



Dear Parents and Carers

Following the national restrictions imposed from today, 5th November, we are writing to let you know of any new measures we have been advised to follow in school to help control the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Badgerbrook continues to remain open for all pupils. You can still bring your children to school, however please may we remind everyone that you must not come into school (even in to the school grounds to pick up children) if you have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or are waiting for test results, have tested positive in the last 10 days or are self-isolating because of contact with someone who has tested positive.

We have reviewed our risk assessment to include the current national restrictions and we have put in place proportionate and protective measures for pupils and staff. The letter we sent on 15th October gave you details of how school is operating at the moment. We would like to draw your attention to a few of our controls.

Face coverings

We continue to ask all parents and carers, and anyone who comes on site to drop off or collect children, to wear face coverings at these times. This is the request from Leicestershire County Council:

We have requested that all parents and carers across the county wear face coverings when dropping off and picking up their children from school.

Children's safety is a priority and we have taken this decision to further support children's return to education and help to reduce the spread of coronavirus while advising that existing exemptions remain in place.

We would urge all parents and carers who are able to, to implement these preventative measures, in addition to washing hands frequently and social distancing. It is vital that children are in school, that schools are supported to ensure they remain a safe environment for children and we all play a part in preventing the spread of infection.

How you can help:

One of the key hotspots is school drop-offs and pick-ups. We appreciate it can be difficult at times but it's vitally important that we all do our bit in helping to keep the virus at bay. We encourage you to:

- think about your distance - maintain a two-metre gap from other people and have conversations at a distance.
- wear a face covering whilst waiting at the school gate / playground when dropping off or collecting your child. (This **doesn't** apply to anyone that is medically exempt.)
- when waiting / socialising please be mindful of standing in walkways and thoroughfares.
- try to drop-off / pick-up as quickly as you can.
- remind yourself of your school's specific arrangements and guidance. These will be based on risk assessments, so it is really important you follow these.

Coronavirus clearly poses a risk to the health of you, your families and local communities, so we need to work together and stick to the guidance.

Mike Sandys, Director of Public Health



In school members of staff and visitors to school are asked to wear face coverings in situations where social distancing between adults is not possible, for example when moving round in corridors and in communal areas. They are also advised to wear visors whenever they are not able to maintain the 2m social distancing from each other or pupils in the classrooms (ie when hearing children read or working with small groups). Some members of staff are wearing visors at all times in the classrooms.

We know that some individuals are exempt from wearing face coverings and we are sensitive to those needs. However, we are not always aware of these needs so we apologise if we ask you about wearing a face covering when we see you around school at pick up and drop off times.

PE

PE and the lunch time sports will continue as long as the weather allows outdoors activities. Risk assessments are already in place to keep pupils in consistent groups and all equipment is thoroughly cleaned between groups. Please make sure your children have suitable warm clothing and an extra pair of trainers in school. The classrooms are quite cool as well because we are keeping windows and internal doors open for ventilation.

Staffing

At the moment our staffing levels are affected when members of staff are self-isolating because of contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 and where staff are clinically extremely vulnerable and we are supporting them to work from home where possible. Please bear with us if the staff in your child's class are different from normal and if we have supply staff who are helping us keep your child's bubble in school.

Childcare and other activities

The Breakfast and AfterSchool clubs will continue to run as they are necessary to support parents to work, search for work or undertake training or education. Mrs Buck continues to follow her risk assessment and maintain consistent groups of children wherever possible.

Parents and carers are able to form a childcare bubble with one other household for the purposes of informal childcare. However we must remind you that this bubble must remain the same throughout the 4 weeks of national restrictions – you can't use one bubble one week and another the next. You can continue existing arrangements for contact between parents and children where you live apart.

We will continue to review any decisions as guidance changes and we will keep you updated.

Kind Regards

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Chair of Governors