

Bedlington West End First School

Home/school agreement during Covid 19 pandemic

In order to protect the children, staff and parents it is important that we all follow the Government and Public Health England guidance and the protocols school has put in place to minimise the spread of infection. We are working to ensure that school remains as safe an environment as possible for your child and our staff. To enable this to happen the following home/ school agreement has been put in place. Please read this document carefully and sign to say that you have understood and agreed. Please return one copy to school.

School measures to keep children and staff safe

- Any children or staff with symptoms must stay at home/self-isolate and will not be allowed in school until the self-isolation period is over or a negative test result is received
- Any children who develop symptoms will be sent home to self-isolate – parents will be contacted and asked to collect their child immediately
- If a child, or member of staff, test positive for Covid 19 their family bubble will all be sent home to self-isolate for 14 days. Consideration will be given as to whether it is appropriate to send any other groups home in line with guidance from Public Health England.
- Children will wash their hands on entry to school and regularly throughout the day. Younger children will be supported by staff to do this. Hand sanitisers are available for children to use on entry to each room.
- Children may not be working with their usual teacher or in their usual classroom
- Children should arrive in clean clothes every day. For this reason they do not have to wear uniform although they can if you wish.
- Children's desks will be cleaned with disinfectants regularly during the school day, including after each lesson and before and after lunch
- Children will all have packed lunches – either prepared by school or brought in from home. They will have lunch in their classrooms and not in the hall with other children. This means that the children won't have to line up together for hot meals and individual disposable bags can be used for lunchtimes
- Children will all have their own labelled pencil case that school will provide – children are not to bring anything from home to school – other than their own water bottle / coat and a packed lunch – these are to be taken into class with them not put in cloakrooms
- Parents and visitors are not allowed in school except by appointment
- Pupils will be taught in small family bubbles of no more than 15 children. Family bubbles will not mix in school. They will have their own playtimes and will not mix with other bubbles
- There will be designated areas for parents to drop children off and collect from school.
- If a child falls over or has a toileting accident, they will be encouraged to clean themselves wherever possible. If it is more serious, staff will wear PPE to protect the child and themselves whilst dealing with an incident.

The family:

- Will ensure that their child (if aged 5 and over) is taken for a Covid 19 test if displaying symptoms of the virus.
- Understand that if a member of staff or child within a group tests positive for Covid 19, the whole group must not attend school and self-isolate for 14 days.
- Will ensure their child attends school when expected, unless they have to self-isolate. In which case, will contact school to let staff know the family is in isolation.
- Will ensure that their child is dropped off and collected on time according to the revised time table and only one parent is on site at the beginning and end of each day.
- Will ensure contact details are up to date and that they are contactable during the school day.
- Will ensure that their child is collected as soon as possible if the child develops any symptoms of the Covid 19 virus to help reduce the spread of the virus.
- Will adhere to the government guideline regarding social distancing to limit exposure to the Covid 19 virus. Please ensure that you leave adequate space (as designated by the government) between your family and others when dropping off/ collecting your children from the main office to help limit the spread of the virus.
- Will share any concerns which may affect the child's learning or behaviour.
- Will support the school's policies on behaviour and help their child to keep and respect the school rules.
- Will not allow their child to bring anything into school from home other than their coat, packed lunch box and a water bottle.
- Will provide a change of clothing for their child to keep in school in case of toileting accidents (Early Years children)
- Will support the school's risk assessment by sending your child into school with fresh clothes each day where possible.
- Will communicate with the school appropriately and take notice of communications from the school, e.g. letters, text messages.
- Will respect the school environment and help their child to do the same.
- Will conduct themselves respectfully when on school premises and regarding school matters on social media sites.

Child's Name _____

Parent signature _____ Date _____