

Returning to School at Alert Level 3 FAQs

Can my children both come on the same day?	Yes the way we have structured the return we are giving parents the ability to choose their own group to ensure your children can attend on the same days.
Are the school hours the same during this part time schedule?	Yes, school will start at 9am and finish at 3pm. No children onsite before 8:30am and they must leave the school grounds at 3pm.
Can my children both be in the same bubble?	Children will be in their own habitats with their own teacher and friends. We have nearly 85% of our learners returning to onsite learning and do not have the capability to have sibling bubbles.
My child is new at school and won't know how to get to the classroom and how to find the gate at 3pm	We will have a staff member at each entrance to the school to welcome the children. If your child is brand new and hasn't attended school your class teacher will be in touch with a specific plan i.e. Miss Kim will greet H1 learners at 8.45am each morning at the side gate by the carpark. She will take her whole class to that entrance at 2.50pm for pick up, etc.
Can we know if the other parents are fully vaccinated?	We do not hold that information as a school.
Will there be after school care?	No. After-school care cannot operate at this current alert level setting, as it would mean mixing of groups and household bubbles, which would put too many people at risk should someone attending the programme be confirmed with COVID-19.
Am I allowed to ask if the teachers looking after my child are vaccinated?	I can confirm that under the Public Health Order all staff onsite are vaccinated and have returned a negative covid-19 test within 5 days of returning onsite.
Is it their usual teachers or are the teachers on rotation?	The children will be in their own class with their own class teacher. There will be minimal movement between classes or staff changes. There is no rotation.
My child is in Year 4 and won't wear a mask	From 17 November Y4-6 students cannot attend school if they will not wear a face covering when indoors unless they are exempted from doing so. The exemption must be in writing from a medical professional and evidence must be sent to the school in advance. Any children in Year 4-6 not wearing a mask will not be able to attend school onsite.
Just wondering how the lunch, morning tea time is going to work with the mask and what instructions are available at this stage.	We will have staggered break times to minimise any mixing of bubbles. We are asking our Y4-6 students to continue to wear their masks outside as an extra precaution. The children will eat their food outside so as to be in a well ventilated area whilst they are not wearing a mask as they eat. Teachers will be booking times on our playgrounds, court area and field to ensure there is no mixing of bubbles.
Will there still be learning from home provided for the days my child is not attending?	Yes, the teachers will continue to provide learning from home activities through Seesaw.
Is attendance compulsory or optional?	Attendance is totally optional. You know your child's

	needs best.
Will attendance affect the record of attendance?	No, we have codes provided by the MOE around covid-19 attendance online and onsite.
Since we don't have many weeks left can we just keep them at home?	Absolutely! This is your choice.
Will children be assessed when they return to school?	No. Our focus is on wellness and reconnection with their friends and teacher. All assessments will begin again in Term 1 2022.
Will it be normal learning for those children that are returning to school?	No. Our focus is on wellness and reconnection and the programme provided will reflect this.
What kind of class sizes are there likely to be?	We are aiming to have up to 20 children in each class but this is likely to be less each day.
Will there be more outside learning?	The children will be outside as much as practicable as health guidance has said this is safer for them. Of course this is weather dependent.
If kids have a runny nose or any cold symptoms at school, will you send the child home AND/OR let parents of that classroom know?	We have asked that if a child is unwell in any way that they are kept home. If a child presents as unwell while at school they will be quarantined in the office and their parents called.
I have concerns about the expectations on mask wearing. This is an age group who have gone from not needing to wear them to being expected to be comfortable wearing them for up to 6 hours. Is this possibly offset by more time outside the classroom ?	We recognise that this is a new requirement. It is soon to become part of the Public Health Order. As mentioned above we will have our learners outside as much as possible but this is weather dependent.
Why can't the kids just come back everyday.	We have some very strict guidelines that we must follow to ensure every child is safe at school. By splitting the days up we are better able to mitigate any risks and provide a safer environment for the children to return.
Can I pick my child up early from school?	Yes you can. Please phone the school office and we will bring your child to one of the front entrances to the school.
Can I order my child's lunch on EZlunch?	Yes EZlunch will still be available.
Do Year 6s need to be at school for the full day on a Friday?	Yes they will need to be there for the whole day.