



ALVERSTOKE COMMUNITY INFANT SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable summer and are looking forward to the start of the new term.

As you know, most of the restrictions for coronavirus have been eased, and I thought it would be helpful to let you know about our current risk assessment and procedures prior to the start of term tomorrow.

Entry to the school site:

- Masks do not need to be worn on site, however you may choose to wear a mask for your own protection.
- Children can be dropped at the classroom door between 8.40am and 8.50am. The gates will be locked by 8.55am and children arriving after this time will need to be signed in as late at the school office.
- You can access the office if you need to speak to a member of staff. Please avoid overcrowding in the front foyer.

Procedures in school:

- We will no longer be working in bubbles, and most school activities will revert to our usual practice; we want the children to experience 'normality' in school again. This includes assemblies, visits, after school clubs etc.
- All areas of school will be ventilated as much as possible to reduce airborne transmission of the virus.
- Hygiene will remain a priority. Sanitiser will not be used so often, but children will be encouraged to wash their hands thoroughly at regular times throughout the day.
- Toilets, door handles and other touch points will be cleaned at least twice a day.

Meeting with school staff:

- Brief messages can be passed to the teachers at drop off, or via a phone call or email to the school office.
- Please arrange a longer meeting with the teachers, the SENDCo or myself if required. These can be face to face meetings, or held remotely if you prefer.

Testing and reporting

- Children, and adults who are fully vaccinated do not now need to isolate if in contact with a positive case of coronavirus, unless they display symptoms. This includes a member of the family with a positive diagnosis.

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Symptoms of coronavirus:

a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

- If your child is unwell at school with symptoms of coronavirus, we will ask you to pick them up immediately and take them for a test. Please keep them isolated until this has been done.
- If we have a positive case of coronavirus in school, we do not now need to close a bubble, and close contacts will not be asked to isolate. We will, however, keep you informed if this is the case.
- If children are kept at home following a positive test, we will provide home learning activities on Google Classroom if they are well enough.
- It may be necessary to escalate our procedures if there are indicators that the virus is spreading across a group of children or across the school. We will keep you informed if this is the case.

I hope this gives you enough information about current procedures. Please get in contact if you have any queries or concerns.

Yours sincerely,



Steph Greenwood
Headteacher