



Home/school partnership agreement following full opening in September 2020

Introduction:

From September 2020, nurseries, schools and colleges will fully re-open for the return of all children. In order for this to be as safe as possible for all children and staff, we ask that the all staff, parents and children will abide by the following expectations:

What the school leaders will do (headteacher, senior leaders and governors)

We have carried out a detailed and rigorous risk assessment for the return of children. The health and safety of your child is everyone's first priority. We will act in accordance with current government guidance on hygiene (including cleaning) and safe distancing.

The following protective measures are in place:

- the availability of soap and hot water for washing of hands
- the location and use of hand sanitiser stations
- the location and use of lidded bins for the disposal of tissues and any other waste
- ensuring there is a supply of disposable tissues to implement the 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' approach in each classroom
- ensuring that teaching groups will be isolated from other groups of children as far as possible while they are in school
- staggered start and end times to reduce the number of people congregating on the school site
- parents not permitted to enter the school site - they can only contact the school via telephone or email

We may need to change our decisions based on new government guidance as the current situation develops or based on our school context and the outcome of the risk assessment.

As there is a significant change in school and classroom organisation, the school will need to review and revise policies implemented across the school at this time.

We will

- continue to follow the safeguarding policies and procedures where concerns have been identified
- inform parents/carers of developments or changes in provision in as timely a way as possible
- inform parents/carers and children of any modifications that will need to be made to the school's behaviour management policy in light of the ongoing risks caused by the pandemic. This revision will include re-affirming our expectations and any sanctions we will be making when the expectations are not being met.

- work through the hierarchy of measures for implementing protective measures for all which are:
 - avoiding contact with anyone with symptoms
 - frequent hand cleaning and good respiratory hygiene practices
 - regular cleaning of settings
 - minimising contact and mixing
- provide a school dinner for children attending school for children entitled to free school meals or to parents who wish to purchase a school meal
- contact parents/carers should their child become unwell
- make decisions about what children will learn and how to help children to adapt to new school routines and restrictions
- keep in regular contact with parents/carers and ensure you are updated.

Where there are pupils with education, health and care (EHC) plans, we will work with the local authority and other external partners to make reasonable endeavours to provide the provision written in an EHC plan. This may mean that the provision for a child may temporarily differ from what is set out in their EHC plan. This will be renewed on a regular basis.

What parents/carers need to do to support your children and the school:

- Send your child in to school from Thursday 3rd September. The government have outlined their expectation that all children should return to school in September. Should your child be absent for any reason, please follow the school's usual absence procedures and contact the school by telephoning the School Office (01268 555333).
- Ensure you have provided your most up-to-date emergency contact details. This is so that we have the most accurate information should there be a need to contact you.
- Comply with the school's staggered start and end times, ensuring children are at the appropriate entrance in a timely manner for them to arrive into school and be collected to help facilitate the school's plans for social distancing
- Recognise and support the school in any adaptations or modifications which we have made to the school's behaviour management policy.
- Follow all hygiene regulations put in place by school leaders. You must carefully follow all the instructions for the staggered dropping off and collection of children for everyone's safety. You must also follow the distancing arrangements in place for dropping off and collecting children at the start and end of the day.
- You should be aware of the recommendations on using transport to and from school. If you can, avoid and reduce any unnecessary travel in taxis and on public transport.
- Ensure your child wears appropriate school uniform
- Follow the government's guidelines outside of school hours concerning social distancing
- Arrange to get your child tested should they develop symptoms and inform the school of the result of the test
- Engage with the government track and tracing program, following their advice

It is essential that you must inform school leaders if your child or anyone in the household develops COVID-19 symptoms:

- **a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)**
- **a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)**
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.**

Please follow government advice regarding isolating measures to reduce the risk of transmission.

If you have any concerns about your child/ren or they are displaying symptoms of stress or anxiety, please contact the school.

What children need to do

- Children need to follow any altered routines for arrival to and leaving from school and as well as limited movement during the day.
- Children must follow the school's rules on handwashing and using sanitiser, including the use of toilets. They must meet the 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' expectations. They must tell an adult if they feel unwell.
- Children should follow the rules about sharing equipment and other items. They must only use the stationery items at their desk.
- Children must follow adult instructions on who they can socialise with in class, at break times and lunchtimes and where they can play. They must not mix with others outside their group.
- Children must not share food or drink with others.
- Children must only bring in to school:
 - Coat
 - Sun hat
 - Water bottle (filled)
 - Lunch box (if not purchasing a school packed lunch)
- Children must follow the school's rules and expectations to help keep them safe both when in school and when working online when using remote learning (in the case of having to send a class home if there is a positive case in their class).

Above all, all children should demonstrate their usual respectful behaviour towards each other and adults. They should try their best to ensure the health and safety of others by following the teacher's instructions to avoid unnecessary contact.