



## NAISNY Reopening FAQs

### *Is NAISNY planning to reopen in September?*

Yes, we are working towards being open 5 days a week to all students from Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

### *What learning options are available to families in the fall?*

We are offering in person lessons for all age groups on the school site and virtual lessons, called Classroom Connect, for those that choose to not return to the school site.

### *What is Classroom Connect?*

Classroom connect is live lessons hosted on TEAMS using webcams, so students can be part of the learning being taught by their teacher in the classroom. There is the ability to be part of the lesson and interact with teachers and students.

### *Why would families choose not to return to the school site?*

Families may choose to not return to the school site due to medical reasons or travel concerns. Every family has a choice and we will help them to make the right one for their own context, but we are ready for them to return when they are ready

### *Will we be asked if we are not going to return to campus?*

A short simple questionnaire will be sent out in the newsletter to gauge current feelings on returning. You will be able to choose returning, not returning or unsure. We will be asking for a final decision closer to the beginning of term.

### *Can we change our mind after starting the year?*

Yes, dialogue with your class teacher or Head of school is vital. It is the school's aim to help families with any decision. What we want to avoid is a lot of change for the students, as routine is really important.

### *Can we switch between classroom and Classroom Connect intermittently?*

No, the aim of Classroom Connect is to offer a consistent alternative to onsite, face to face lessons. If you chose to have your child use Classroom Connect, then this will be for a block of 2 weeks minimum.

### *How do I sign up my child for online learning?*

An online form will be sent to all parents during the week beginning 31st August for parents to make a choice, this will come from the class teacher.

### *Do I have to let the school know if we won't be coming to school in person?*

Yes, parents should let the school know about their choices and keep in contact with the class teacher to ensure we have up to date information.



*Can we decide the night before or the first day school?*

Yes, but we do need some time to ensure that Classroom Connect is in place for each child, so some notice is better. We will always be prepared for all students to return to school, so a change of choice will always be an option.

*Does the school have a feel for how many students won't attend in person?*

Our questionnaire will give us a guide to this, but we do not have an estimation yet. Other schools in Nord Anglia have seen approximately 80% of students return to face to face learning.

*Will my child have to wear a mask to school?*

Yes, any child over the age of 2 should wear a mask to school, unless there is a medical reason, or they are unable to take the mask off themselves. If this is the case, please contact Mr. Scrymgeour to discuss the options available.

*Will my child have to wear their mask all day?*

No, we will give the children opportunities to remove/lower their mask when social distancing is in place and within their bubbles. The children will have to wear their masks in all shared areas and when unable to keep their distance from others.

*Will my Early Years child have to wear a mask?*

Yes, but students will have opportunities to remove their mask when in their classroom/bubble.

*What is a bubble?*

For Early Years and Lower School, a bubble is the direct cohort of children that will be in their class. Early Years will have their bubble contained to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, while the Lower school bubbles will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor. This will be consistent and avoid unnecessary mixing across classes and age groups. For Upper School, the bubble will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, with minimal mixing with other students and social distancing in place throughout.

*What happens if my child gets sick at school?*

If your child shows symptoms of COVID19 or any other illness, our school Nurse will isolate the student with the help of a known adult to the child. We have set up an isolation room (not the Nurse's room) where the child can be made comfortable and be observed. We will then be contacting the child's parents to come and take the child for further medical checks, including a COVID19 test. All students from the child's class will move into a different learning space, so the classroom can be thoroughly cleaned. Our school nurse will be keeping in contact with the family of the child to get an up a date on their condition.

*What happens if there is a positive COVID test in school or my child's class?*

If there is a positive COVID result from any member of the school community, their bubble will be asked to quarantine for 14 days. Based on the specifics of the case, the school will decide if there will be a need to quarantine beyond bubbles. If the school has a positive case, we will be communicating with all families to make them aware of the situation and actions taken. The school and its cleaning company



have clear protocols to follow to ensure deep cleaning and hygiene in the case of a positive COVID19 case.

***Will children move around the building?***

Yes, but only when needed. We will stagger bubbles move around the building so to avoid contact with other students and using social distancing. We expect the children to move to the Gym and the rooftop playground.

***Will teachers move around the building?***

Yes, but only when needed. Specialists will be going into classrooms to teach, rather than children moving to specialist spaces. All staff will be following protocols for hygiene and social distancing when moving around the building.

