

COVID-19: Home-School Agreement

This agreement has been devised with the purpose of raising awareness of many of the key operational measures that need to be taken by school staff, parents and children to support the wider opening of schools during the COVID-19 pandemic and to limit any spread of infection. This is by no means an exhaustive list of all measures being taken by the school and we are committed to working with parents to address any queries that you may have.

We wholeheartedly understand, that for our children, families and staff, as a result of these measures school will look and feel considerable different. We do however remain committed to maintaining our caring ethos and will support all of our school community in the best way possible.

School will ensure that:

- Children's well-being is prioritised
- Children are supported to understand new procedures and routines and expectations will be made as clear as possible
- Children will receive supervision education which will support the completion of online learning in school, complemented by live learning for personal social health relationship citizenship education.
- Children are provided with a break and lunch time to exercise.
- Classrooms will be re-designed with tables placed 2 metres apart to promote social distancing.
- Any spare tables, chairs, soft furnishings and items that cannot easily be cleaned will be removed from classrooms.
- Each child will have access to their own equipment – pens, whiteboards, scissors, glue sticks etc to minimise sharing resources
- Cleaning Staff will carry out additional cleaning throughout the day – wiping down desks etc,
- Additional cleaning of shared areas, such as the toilets, will take place throughout the day
- Continue to provide free school meals via Mellors Catering, where required.
- Dinner tables will be cleaned after each sitting.
- Toilet breaks and lunch times will be staggered throughout the day.
- Opportunities are timetabled for pupils to access toilets and handwashing facilities to reduce movement around school and avoiding mixing or queuing. (One way systems, posters and floor markings will be implemented, where needed, to support this).

- Children will be educated on the need for regular handwashing/sanitisation, avoiding touching their faces, and the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' messages
- New fire exits and procedures are communicated clearly to staff and children
- The numbers of adults in school is kept to a safe minimum and no non-essential visitors will be allowed.
- First aid is available to any child that needs it and social distancing will be implemented where possible
- Children and staff who are unwell are advised to stay away from school
- A medical area is allocated for use, should a child or member of staff become unwell whilst in school.
- Where a child or member of staff develops symptoms, they will be sent home and encouraged to be tested. They will be advised to self isolate in line with government guidance.
- Where a child or staff member is tested positive for COVID-19, the rest of the children and staff in the bubble will be sent home and advised to self-isolate in line with government guidance.
- Parents are kept informed as to any required adaptations to our procedures as and when they arise
- Parents are provided with clear information regarding expected arrival (start time 9am) and departure times (finish time 3pm) and allocated entrances.
- Parents are provided with the completed Risk Assessment document once it has been ratified by the Governors and Trust.

Parents will ensure that:

- They do not send their child to school if they are unwell.
- They make the school aware if their child has any underlying health conditions and are classed as 'clinically extremely vulnerable' or 'clinically vulnerable'. (Any child who is clinically extremely vulnerable and is shielding should not attend school. If a child is classified as vulnerable, parents should follow medical advice)
- They prioritise urgent collection of their child should they become unwell during the school day. (Children and young people can be displaying just one of the following symptoms to mean that they need to be sent home- cough, temperature, vomiting, diarrhoea, sleeping more than usual, complaining of not feeling themselves in anyway, agitated, cold, headache etc)
- They do not place requests to alter the grouping that their child has been placed in unless the school needs to be aware of the exceptional circumstances. (It is regretful but we will not have the flexibility to accommodate parents' work patterns or various friendship request)
- They adhere to social distancing guidelines if required to collect their child.
- They give one week's notice if they chose to take up a place after originally declining.
- They do not enter the school building unless exceptional circumstances exist and only then by prior appointment.

- They send any packed lunches in disposable bags instead of lunch boxes
- They provide their child with at least one bottle of water to consume throughout the day.
- Clean uniform to be worn as much as is possible.
- They and their child adhere to social distancing measures outside of the school day, otherwise their offer of a place in school could be withdrawn.
- Parents are responsible for transporting their child to and from school in reasonable time for the start and end of the day as school buses may not be available.

Pupils will ensure that:

- They make their best effort to comply with adult instructions to ensure the safety and well-being of other children and adults in school.
- They complete work as set through their best efforts.
- They adhere to the school behaviour policy and social distancing rules.
- They do not attempt to mix with other children in other bubbles in school.
- They adhere to social distancing on the way to and from school.
- Parents are responsible for transporting their child to and from school in reasonable time for the start and end of the day as school buses may not be available. They are helpful, polite and cooperative.

Please note: If you accept the offer of a school place you are acknowledging and agreeing to adhere to the requests placed within this document.

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