do their utmost to protect the children and staff. I think it near impossible to achieve. In addition there are still many new cases of covid each day in the area and I can only see this being detrimental to those numbers.
24. I don't have any children in reception or year 1 or 6
25. It is not safe
26. In response to our 'maybe': There is nothing more we would like to see than █████ returning to school. However, until the teachers unions are in agreement with the government that it is safe for children & teachers to restart year 1, we feel it is not possible to support the governments decision to return children to school on June 1st . However, if, in the course of the next few weeks the school unions are confident that safety measures are sufficient & that it is the right time for schools to return, we will be happy to see █████ return to school. Until that point we feel that the safest place for

██████████, the rest of our household & our teachers is for our child to remain at home.

27. We don't feel it is safe yet for children/adults to be mixing especially in such small environments and the age of which our child is it will prove difficult for him (unfair on him Emotionally and Mentally) to keep his distance. The disregard from some adults of social distancing requirements in the communities also puts our child and the teaching staff at risk - we also have a younger child at home to think of. We know the school will do it's uppermost best to provide social distancing (where and however possible)but we feel it is the right thing for our family and children to refrain from sending them back to school in the current climate.
28. I don't know yet if I will depending on if there is a spike and what news comes in over next few weeks
29. I don't feel comfortable in sending my child back to school at this time, I am a key worker and not sent my child in to school due to grandparents would have to do pick up. I don't want to put my children or anyone at risk with working on the frontline
30. I am unsure yet but - Concerns re contracting Covid / passing to other family members and possibility of increased community spread. Child has immune response condition, anxiety and OCD which may well be exacerbated by return to school. Feel that schools are being put under too much pressure and i do not want to add this - I do not feel schools should be opening yet, despite my child's strong wish to return and the difficulties it causes with my own work responsibilities.
31. I am a keyworker but my husband works from home. As long as he can continue I would prefer to keep my child away from a place where social distancing is not possible
32. The govt have made a shambles of this situation and are only sending children back so that parents are free to get the economy back on its feet. I choose my child's health over their profit.
33. Because I have a child at home that has hypoglycaemia so more at a risk if my child attends school
34. The UK have the 2nd highest death rates in the world, the daily cases are increasing every day by thousands, that was before they lifted restrictions. It will now only get worse and we don't feel that is safe to allow our children back to school.
35. Because I have a very low immune system and it is too risky for me
36. I would love to send my child back, however it will cause a lot of stress at home to send her in but her sister in yr3 will still be at home. This will cause a lot of stress at home between the 2 of them. This perhaps is not a good reason but it is the best one for our families mental health at this time. If they were returning together I would bring them in.
37. Unsure yet
38. I will have to see what happens in regards to safety of my child before I make a decision

- a. Social distancing - There still so many deaths a day - there still no vaccine - my child hasn't mixed with anyone for months so don't think he should be mixing with a class full.
39. Our decision is in no way connected to the school. We have absolute confidence in Neston Primary School doing the very best they possibly can in keeping our child safe. The issue is that we do not believe that it's safe and we don't agree with the governments decision nor a lot of what's in the 50 page guidance. We don't feel that the government is doing enough to support schools or teachers or the children and we think this decision is rushed, experimental, using teachers for babysitting duties so that the economy can be jump started, and it's downright dangerous to staff, children, and families! We aren't sending our children back until scientists are aware of the full long term consequences of having been exposed to covid-19. With knowledge of this novel virus expanding all the time, we do not believe that it's as safe for children as initially perceived, and there is growing evidence to support the fact that a small number of children may suffer from life threatening inflammatory responses as an indirect consequence of having coronavirus. One of our children already suffers from inflammatory type diseases and we are greatly concerned. When the government can prove that this easing of the lockdown will not produce a raised R0 and an increased number of new cases, we will reconsider our children's position. When we can see that schools are being fully supported both in terms of sensible guidance, financial support, and with resources to allow for the full safety of staff and children, we will reconsider. Until then, consider our decision a direct reflection on the governments poor direction, and NOT our schools ability to carry out the instructions given with the extremely limited resources and support that's been given. The position the DfE have put schools in... Well, digging a pit with a teaspoon springs to mind. We can only hope that children and staff remain safe and there are no dire consequences from this premature decision. Just one positive - thank you for not penalising parents and schools on this attendance issue.
40. I wouldn't send my child back without full details of the safety plan if I understood this I would – **safety plan will be shared with parents/carers**
41. Yes, I feel that he is safer at home and a bit like the kids are guinea pigs for the government. We can't see our family in small groups but can send our kids to mix with others in small bubbles. It doesn't make sense to me
42. I have seen Covid first hand. I am not comfortable with the current situation due to the lack of government support or knowledge. No-one seems to know what they are doing, nor do they care at all. My child would be very distressed at the same time if another child was near them. They are very worried and without their sibling being in at the same time this would cause more distress.
43. at the moment not mandated
44. I don't know what to do for the best I am only going to send her back if safe and the Headteacher says it safe



45. If I still have childcare available with family I would likely not send my daughter back to school until September, however this may not be an option come 1st June. The reason I would opt out is because I think the changed environment would be stressful for the kids and also social distancing is near impossible for young children, so this makes no sense in squashing the virus down when we could keep it down and get the kids back in September when hopefully we have made more progress.
46. Until it's safe to do so