***Will the children use the roof playground?***

Yes, we will stagger playtimes and increase the opportunity for students to be outside (weather dependent). Students will stay in their bubbles, in marked areas and not mix with others during outside time. The play equipment will be cleaned after every use.

***Can children use any bathroom?***

No, students have been allocated specific bathrooms for their bubble. Regular cleaning of these will be taking place throughout the day.

***Cleaning: Are bathrooms disinfected several times a day or only at night?***

Bathrooms and areas deemed regular touch points will be cleaned regularly during the day.

***Cleaning: Are we using external employees?***

Yes, we have worked with our regular cleaning company to increase the number of hours of cleaning to include during the day. Their employees will be onsite during and after school to ensure high levels of cleaning and hygiene, as per State regulations for COVID-19

***Are the rooftop and the gym cleaned after each group use or only at the end of day?***

The rooftop playground and gym will be cleaned after each use. PE lessons will finish slightly earlier to ensure we can clean between lessons.

***How often will used toys be cleaned?***

Early Years teachers will be limiting the number of toys/learning resources that are available to the children to ensure we can clean them after use.

***Should my child bring their own school supplies? If so, when we will receive the supply list?***

For Early Years and Lower School, no. School will provide the students with all the resources they need. Students in Lower school will have a set of resources on their desk that will only be for their use.

In Upper school, we are asking students to bring their own resources (we do have supplies if they need) and these should not be shared with others. Ms Clare is communicating what supplies students need with Upper school families directly.



*What is the school's plan for socially distancing at the lockers and hallways, especially between classes and at the end of day?*

Upper school students will be able to use lockers, but their use will be staggered and students should not touch each other student's lockers. In Winter, we will be using spare spaces to store coats and excess belongings.

*Can I come with my child into school?*

Early Years parents can accompany their child into school for drop off. We ask that only one adult enter the building and that they drop off their child and leave the building. They will have to pass the health screen to enter the building. Lower and Upper school students will need to walk into school on their own.

*How will drop off and pick up work?*

In the morning we are staggering the start times to ensure we can socially distance everyone entering the building. All students and adults entering the building will have to pass health screening before gaining access to the building (daily temperature check and health questionnaire). At pick up, students in Lower and upper school will be brought to the front doors to be picked up.

*What do I do if I have children of different ages at drop off?*

We encourage you to drop off at the earlier time and the older students can wait in their classrooms for the beginning of the day.

*Will lunch be served in the cafeteria?*

No, boxed lunches will be served in classrooms by Flic. Students will eat in their classrooms and bubbles. Flic will be sending out a parent's presentation and information in due course.

*If I feel more comfortable sending in my child's lunch, will the lunch fee be refunded?*

We have worked hard with Flic to ensure high standards of cold, boxed lunches so we will be asking all to continue to have their lunches and so refunding will not be relevant. A feedback group will be created to work with Flic made up of students, parents and staff.

*Are we no longer having the ice cream social on the roof the first day of school?*

No, we have removed this event for now due to social distancing and restrictions on adults in the building. We will continue to have the Orientation Day on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September to ensure children and an adult experience entering the school, meeting their teacher and seeing their classroom.

*When will CCAs resume?*

There will be no CCAs for the first 4 weeks of school, then there will be a review to decide if we can begin reduced CCAs on each floor with the teachers leading them. A full CCA program, with outside providers, will not resume until Term 3.

*Will there be PTA meetings and events?*

In term 1 all PTA events and meetings will be virtual.



*Will my child still have Juilliard lessons from specialist teachers?*

We are not running Juilliard specialists for the first two weeks, as we want to ensure class-based lessons start successfully. After the first 2 weeks, Juilliard specialists will begin lessons by visiting the bubbles in their classrooms or virtually.

*Will there be assemblies?*

Not for the first 4 weeks, we will be introducing them when safe to do so, floor by floor.

*When will things return to normal?*

This is a very difficult question to answer and very dependent on the COVID19 situation beyond the school. We are working on Term 1 having strict measures in place, but with regular reviews to look for opportunities to bring back elements when it is safe to do so. We will also be following the guidelines set by the Governor for Independent schools.

*Will there be an opportunity for a meeting where we can ask questions?*

Yes, we are planning a Zoom meeting for families on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August, the PTA will share the details with parents.