

Returning to School COVID19 Aware Agreement



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Dear parents

Thank you for your support over the past few weeks. As we enter a period of the school opening to more children, we have devised the following agreement which, we are sure you will agree, will assist us in endeavouring to keep our children and staff safe. The agreement provides clarity in the expectations we have of ourselves, of our pupils and of you, our parents. Please read the agreement carefully and sign that you agree with the points covered – hard copies are available from the school foyer. We believe that an agreement between parties will help to maintain the health, wellbeing and safety of all involved.

Thank you for your continued co-operation.

The school will do its best to:

- Provide an environment which has been risk assessed in response to the COVID-19 infection.
- Adhere to the social distancing rules, as set out by the government, as much as we reasonably can.
- Provide learning that meets the needs of your child's well-being, mental health and academic needs.
- Contact parents/carers if your child displays symptoms of COVID-19.
- Inform you if staff, or children, in your child's 'bubble' show symptoms of COVID-19 as this will **mean you will all need to self-isolate for at least 14 days or until the test comes back negative.**
- Socially distance children although this is not always possible to follow, especially for younger children.
- Continue our clear and consistent approach to rewards and sanctions for children as set out in our Behaviour Policy.
- Communicate between home and school through the school app with updates which are also posted onto the school's website.

We will ask children to try their best to:

- Adhere to the social distancing rules on the way into school, whilst waiting to come into school, in class, in the playground and on the way home from school.
- Tell an adult if they feel unwell.
- Only bring a water bottle to school on their first day. This will remain in school and be refilled each morning.
- Bring in a clean towel for personal use each day and wear fresh clean home clothes every day.
- Not bring anything else into school apart from a small amount of hand sanitiser.
- Only use their own equipment pack which is provided by the school and stays in school.
- Not mix with any other cluster or bubble of children in the school.
- Only enter and exit the school building via the designated entry and exit points for their bubble.
- Follow good respiratory hygiene: coughing and sneezing into elbow or tissue (catch it-bin it-kill it).
- Follow good hand hygiene – use soap and water for 20 seconds at points throughout the day agreed with the staff members leading their bubbles; use hand sanitiser regularly
- Behave as expected at all times in a way which maintain their safety and the safety of others.

- Follow these expectations; children who do not will be sent home and will not be able to come back into school until they can be safe.

Parents – to help my child at school, I know and understand that:

- **If my child, or anyone in my household, shows symptoms of COVID-19 (a temperature, cough, loss of sense of taste or smell), I will not send them to school, we will self-isolate for 14 days as a family, I will get them tested and I will let the school know as soon as possible via telephone.**
- If my child, or another child in the group or the adults in the group, shows symptoms of COVID-19 at school, **I will collect my child from school immediately.**
- **If a child in the cluster (or one of the adults) of which my child is part falls ill, I accept that I will be asked to collect my child. I will then follow further instructions given by the Government regarding self isolation.**
- **Do not use public transport to get to school** (as per government advice) if you must ensure social distancing and wear a face covering.
- **I will make sure my child and I keep two metres apart from others when in school. If I am waiting to drop off I will make sure my child stands on a painted marker. When I am waiting to collect I will stand on the painted marker.**
- My child will have their temperature taken upon arrival at school. **I understand that if I am asked to take my child home because my child's temperature is above 37.8 degrees, I must do so.**
- On my commute, and when dropping my child off and picking them up, I will adhere to the 2 metre social distancing rules.
- When dropping off and picking up, **I will strictly stick to the school timings for my child in order to limit the number of adults on site at any one time.**
- Ensure only one adult accompanies my child at drop off and pick up.
- Book my child's school meal (a packed lunch provided by Chartwells using Parent Pay) at least one week in advance. No lunch boxes from home will be allowed into school.
- **I may be asked to collect my child at short notice if staffing levels in the school fall below a level deemed acceptable by the school for safety.**
- I will remind my child about social distancing rules but accept they are difficult to follow and that my child may not always do this successfully.
- I understand that social distancing is in place but my child is not likely to be two metres apart from another child in the classroom or playground all the time.
- I will remind my child regularly of the need for good respiratory and hand hygiene. Practising hand washing for 20 seconds at home.
- **I understand that I am not permitted to enter any of the school buildings (apart from the foyer). I am aware that the glass hatch will not be opened.**
- I will not approach staff before and after school. All appointments will be made by contacting the school office via email.
- I need to support all staff in their efforts to create an 'as safe as possible' environment during this crisis.
- I will read all letters/app messages/emails that are sent home so that I am fully informed regarding the safety procedures and protocols deemed appropriate by the school for the safety of my child and others.
- I will inform the school of any changes to parents/carer and emergency contacts details.
- **I will drop off and collect my child every day that they are in school: this includes all Year 6 children.**

On behalf of the school:

Parent:

Child:

