

COVID-19 – How we will keep our children safe

Dear Parents / Carers, please see below a summary of the measures we are taking to help our children return to school in as safe an environment as possible. We all have a collective part to play and would greatly appreciate your help in enabling us to put the measures below into practice.

What the school is doing:

- Basing our decisions on government guidance for schools and local authority expectations
- Providing classrooms with social distancing*
- Providing each child with their own named desk and chair
- Allowing a maximum of 8 pupils and 1 teacher to any one classroom
- Providing 2 or 3 nominated teachers who will work solely with a class group (bubble) on a rota basis
- Each pupil will receive their own designated bag with pens pencils etc
- Fabric seating has been removed and only washable furniture is provided
- Non-essential classroom materials have been removed
- All indoor and outdoor tables will be thoroughly cleaned at the end of the day
- The playground has been marked out to show safe social distancing and staff will supervise outdoor breaks
- Hand sanitiser is available on entry and available in the classrooms and staff will encourage all pupils to use this regularly
- Until further notice, particular toilet facilities are allocated to particular groups with only one person allowed to use the facility at any one time
- A one way system has been introduced in the main corridors
- Children will be reminded of the importance of washing their hands before and after break and educated in safe handwashing
- Children will be taught the principles of sneezing and coughing etiquette and classrooms will be provided with tissues and pedal bins for safe disposal of tissues
- Lunches and break times will be staggered and dining tables arranged and separated as per social distancing guidelines
- During summer months as many windows and doors as possible will be open to increase natural air flow
- All surfaces which are regularly touched (e.g. door handles, taps, play equipment) will be cleaned regularly throughout the day
- If a child develops covid-19 symptoms** during the school day, they will be isolated in a designated area but accompanied safely by a staff member until parents / carers collect them
- We will ask parents to confirm whether they are happy for their child to use the playground activity equipment – numbers are restricted at any given time to enable social distancing while inside the fenced climbing frame

- We are asking parents to tell us when they intend for their child to return to school in order to plan staffing levels and meal provision
- Continuously reviewing how well these measures are working and changing how we work in line with the latest government and local authority guidelines
- Communicating with yourselves as things change and listening to your feedback

How parents and carers can help:

- By maintaining social distancing outside the school gates
- Providing your child with their own water bottle
- Not bringing your child to school if they are showing possible symptoms of covid-19
- Not bringing your child to school if anyone in your household has covid-19 symptoms until that person has received a negative covid-19 test result
- Not bringing your child to school if advised by the government's track and trace programme once it is rolled out
- Keeping your child's hair clipped back off their face to reduce the need to touch their face
- Helping to teach your child the principles of social distancing and the importance of being kind to each other by maintaining these distances
- Collecting your child quickly should they develop symptoms during class
- Being patient with our staff as we are all working in challenging times with rapidly changing demands
- Giving us feedback so that we can work together to keep our families safe

How pupils can help:

- By listening to our staff and trying to remember the importance of social distancing
- Washing their hands often and properly while in school and at home
- Trying hard not to touch their faces
- Learning to cough or sneeze into their elbow or into a tissue
- Using their elbow to open doors where they can
- Remembering that it is a kindness to keep social distancing and to look after their friends
- Telling staff if they feel poorly

* social distancing means trying to keep two metres away from people as a precaution. The key thing is that we are trying to ensure staff and pupils are not too close to others for more than a short period of time, as much as we can.

** symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following: a new continuous cough; a high temperature; or a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).