

# Home/school partnership arrangements (for use during COVID-19)



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## **Introduction:**

Since 23rd March 2020, nurseries, schools and colleges have remained open to a priority group of children and young people, children of key workers and vulnerable children. In reviewing this arrangement and with regard to DfE and Local Authority guidance it is now time to begin the phased return of more children and young people to nurseries, schools and colleges in a way that is measured, reduces risks and is guided by science.

Please be assured that in planning to welcome back more pupils into our school, the safety of your children has been at the forefront of our minds.

## **Changes for a phased return from 15 June 2020.**

We will continue to offer places to the priority groups, vulnerable children and children of key workers as in the previous COVID-19 home school partnership arrangement shared with you when lockdown commenced.

Along with other secondary schools we are now able to welcome year 10 and 12 students on an identified timetable..

## **What the school leaders will do (headteachers, senior leaders and governors)**

We have, during this period, continually updated a detailed and rigorous risk assessment for a phased return of more 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 use of hand sanitiser stations, where appropriate
- the location and use of lidded bins for the disposal of tissues and any other waste, as appropriate
- 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.
- ensuring social distancing is in place

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- made changes to the school's Behaviour for Learning Policy. This revision will include re-affirming our expectations and any sanctions we will be making when the expectations are not being met
- Staggered starts and ends to the day
- PPE is not worn as this is not required in educational settings other than when first aid is being administered.

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;
- 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

We will

- 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
- liaise with the local authority transport providers to understand the safety measures being used for travel to and from the school. We will be guided by them and will inform parents of any changes as and when appropriate
- contact you regularly if your child has been offered a place in school and does not take this up in accordance with the current government guidance;
- 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 all or some of 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 monthly basis.

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

- Do not send your child to school if they, or anyone in their household has symptoms of the coronavirus.
- Work with us to help bring your children back to school, as per government guidance and the school's capacity to do so. . Please communicate regularly with us if you choose to keep your child at home at any time during this phase of re-opening

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- Provide your emergency contact details, if these have changed. This is so that we have the most accurate information should there be a need to contact you.
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- Recognise and support the school in any adaptations or modifications which we have made to the school's behaviour for learning policy.
- Ensure your child wears appropriate clothes to school. They do not have to wear school uniform.
- Understand that these are challenging times and accept circumstances for providing education in school may vary and change quickly. Your child may not be taught by their usual teacher because of smaller class sizes and staff availability each day.
- Follow all hygiene regulations put in place by school leaders. You must carefully follow all the instructions for dropping off and collecting children. You must also follow the distancing arrangements in place for dropping off and collecting children at the start and end of the day.
- Ensure your child arrives at school only at the time identified, not earlier or later to manage the staggered start to 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 on coaches and public transport. You need to advise us if your child is travelling by public transport.
- If your child is travelling independently to and from school, ensure they walk alone or only with one other person not from their household - although the government guidance is now six people, we need to ensure crowds of young people do not congregate in the community and ensure all students restrict their contact with others.
- If for any reason your child is unable to attend school please notify the school through the usual procedure.
- You are not required to send your child into school with any face covering or other PPE.
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It is essential that you must inform school leaders if your child or anyone in the household develops COVID-19 symptoms. Please follow government advice regarding isolating measures to reduce the risk of transmission. You will need to ensure your child or household members get a test so that "test and trace" procedures can be followed.

If you have any concerns about your child/ren or they are displaying symptoms of stress or anxiety, please contact the school and follow Public Health England (PHE) advice.

If your child has an EHC plan, please be aware that we may not be able to offer the full range of provision outlined in the plan. We will contact you directly to inform you of the reasonable endeavours we have put in place to provide appropriate support for your child.

Students will be able to purchase a lunch bag, which contains a sandwich, drink, bag of crisps, snack and a piece of fruit. This should be purchased a week in advance.

### **What students need to do**

- Children need to follow any altered routines for arrival, leaving from school and moving around during the school day.

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- 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.
- Children follow adult instructions on who they can socialise with in class, at breaktimes and lunchtimes, before and after school, and where they can play.
- Children must not share food or drink with others.
- Children must follow the school's rules and expectations to keep them safe both when in school and when working online when using remote learning.
- Children must not socialise with more than one other student on their way to and from school.
- Children should not arrive at school earlier than their published time, nor wait around on site or outside the school site after their departure time. These times are planned to stagger the number of young people walking in the community.
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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.