## **Please add any relevant comments here - if you have anything you would like to add**

### **Thank you to those people who have thanked staff for the work done over the past months.**

1. I would be happy to let my child return to school if there is no second wave of corona virus and if measures are put in place for my child to be safe in school.
2. Clearly on safety is vital and Zoom classes would help in the mean time or as alternative to being in school especially for year 6 as they will be moving on to new schools and lessons. **Not all children have access to Internet and IT equipment – we will try to expand the use of zoom, if possible**
3. thank you for all your co-operation
4. Thank you to all of the staff who have been keeping the school open and keeping in touch with us all.
5. How are you able to social distance in bubbles of 15 if the whole school is due back in July? Not enough classrooms or resources making it potentially dangerous for you and the children. Is there any real point in bring the whole school back in July for the sake of 2-3 weeks? **We anticipate that not all of the 197 pupils will return before the summer. We will limit the number of resources available to children. Children will have individual stationery. Older children will work at set desks**
6. Sorry my answer doesn't help you at all. I am very unsure of what to do yet. At the moment my answer would be no they wouldn't be returning to school yet. I have worked with children for many, many years and they CANNOT self isolate at a young age even with you trying your best to apply this. But I do realise that this isn't going away for a long time and we have to have a new normal. Is it now ? My opinion is it's to soon. My children struggle academically and I understand the importance of getting them back in.
7. N/A
8. Not safe to open schools yet
9. I would welcome return to school but only when safe - can the school reasonably accommodate all children with halving class sizes? Could you have year 4 for example split with one half in school min to wed lunchtime



- then remaining half in wed pm through to fri? Thanks this was an original idea we had but Govt guidance says we are not to do this
10. We are only willing to send our son back to school if we think it is safe to do so. This will depend on the current situation in England and the local area. We will be keen to understand what controls the school will have in place at the time when the attendance would be back to normal. We will share safety plan asap
  11. I have concerns that returning to school, managing social distancing/ bubbles, and then possibly having to fully isolate should anyone become ill is a lot for children to comprehend. If families are coping with having work sent home and continued support from school, is the increased anxiety, pressure and risk to all involved worth it?
  12. I have every faith in teachers doing all they can to keep the school as safe a place as possible, but I feel it is too early for schools to re-open. I would rather have my child at home with me while this is happening.
  13. Children will be mixing with children of key workers and non keyworkers, Teachers who probably have kids in other schools who will also be mixing with other children from keyworkers and all the while no PPE is being used, I believe this is a recipe for disaster
  14. I'd like to thank NPS for amazing support I've received many thanks – Thank you
  15. The school is providing the best educational support we could ask for and us not wanting to send our child back to school is no reflection on the teaching staff at the school who we feel have done an amazing job under impossible circumstances thus far! Thank you
  16. n/a
  17. Na
  18. I really do not think that it is at all safe for all our children to return back in July!! This is impossible for the teachers that work so hard and care for our children! This cannot be done safely
  19. None
  20. I am concerned that schools are being handed liability for not only children's health, but that of their staff and the wider community - this is a burden they should not have to carry when they have already done so much. Should an increase in infection rate occur, then children will have to, again, stop attending school, leading to a lack of continuity, uncertainty and fear. Thank you
  21. If I can keep my child away from school I will. Sending my child back to school also requires our childminder to be operating. Another enclosed space where social distancing is impossible
  22. I will be sending my children back in September.
  23. N/a
  24. I want my child to continue with her education but her safety is my first concern .
  25. Just don't see how it will be safe for pupils teachers and parents

26. I'm not willing to send my child in to school, we are fighting a war with an invisible enemy. I'd rather he sat year 2 again if necessary, as long as I know he is safe.
27. You're all doing a great job and my choice is not a reflection on how you are dealing with this one bit. **Thank you**
28. I would be sending my child back in July due to work commitments but I am still unsure on safety for children and staff
29. When the government put a safe action plan that convinces me that all children and indeed staff are safe, I will then send my children to school.
30. I wish for [REDACTED] to return ASAP but ONLY When it is safe for both pupils and staff. We will work over the summer to catch up in readiness for year 6 but would need the support of the school in providing packs either printed or via email. **We will try to continue to operate teaching in school and support home learning too**
31. Reopening the schools is not consistent with the other advice currently. Makes no sense to me and not fair on the kids being guinea pigs.
32. All questions answered on question 5
33. As stated already I do think it's too soon to send them back to such a mixed environment. Not to mention my child's own anxieties about returning. I will review of course for September 2020 where I'm hopeful things will be more settled, but for the sake of 3-4 weeks in school I don't feel confident so early on as the numbers are still high in death rates.
34. We don't have many options available to us at the moment...if there is no afterschool/ breakfast club will other relatives be allowed to collect the children from school at the staggered times? **We are unable to offer Breakfast and after school clubs as we cannot do this without mixing children and staff from different 'bubbles'. If we find a solution we may consider restarting the clubs**
35. I will only send my children once I feel it is safe to do so.
36. On one hand the boys are ready to go back but on the other I'm worried about the virus spread. It's likely we will send them back in July - none of us are in the vulnerable category, but only cautious because of the new reports on complications the virus has caused in children...