

Update to Newsletter 11.9.2020

I am sure you are all aware by now that a number of local schools have had to send 'bubbles' of children home due to Covid cases. We have been reviewing all our current precautions to see where we can tighten up any possible 'contact' moments to try and avoid this here for as long as possible!

The biggest risks are still at the start and end of the school day. This has become so much better as the week has gone on and I do thank you all for your cooperation and support with this. But we are aware that there are still difficulties especially with the narrow footpath going round school past KS1.

We do review what happens each day so we can try and improve things. You will see some markings on the path to help keep a clear one side for people who need to walk past those waiting to another door or to get out. Please do not stand around on the path talking to other parents, blocking this.

Also we have a strip on the KS2 playground which we need parents to wait behind so children have a clear path out of school.

Overcrowding and too many people.

The biggest help to the problems of overcrowding on the back path would be if we made sure **only 1 responsible adult comes on to site to drop off/pick up**. We know you may have younger children and pushchairs, but we are also seeing a lot of older children walking round or waiting on the playground, especially at the end of the day when secondary children have finished school. We do not have the space for this and they have been in different bubbles at their own school – please can they wait **off site away from the school frontage**. Can I also ask that you **keep all children by your side as you walk in and out so they do not break into any other social bubble**.

When KS2 children are dropped in the morning, please do not wait around to watch them walk up the path. We need to ensure parents standing around on the public footpath is kept to an absolute minimum and keep the pavement clear. It is good to chat with friends after all this time but please move right away from the school grounds to do this.

Please wait on the **school side of the pavement only and remain socially distanced**. If you arrive before your slot you do need to join the back of the queue, not come and wait around the gate or squeeze in where people are already waiting and socially distanced. However if children arrived within the 10 min time slot they should be able to walk straight in, no queuing and you can keep walking past. Please do try to do this and avoid queuing altogether. If you have a child in both time slots, please try and arrive just before the second time so as not to have to wait too long.

I know I have been sending message after message home regarding all of this and I am grateful for your patience but it is vital that we do all we can to ensure everyone's safety and peace of mind. It does need us all to comply with these requests if it is going to work.

We get a lot of enquiries for advice about sending your child to school in the current climate. Below is a chart we hope you will find helpful when you are not sure.

Covid-19 related pupil absence *A quick reference guide for parents and staff (September 2020)*

What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when...
...my child has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Self-isolate the whole household - Get a test - Inform the school immediately about the test result 	...the test comes back negative or a period of 10 days has passed since the symptoms started, and the child feels well.
...my child tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 10 days). - Self-isolate the whole household. 	...10 days have passed since symptoms began, even if they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell. <i>(These symptoms can last for several weeks.)</i> AND the child feels well.
...my child tests negative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact school to inform us. - Discuss when your child can come back (same day/next day). 	...the test comes back negative.
...my child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Ring on each day of illness. 	...after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea (as per attendance policy)
...someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Self-isolate the whole household. - Household member to get a test. - Inform school immediately about test result. 	...the test comes back negative.
...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. 	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days). - Self-isolate the whole household. 	
...NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days). 	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified a household member (other than my child) as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The household member must self-isolate for 14 days. - Child can continue to attend school. 	...child can continue to attend school
... a sibling attending another school has been sent home to self-isolate due to their being a positive case in their school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sibling must self-isolate for 14 days. - Warstones child(ren) can continue to attend. 	...child can continue to attend school
... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that is NOT on the exempt list of countries.	<p>If returning from a destination where quarantine is needed*:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - minimum of 14 days self-isolation for all those who travelled. - contact school to inform us you are back in the country and we will agree an earliest date for possible return to school. - Self-isolate the whole household. <p>*Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) – for up to date travel information</p>	...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.
... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that IS on the exempt list of countries.	<p>If returning from a destination where quarantine is NOT needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Check the current Exempt countries and territories list to confirm the country you have travelled from or through is on the exempt list. - Ring school to inform us you have returned to the UK and agree a return date to school. 	... you have informed the office of your return to the UK (<i>the office will ask you a few questions about your travel</i>).
...I have travelled from a country that requires us to quarantine (but my child didn't travel).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As long as you do not have / have not had symptoms in the last 14 days, your child can continue to attend school. - The person who has travelled MUST NOT leave the house, including to do pick-ups and drop offs (<i>please contact school if you need support getting your child to school</i>). 	...child can continue to attend school
...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again. 	...school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again. ...you receive medical advice that your child may return to school.
...my child's bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Child must not come to school. - Support your child at home with remote education provided by your school. - Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days. - Other siblings may continue to attend school. 	...school inform you that the bubble will be reopened.
... I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms	<p>If you are not able to get a test in the first 5 days of having symptoms, your child and anyone they live with must stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days. Anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home.</p>	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.