

# Back to school safely in Surrey



## Welcoming children and young people back to school

It is vital that Surrey children and young people return to school for their education progress, their well-being and wider development. In support of the Government's plan, we expect that all Surrey children and young people in all year groups return to school from the start of term in September 2020.

### Staying safe **INSIDE** school

We now better understand how to create a safer environment in schools and education settings. We are supporting all schools and education settings to follow the latest guidance and put in place protection and infection control such as 'bubbles', one-way systems, hand washing and sanitising facilities, and staggered starts.

### Stay safe **OUTSIDE** school as well

Parents and pupils will see each other again outside of school. With Coronavirus (COVID-19) still being transmitted in our local areas and the colder weather coming, it's important to remember to socially distance outside of the school gate. Keep two metres where possible from other parents, pupils and teachers beyond your own household group and wider support bubble.

### Stay at home if you have symptoms

A small number of children and young people will be unable to attend school because they are self-isolating, have symptoms or have a positive test result or are in close contact with someone with coronavirus. In these circumstances talk to your school to find out about how learning can be continued at home. Shielding advice was ended by the Government on 1st August. If your child or a member of the household was shielding previously, you can now send your child back to school. Please contact your health professional for further advice and guidance if required. If you are advised by a health professional not to send your child back to school their non-attendance will not be penalised.

School attendance is mandatory from the start of the new academic year and parents and carers have a lawful duty to send their child to school. Should you have any concerns about your child returning to school you should discuss this with your school in the first instance.

If you feel anxious or would like support or advice to cope with the changes, visit [www.healthysurrey.org.uk/](http://www.healthysurrey.org.uk/) Young people can also talk to others at [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com).

Working together, we can ensure all our children return to school safely so that they can make progress in their learning and development and improve their wellbeing.

## What we've been doing over the past six months



**359**  
schools open supporting



**3,190**  
children of key workers and from vulnerable families



**3,000**  
laptops provided to disadvantaged children to help them continue learning

**KEEP SURREY SAFE**