

Parent / Carer guidelines to minimise the risk of COVID 19 virus transmission – September 2020 onwards

School is following all Government and Derbyshire County Council guidance to minimise the risk of virus transmission whilst children are in school.

It is also essential that parents/carers adhere to the following to support the minimisation of virus transmission for all who are accessing school.

School uniform

- Children should come to school in school uniform, but ensure the clothing they wear is easy for them to manage independently. Think about elasticated waists on trousers and Velcro on shoes. Please ensure clothing is labelled with your child's name. Please wash uniform regularly.
- Your child's class teacher will let you know which days your child will be doing PE. On these days your child should come to school in clothing that is suitable to do PE in, including pumps or trainers. If essential, your child may bring alternative shoes to put on for the PE lesson, but these will need to go back home at the end of the day. PE clothing should be washed regularly.
- Children should not wear a face mask in school in line with Government guidance. If you choose to let your child wear a face mask on the way to school, please remove it on arrival at school and take it home with you.

What to bring to school

- Children should only bring essential items to school.
- Children need to have a coat at school as some learning will take place outside.
- Children must bring a water bottle with their name on it containing plain water every day. They will bring this home each day to be washed and re-filled for the next day.
- Most children have a school dinner, but if your child has sandwiches these should be brought to school in a suitable bag with their name on it. This must be taken home each day and cleaned.
- If your child is in nursery or reception, or is likely to have a toileting accident they should bring a bag with spare clothes in, this should be labelled with their name.
- Children should NOT bring any other bags or items to school at the present time. Do NOT bring reading bags or PE kits. Teachers will allocate online reading books for children to read at home.
- If children want to share things they have done at home with their teacher they can post a picture on Seesaw to show them.

Travelling to and from school

- If possible walk or cycle/scoot to and from school.
- If you need to use public transport, please ensure you follow Government guidelines on the safe use of public transport, and ensure your child follows these guidelines also.

On school site

- Only ONE adult should come onto the school site to bring your child/children to school or collect them.
- Your child/children should stay with you at all times, ideally holding your hand until they go into their classroom.
- Your child/children must not run around in the school grounds, you are responsible for ensuring your child/children stay with you.
- Wear a face mask or covering whilst on school site.
- Please do not cross the lines on the floor near the classroom entrance doors.
- You must leave the school grounds as soon as you have dropped off or collected your child. You must not stay for a chat with others on school grounds.
- You must not congregate at the school gates, this blocks access for others. Please leave the area around the school gates clear.
- Most communication with school staff will still be by telephone or email. You should not try to chat with staff at drop off or collection times, they will not be able to talk to you except for passing on quick or essential messages when you drop off or collect your child/children. Please phone or email the school office if you need to pass on a longer message or want to talk to the class teacher.

If you or anyone in your household is ill

It is essential to follow the Government self-isolation advice if you or anyone in your household is ill.

The key symptoms to look out for are:

- A high temperature
- A new persistent cough
- A loss of smell and/or taste

If your **child** develops any one or more of these symptoms they **MUST** stay off school. They should stay off school for at least **10** days, or until they are better if this is longer than 10 days. The whole household must also self-isolate for 14 days.

You **MUST** inform school immediately if your child has any of these symptoms. School will advise you about accessing a test for your child. You should share the outcome of the test with school as soon as you receive it. If the outcome is negative your child can return to school.

If **anyone** in your household develops any one or more of these symptoms, your **child** **MUST** stay off school for **14** days. The whole household must also self-isolate for 14 days.

You should inform school immediately if anyone in your household has any of these symptoms and your child is self-isolating. If the person with symptoms has a test and receives a negative result your child can return to school.

If your **child** becomes ill at school with any one or more of these symptoms they will be isolated from others at school and you will be contacted to collect them immediately. Please ensure contact details are kept up to date with the school office.

Your child should stay off school for at least **10** days, or until they are better if this is longer than 10 days. School will advise you about accessing a test for your child. You should share the outcome of the test with school as soon as you receive it. If the outcome is negative your child can return to school.