



## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The measures we have put in place have all been recorded in a risk assessment, written in line with government and Cheshire East guidelines. Below is a link to the guidance followed by a summary of actions put in place to safeguard our children and staff. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-schools-and-other-educational-settings>

<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/council-information/media-hub/media-releases/200520-cheshire-east-council-agrees-phased-opening-of-schools-and-sends-message-of-reassurance-to-parents-and-teachers.aspx>

- If anyone in your household is displaying symptoms of coronavirus <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> please do not send your child to school and inform us immediately. You should request a test and let us know the results.
- School has been deep cleaned during half term. School will be cleaned every day at the end of the day after everyone has left the building. Cleaning will take place during the day of high traffic areas (door handles, handles for flushing, hand rail etc.). School will be closed every Friday afternoon to staff and children for deep cleaning.
- Anyone developing symptoms will be isolated (outside if dry or in the bar area) with a member of staff (JB in the first instance) wearing PPE until a parent comes to collect them. All parents will be informed if anyone develops symptoms.
- A handwashing regime will be implemented. Washing hands on arrival, before and after breaks and lunch and before departure. Children will be encouraged to use tissues effectively and bin them after use. Hand sanitisers are available in the entrance and in each classroom.
- One child at a time in the toilets.
- Staff have de-cluttered and removed soft furnishings and toys, which cannot be regularly cleaned. Tables have been spaced out as appropriate (2 metres apart). Each child will sit at the same table every day.
- All children's equipment in class 2 will be in a tray underneath their tables so that tables can be cleaned. Younger children have their own zip lock bag for equipment which they will not share.

- Teachers will aim NOT to get down on eye level with children and teach from the front more than is usual. We will implement social distancing between staff and with children as far as possible. We will not, however, be pushing children away if they need comforting.
- Staff room has been re-organised with wipeable, named chairs for staff.
- Doors will be propped open with a prop which can be kicked away in the event of a fire.
- Reception, year 1 & 2 (inc key worker children) will be in one class bubble using class 1 and the hall. EYFS classroom not to be used. Continuous provision (play equipment etc for reception to be set up in the hall). All play equipment will be washed and disinfected at the end of each day.
- Key stage 2 children will be another very small bubble using class 2.
- Arrival and departure times will be staggered (see below). Break times will be staggered. Only one parent should bring children to school (no siblings or pets).
- No parents will be allowed in the playground or school building apart from an emergency.
- Current government/LA advice is recommending walking or cycling to school where possible.
- Lunch and snacks will be provided for every child. Nothing must come from home to school apart from a water bottle on day one which will be washed in the dishwasher every day.
- Please return all school books to a box which we will put outside the gates. These will be left for 7 days before we use them.
- Lunch will be delivered to the classroom and eaten there or outside if it is dry.
- School has PPE for first aid and use if anyone develops symptoms. We will not be wearing masks as a matter of course.
- We plan to teach and learn outside wherever possible.
- Signage will be put up around school to remind children about social distancing.
- No school uniform required. Clean clothes should be worn each day and children are encouraged to have a shower or bath when they get home. Same applies to staff!
- Teaching will focus on adapting to the child's needs and putting children's mental health and wellbeing at the centre of our planning. We have always

considered this the best approach at Pott Shrigley anyway. We will aim to take advantage of small numbers and learn skills that might not be possible under other circumstances.

### **Drop off and pick up time slots.**

Please try to arrive a little early and wait in your car until your time. Thank you!

8.55	Olivia M & Arlo
9.00	Loki and Bella
9.05	Rose, Oliver and Eden
9.10	Olivia B James and Sienna
9.15	Luke & Johnny

3.00	& Arlo
3.05	Loki and Bella
3.10	Rose, Oliver and Eden
3.15	Olivia B James and Sienna
3.20	Luke & Johnny
3.30	Olivia M

Attached to the email is also a picture of how drop off should work.

Below are some paragraphs taken from government guidance (link at the top of this document) which I thought might be useful.

The DFE have issued the document 'Overview of scientific information on coronavirus (COVID-19)' This states:

#### **1. Infectivity and transmission in children**

The exact rates of infectivity and transmission of children is not fully known yet; this is a novel virus and the scientific understanding is developing all the time. However, the current understanding is that:

- There is a high degree of confidence that the severity of disease in children is lower than in adults.
- There is a moderate to high degree of confidence that the susceptibility to clinical disease of younger children (up to age 11 to 13) is lower than for adults. For older children there is not enough evidence yet to determine whether susceptibility to disease is different to adults.
- The susceptibility to infection of younger children (up to age 11 to 13) might be lower than for adults, but the degree of confidence in this is low. For older

children there is not enough evidence yet to determine whether susceptibility to infection is different to adults.

- There is no evidence to suggest that children transmit the virus any more than adults. Some studies suggest younger children may transmit less, but this evidence is mixed and provides a low degree of confidence at best.

## **Social distancing**

We know that, unlike older children and adults, early years and primary age children cannot be expected to remain 2 metres apart from each other and staff. In deciding to bring more children back to early years and schools, we are taking this into account.

You should, therefore, work through the hierarchy of measures set out:

- avoiding contact with anyone with symptoms
- frequent hand cleaning and good respiratory hygiene practices
- regular cleaning of settings
- minimising contact and mixing

It is still important to reduce contact between people as much as possible, so children, young people and staff where possible, should only mix in a small, consistent group and that small group should stay away from other people and groups. If you can keep older children within those small groups 2 metres away from each other, you should do so. While in general groups should be kept apart, brief, transitory contact, such as passing in a corridor, is low risk.

## **Uniform**

There is no need for anything other than normal personal hygiene and washing of clothes following a day in a school. Uniform that cannot be machine washed should be avoided.

## **PPE**

The guidance states that it is not necessary for staff to wear masks, gloves and aprons unless they are carrying out activities that would usually require the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) or if a child, young person or other learner becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus while in their setting and needs supervision until they can return home.