

# BURTON BRADSTOCK CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Protocols and systems due to Covid-19**

It has been wonderful to welcome your children into school this week after what has been such a long absence for many due to the restrictions. The children have responded to the new structures and routines that we have put in place really well and are following the guidance sensibly and responsibly.

As we draw to the end of the first week, I thought it would be useful to write with a reminder of the guidelines that we are having to follow to ensure that we keep our school community safe. In some areas, we have very clear guidelines from Public Health England to follow, but in others we need to follow a common-sense approach.

### **Drop off and Pick up**

Our flexible drop off between 8.40-8.55am is working well with **adults adhering to the 2m social distancing rule** at all times.

The staggered pick up times for each class bubble has also been successful. Thank you for your patience as you wait for your child/ren to be dismissed one at a time. Please could we ask that when your child/ren have been handed over that you **move away from the school promptly** so as to avoid congestion and to ensure that we are able to maintain the 2m social distancing rule for you as parents and for members of the public who may be passing at this time.

### **Items to and from school**

We are trying to **minimise the number of items that are brought into school** by the children or that the children need to take home. Where possible we will try and **communicate with you electronically**, but there are times when this may not be possible especially where written consent is required. Please ensure that the school office has an **up-to-date email address** for you.

### **Pupil Illness**

As we approach the Autumn, there will inevitably be illnesses amongst the pupils. The same arrangements are in place as previously, but due to Covid-19 we need to be more cautious. Therefore, the following systems are in place:

- Children with a **tummy bug** will need to stay off school for **48 hours** after the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea and should only return when they are fully well.
- Children with a **cold or sore throat** (without a temperature or new cough) are encouraged to come into school if they are feeling well enough and they are able to **follow safe hygiene routines** (catch it, bin it, kill it).
- Children with **any symptoms of coronavirus** (a high temperature, a new cough where you keep on coughing (this means coughing a lot for more than an hour or three or more episodes of coughing in a day), losing or there being a change to your sense of smell or taste should **follow the guidance below**.

If in doubt, please telephone the school and speak to a member of staff. If your child is in school and we feel that they need to be at home then we will telephone you and ask for you to collect them.



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## Coronavirus Symptoms

If **your child has coronavirus symptoms** then please follow these steps:

- Do not send them to school.
- Telephone the school and let us know.
- Arrange for them to **have a test** as soon as possible (via the NHS website or calling 119).
- Other siblings also need to stay at home even if they are not showing any symptoms of coronavirus.
- Inform the school of the outcome of the test. A child will not be able to return to school for 14 days if a test has not been taken.

### Test Result is Positive:

- If the test is positive then your child will need to stay at home. After 10 days if they still have a high temperature they must still stay at home. After 10 days if they **ONLY** have a cough and/or loss of sense of taste or smell they can return to school.
- All other siblings in the household will need to stay at home because they might have caught the virus but not be showing symptoms yet. They must stay home for 14 days even if they feel well.

### Test Result is Negative:

- Your child can return to school when they are feeling well.
- All siblings can also return to school.

If **someone in your home has coronavirus symptoms** then:

- Do not send your children to school. They need to stay at home for 14 days whether they have the coronavirus symptoms or not.
- If the person has a negative test for coronavirus and your children are not presenting with any symptoms then they may return to school.

Please see attached guidance from Public Health England for further information.

Should we have any confirmed cases of coronavirus in school there is specific guidance that the school is required to follow and local Public Health England will be involved.

## Remote Learning

We will provide remote learning to pupils who need to isolate using our online learning platforms (Tapestry for Wagtails, Seesaw for Robins and Kingfishers and Teams for Owls).

It is vital for the protection of the whole school community that we are rigorous in our approach and that we fully follow the guidance. Your support with this is pivotal and we trust that we can work together to ensure our school community remains as safe as possible for both the children and staff.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Staple  
Headteacher

