



A parent's guide to our control measures

The safety of our pupils, their families and our staff is paramount. After fully consulting the guidance available and undertaking a comprehensive risk assessment, we will be implementing a hierarchy of control measures to decrease the risk of direct transmission (close contact and coughing/sneezing) and indirect transmission (via touching of contaminated surfaces):

- Children will be with their class “bubble” at all times
- Each bubble will have the same children in each day to minimise mixing and contact. Where possible, the adults in the Bubble will also be the same.
- We will be fully engaging with the government test and trace scheme.
- A programme of regular and thorough handwashing will be in place, and the principle of “catch it, bin it, kill it” will be reintroduced to the children.
- Social distancing measures will be in place, you will notice new markings around the school to help the children with this.
- Movement around the school will be limited, with lessons and eating lunch taking place inside the same classroom. There will ample opportunity for outside play and learning incorporating social distancing.
- Children will be provided with their own individual resources. Break and lunchtimes will be staggered (children from different bubbles will not mix at break or lunch).
- Children will be required to wear school uniform. You will be advised of the days your child has PE - please send your child in wearing their PE kit on those days. We also strongly advise that children change into clean clothes when they get home from school
- Lunches will be eaten in the classroom. If your child would like a school meal, this will be a baguette lunch with a snack and some fruit. This will be available to pre-book via ParentPay in the normal way. Children will need two full water bottles with them to drink throughout the day (shared fountains are not available during this time).
- There will be an increased frequency in cleaning of high traffic areas; toilets and sinks for example.
- We are limiting visitors on site, this includes parents. Drop offs and pick-ups will be staggered (a timetable will be provided) and will be via the main gate. The school office will be closed, but the admin team will be available and happy to help you on the phone or via email.
- PPE will be used if we need to provide your child with first aid, or if a child becomes unwell with symptoms of the virus while at school.
- To adhere to social distancing rules, we will be unable to administer medication such as antibiotics, pain killers, creams and lotions. Emergency medication such as inhalers and epipens will be administered and kept with the child in their bubble.
- Anyone can now book a Covid test if they have symptoms of the virus: a new, continuous cough; high temperature; or a loss of, or change, in their normal sense of smell or taste (anosmia). If your child or anyone in your household has symptoms, stay at home, follow the guidelines, book a test and isolate until the results are received. Children can return to school if the test is negative.

Whilst we endeavour to ensure social distancing measures are in place, we are working with children and in defined spaces. The hierarchy of measures listed above aims to mitigate any circumstances where 1m+ is not possible.