

Home School Agreement (Covid-19) July 2020

At St Bede's your child's wellbeing and safety is of extremely importance to us. In order for us to make school as safe as we can as all pupils return in September, we have had to make changes to our how school is organised and have introduced new routines and protocols. These changes mean that school will seem very different for the children when they return. As always we will do our utmost to create a happy and welcoming school, whilst maintaining as safe an environment as possible. The following agreement between us will help to protect all our children, their families and our whole school community.

In order that we make school as safe as we can for our children, families and staff, it is very important that families and school agree to work together by agreeing to the following protocols:

The family will seek to/ensure their child is aware of the following:

- Discuss the importance of social distancing in school with children before they return to school.
- Being outside at social times reduces risk. Students must bring a warm, waterproof coat to school with them every day, along with a school bag, large enough to carry their equipment.
- Ensure that children remain at home if they display any covid-19 symptoms i.e. Fever, cough or chest tightness, myalgia, fatigue and loss or change to the sense smell and taste (anosmia) (see [guidance](#))
- Students wash or sanitise their hands on arrival in school and parents actively teach their child hand washing techniques ([six steps to hand-washing](#)). Parents must inform us of any allergies or conditions which may make regular hand washing problematic
- Teach children the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' technique for good respiratory hygiene.
- Ensure that as a family, you continue to follow all government guidance on social distancing and mixing with people outside your family unit.
- Children who have packed lunches may bring a lunchbox which will be stored in their school bag.
- Where possible and safe to do so, encourage your child to walk/cycle in to school to avoid congestion. Try to avoid public transport where possible see [safer travel guidance for passengers](#)
- Follow the rules put in place by school that only one adult (if absolutely necessary) can attend pick up and drop off and if siblings (not attending school) need to be present during this time they must remain next to the adult, and not mix with others.
- Provide children with their own water bottle and healthy snack daily should they require one.
- Be prepared and available to collect children from school within 30 minutes at all times should they become ill.

- Be contactable at all times by providing us with an immediate emergency contact telephone number.
- Prepare all children for their return to school by discussing these points and making them aware of all the changes to their normal school day. In particular, there may be large portions of the day where children remain in one classroom, and teachers move to them. These areas will be zoned and have staff designated to provide supervision to that zone. During a teacher change over, students are expected to remain in their designated seat at all times and wait quietly for their teacher to arrive. Not adhering to these expectations would constitute a breach of the school behaviour policy.
- Where there is no alternative but to arrange face to face meetings with a parent/carer, only one person and this will be by appointment only and after 2.20 pm.
- **Any disposable face coverings** that staff, children, young people or other learners arrive wearing should be placed in a refuse bag. **Any homemade non-disposable face coverings** pupils are wearing when they arrive at school must be removed and placed into a plastic bag that the pupil has brought with them in order to take it home. The wearer must then clean their hands.

The school will seek to:

- Provide as safe and secure an environment as possible for all children.
- Assign students to year group bubbles and minimise contact with other bubbles in school.
- Adhere to social distancing guidance as much as possible
- Support students emotionally and physically with changes in routines and arrangements
- Ensure that cleaning and hygiene routines are rigorously carried out
- Ensure that all staff work within government restrictions and guidelines both in and out of school.
- Provide parents with resources and information to help to prepare children for their return.
- Provide pastoral care and help with mental health and well-being for pupils and their families.
- Communicate effectively with families via newsletters, letter, text etc.



Signed

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Believe all things are possible

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