

Best Futures School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

**Wider reopening of the school to Reception, Year 1 and Year 6.**

Following the Prime Minister's announcement on 11<sup>th</sup> May, we have developed plans to at least partially open our schools from 1<sup>st</sup> June. Central to our decision-making is the health, safety and well-being of our children, staff and other adults. Scientific advice provided by the Department for Education will guide us at all times.

We understand that parents and carers may be anxious and may have questions they need answering. We hope the following helps reassure you that the safety of your child will be at the forefront of our practice at all times.

It is difficult for some Primary aged children to adhere to social distancing and the following measures are aimed at substantially reducing the risk of transmission of infection:

- Avoid contact with anyone with symptoms
- Frequent hand washing – on arrival, before and after eating, and after sneezing or coughing – for 20 seconds
- Children will be encouraged not to touch their eyes, mouth or nose
- Use tissue to cough or sneeze and use bins for tissue waste ('catch it, bin it, kill it')
- Regular cleaning of settings – in line with guidance
- Minimising contact and mixing of students

**How will schools attempt to secure social distancing?**

- Staff and children will be based in small consistent groups ('hubs') and will stay away from other 'hubs'
- Each hub will eat their lunch together and will take their breaks together
- Guidance on the use of toilets will be explicitly explained to the children.

Through effective support, guidance and encouragement from staff and parents, and considering their age, our children will be supported to;

- understand and follow any altered routines for arrival or departure.
- understand and follow school instructions on hygiene, such as handwashing and sanitising.
- understand and follow instructions on social distancing and with which pupils they can socialise with at school.
- understand and be able to move around school safely, following specific instructions
- understand and follow expectations about sneezing, coughing, tissues and disposal ('catch it, bin it, kill it') and avoiding touching your mouth, nose and eyes with hands.
- know that they must tell an adult if they are experiencing symptoms of coronavirus.
- understand and follow rules about sharing any equipment or other items
- understand and follow amended expectations about breaks or play times, including where they may or may not play.
- understand and follow clear rules about coughing or spitting at or towards any other person. Children displaying these behaviours will be sent home immediately.
- Any child who shows intentional poor behaviour that affects the safety of the other children and staff will be sent home

#### **Can my child be tested for COVID-19?**

- Anyone over the age of 5 with symptoms can now request to be tested.

#### **What happens if a child or a member of staff in school shows symptoms of COVID-19?**

- If a child or a staff member develops symptoms of coronavirus, they will be sent home and advised to undertake a test and must self-isolate for 7 days. Other members of their household must self-isolate for 14 days.
- Children or staff showing symptoms of coronavirus will be isolated from others until they are collected.
- If the test is negative then the child or member of staff can return to school and the family no longer need to self-isolate.

#### **What happens if a child or a member of staff in school tests positive for COVID-19?**

- If a child or member of staff tests positive they must self-isolate for 7 days
- The rest of their hub will also be sent home and must self-isolate for 14 days. Household members of the child or staff member must also self-isolate for 14 days.
- Household members of other children in the hub do not need to self-isolate unless the child or staff member they live with from that group subsequently develops symptoms.

**What if a member of a child's family tests positive for COVID-19?**

- The child will need to self-isolate at home for 14 days along with other members of the household. Other children in the child's hub can continue to attend school and do not need to self-isolate unless they show signs of coronavirus.

**Is the wearing of PPE (personal, protective, equipment) recommended?**

- The majority of staff in schools do not require PPE beyond what they would normally need for their work, even if they are not always able to maintain distance of 2 metres from others.
- If a child needs intimate care from a member of staff, PPE will be worn.
- PPE will be worn if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained from any child displaying coronavirus symptoms while they are waiting to be collected from school.
- Children should not wear PPE in school.

**What cleaning procedures are in place?**

- Thorough daily cleaning regimes are in place in all schools using products and protocols recommended in guidance.
- On-going cleaning of surfaces, door handles, handrails, toilets etc will take place regularly.
- Resources and furniture which are difficult to clean effectively have been removed from rooms.

**Will my child still be able to travel to school on school transport?**

- We would like to encourage as many parents as possible to bring their child to school in their own transports, to support social distancing. However, in the event that this isn't possible we will do our utmost to arrange transport for your child.

It is vitally important that if your child is attending school that you have your telephone switched on and set on the loud setting in case, we need to contact you in case of an emergency.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to telephone me on 01472 278978 or email [office@bestfutures-school.co.uk](mailto:office@bestfutures-school.co.uk).

Yours Sincerely

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Principal



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