

Response to any COVID-19 Infection

Parents and Carers will need to:

- **book a test** if they or their child has symptoms - the main symptoms are:
 - a high temperature
 - a new continuous cough
 - a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste
- **self-isolate immediately** and not come to school if:
 - they develop symptoms
 - they have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)
 - anyone in their household or support or childcare bubble develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)
 - they are required to do so having recently travelled from certain other countries
 - they have been advised to isolate by NHS test and trace or the PHE local health protection team, which is a legal obligation
- provide details of anyone they have been in close contact with, if they test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test and Trace

Parents are to inform school as soon as they receive the result of a COVID – 19 test

Social Distancing

Quoting from the guidance: “Minimising contacts and mixing between people reduces transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19)..... We know that the predominant new variant of coronavirus COVID- 19 is more transmissible”.

Parents:

- **Staggered Arrival and Departure times**

As before, there will be the same staggered arrival and departure times and set entrances and exits and places for a parent and their child(ren) to stand. Please remind yourselves of this information so that you know where and when for your child(ren) and aim to arrive on time and depart straight away after your child has been collected to avoid groups congregating and chatting on the school premises.

Below are the all the timings and waiting places. We are making one change to help reduce congestion and to avoid parents with children both in Class 3 and another class having to wait at pick-up time. We will be emailing the parents concerned with further information regarding this new measure. Please keep your children with you at all times.

Class 1: 8:50am Side gate in front of Millennium Garden. Parent and child walk round to Class 1 outside area and wait to be collected from the gate to the outside area.

Depart : 3:00pm

Class 2: 8:40pm Gate by side of Class 2. Children wait with parent to be collected, enter through outside door

Depart : 3:05pm

Class 3: 8:50pm Outside gate by new build. Children wait with parent to be collected, enter via the outside door

Depart : 3:15pm

Class 4 8:40pm Side gate by new build. Children walk straight into class through new build front door

Depart : 3:05pm

- **All adults to wear a facemask on the school premises.** Please note this is essential and not parental choice. As stated before, our aim is to keep the whole of our school community as safe as we can and avoid any added anxiety for parents and staff who are themselves, or live with members of the family who are, critically or critically extremely vulnerable. Please inform school if you are exempt.
- Teachers will be unavailable to speak to parents at arrival and departure times, unless teachers initiate the contact. Teachers must commit their time to ensuring that all children safely leave their care.
- Parents can contact school via the office or headteacher’s email if they have queries about the day or they can call to make a telephone appointment.
- The school office is not to be accessed by parents unless through prior arrangement via a telephone call or email. The office will not be open for parents to drop-in to. The DfE guidance states that coming onto the site without an appointment is not allowed. However, parents can obviously still call and receive support over the phone or via email and if you let the office know, items can be collected from children in the classroom or from a box left outside school.

Children:

The following bullet points contain measures which we already have in place. I have attached the Pupil Code of Conduct. Teachers will be reminding children of this on their return to school, however it would be helpful for your children if you read through this with them to refresh operations before Monday 8th March.

- Each class will continue to be its own 'bubble'. Therefore, the school will still have its 4 class bubbles This means the children from each class will not mix with children from other classes. They will have their own toilets and entrance and exits points and play zones.
- Adults in school are able to move from one bubble to another to facilitate the full curriculum being taught.
- All children will be provided with their own stationery equipment, bottle of sanitiser and packet of tissues. (Point to note: Alcohol hand gel MUST not be kept in cars due to fire risk in hot temperatures.)
- Children from Year 1 to 6 will continue to be seated in rows, sitting side by side and facing forwards.
- Our outside area will again be zoned into 4 distinct areas: one for each bubble. There will be a rota so each class has the opportunity to play for a week in each zone. New play equipment for each class has been purchased and is ready to be used on the children's return.
- Adults are to encourage children to maintain a distance between one another whilst inside and reduce the amount of time that they are in face-to-face contact with one another. Where circumstances allow, adults are to maintain a 2m distance from children and one another.
- At present the field will be out of bounds to give the grass time to recover so we can use it again during the Summer Term. No wellingtons needed – unless there is more snow on the way!
- There will be no whole-school events where children and adults are required to congregate. Assemblies will be limited to class assemblies and our Teams Celebration Assembly on Friday.
- At present the DFE has advised against external visits. This advice is being kept under review.

As we all know so well, guidance continually evolves as more detailed knowledge of the virus becomes known. As before, FPS will inform parents as and when control measures need to be updated. Changes to any school arrangements will be communicated via T2P, email or telephone.

Thank you for all your patience and support with all the systems of controls that we will be continuing to implement. The daily routines and the look of classrooms will be very familiar to our children and we do not anticipate any difficulties with re-introducing these measures. FPS pupils were brilliant when they first came back to school in September and we have every confidence that we will have another smooth transition during this return and are very much looking forward to having all pupils back in school with us.

Kind regards,

Mrs Bartlett and the FPS Staff

