



Parents update and Polite Reminders.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone has enjoyed some family time and rest at half-term after what was a very challenging return to school.

We are facing another **national lockdown**, from Thursday 5th November 2020, as the country struggles to cope with the Covid pandemic. The intention is that all schools remain open. We must all follow Covid Risk Assessments, observe social distancing, hygiene and behaviour protocols and stay in our "bubbles". This is not optional, is to keep us all as safe. Your support is essential, for the good of our pupils. (Please note that Child Protection, Health and Safety and Fire Safety regulations remain in place.)

Our "Recovery" curriculum, in place since September 2020, has been effective in supporting our pupils to work within Covid restrictions, maintain wellbeing and understand the importance of staying safe and calm at this time. Increased dedicated time for exercise, outdoor lessons and pastoral activities has been a great success. Despite the changing weather, all form groups will be outside daily. It is a vital way of keeping pupils and staff safe and has many physical and mental health benefits.

Polite reminders. (This information was shared in July and remains in place.)

- **School must have 3 up to date emergency contact numbers and at least one up to date email address** in order for us to have your child safely on site.
- The home/school agreement expectations remain in place, to ensure everyone is kept safe and "bubbles" are not compromised. Unfortunately, any pupil whose behaviour puts their own health or that of others at risk will be individually risk-assessed and may be supported to work from home.
- Pupils must wear normal uniform each day, including a school jumper or sweatshirt and sensible footwear appropriate for outdoor use in all weather. All pupils must bring in a hooded waterproof raincoat, which will fit over their uniform. (Any properly waterproof raincoat with a hood is acceptable). Going outdoors is a daily requirement, to allow for cleaning of all rooms throughout the day. Our outdoor learning areas enable us to have pupils on-site safely with appropriate access to outdoors activities in all weathers. Use of these facilities will continue throughout the year.
- Current advice is that pupils in Year 7 and above should wear face masks in communal areas outside the classroom if they are able to manage them safely and are not exempt due to medical or other issues, (This is being kept under review)

- Pupils must wash their hands frequently during the day, on arrival, between lessons, before and after breaks and lunch and before leaving school. This is non-negotiable. Pupils with long hair (shoulder length or longer) will be required to tie it back and no jewellery or nail varnish is allowed for hygiene purposes.
- Pupils must attend school with the absolute minimum of items from home, i.e. a coat and, if they have packed lunch, their own small, easily cleaned lunch box (with their name on it). Where possible, bags should not be brought into school.
- Phones and other similar items may be brought to school (at owners own risk) but must be handed in to the "bubble" staff for safe keeping during the day.
- Fidgets and comfort items (including cuddly toys) may not be brought in to school from home. They are risk factors for transmission of infection. Fidget items, sanitised daily, are provided in each "bubble".
- Pupils must not bring drinks bottles or cartons into school (except packed lunch drinks which must fit inside the lunch box). All classrooms and the dining hall have fresh drinking water on tap and disposable paper cups are provided. This reduces the possibility of infection being brought into school on items which then contaminate cleaned surfaces and may be touched or accidentally used by others.
- All pupils have with their own, named pencil case and set of resources, which must not be shared. A strict cleaning regime is in place for laptops and iPads. All pupils have a seat in their "bubble" class which only they must use. When moving around school they must be mindful of social distancing.
- Pupils who have a packed lunch sit at designated tables, to reduce potential risk of infection brought in on lunch boxes. Drinks for lunchtime must fit inside the lunch box. Pupils must remain in their own seat at lunchtime and follow the instructions of supervisory staff at all times.

Additional information.

Lessons are managed and delivered by "bubble staff", to minimise the risk of infection. All areas of school are monitored throughout the day by an enhanced cleaning team. This requires "bubble" groups to leave their rooms regularly so that all surfaces can be sanitised. This is non-negotiable.

Contact.

Telephone, text, website and email are used for contact with parents and carers. Face to face meetings are not currently allowed. All school space is fully allocated to "bubbles". All staff are allocated within the bubbles, to maintain Covid security.

School day times

As before half-term - KS 5/Nurture pupils arrive 8.45 a.m. - leave 2.30 p.m., KS3 pupils arrive 9 a.m. - leave 2.45 p.m., KS4 pupils arrive 9.15 a.m. - leave 3 p.m. Transport is in "bubble" groups. If you have concerns regarding Covid safety on transport, contact the school transport team directly. (0151 233 6511)

Remote Learning.

If your child is sent home to home isolate due to a case of Covid, they can access remote learning online - see links to Education City and RM Maths on our website. These give coverage of the Core subjects. Unless they are ill, pupils are expected to do some work each day. Links to fun and interesting activities are also provided via our Twitter feed. The email addresses supplied by parents can currently be used by staff to set work if necessary. Please let school know if your child has any difficulties in accessing work.

School is transitioning to Office 365 and Microsoft Teams, to enable secure contact between form staff and pupils, to manage work remotely in a user-friendly way. Staff are receiving training, pupils will then practice using Teams in school. Parents/carers will be contacted to ensure we all understand the process.

Covid testing pilot scheme.

Liverpool is now part of a Government Covid testing pilot. We are awaiting details as to how this may affect CAS. I will update parents/carers as soon as possible.

PLEASE NOTE.

If your child, another member of your household or close contact develops Covid symptoms, follow all Government guidance on testing and isolation. Please inform school immediately, so that we can consider any necessary measures, such as "bubble" isolation. This is vital so that we can keep our community as safe as possible and make any necessary adjustments to risk assessments. If your child becomes ill with suspected Covid in school, you must collect them immediately and follow all guidance.

If you are advised by a medical professional that your child should shield during lockdown, please inform the school office school immediately.

The situation with regard to Covid 19 remains very uncertain. I will continue to monitor all developments and if there are any significant changes, I will let you know. Please check texts and monitor our website and Twitter regularly for letters and updates.

Mrs C.M.Piercy.

