

FAQ

Why aren't after school clubs operating when school reopens to more pupils?

One of the key steps in protecting children, staff and families from spreading the infection is minimising contacts between groups and with people from outside the school who may have had other contacts.

As all our Clubs and activities are used by children from across the age range, and mostly run by adults who work elsewhere as well as in our school, they would lead to avoidable mixing if they ran in their usual form.

To run them for only a very small number of children is impractical and unaffordable, and would still bring non-essential people on to the school site.

This is confirmed in revised guidance from DfE on 3rd June:

Actions for schools during the coronavirus outbreak Updated 3 June 2020

24.5 What does this mean for school-based wraparound provision?

School-based wraparound providers, such as breakfast and after school clubs, can operate for children in eligible year groups (those in Reception, year 1 and year 6) or those within priority groups (such as children of critical workers and vulnerable children) if they are:

- operating on the same premises as the school those children are attending, and
- only caring for children of that school and no others

Those who do open should ensure they are following the same protective measures being taken by schools during the day and work with schools to follow their arrangements, such as keeping children in the same small consistent groups that they are in during the school day.

If wraparound providers are unable to implement the same protective measures as the school, they should remain closed for the time being.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-school-closures/guidance-for-schools-about-temporarily-closing#contents>