



St. Anne's C.E. (VC) Primary School

"Together with God, Making Learning a Life Long Friend"

4th January, 2021

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE PERSON WITH PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

RE : JANUARY 2021 - COVID19 UPDATE

Firstly, may we take this opportunity to wish you a happy new year and hope that you have managed to have a peaceful Christmas break.

As we finished for Christmas it was unfortunate that the school received its first cases of positive Covid-19 cases involving children and staff in the Year 5 and Year 6 bubbles. Fortunately, all children and staff have recovered. We send our best wishes to these families. We also thank everyone for their messages of support to the school and co-operation in ensuring the successful isolation of these year groups. We have been asked several times why Year 5 and Year 6 bubbles had to isolate. Whilst we cannot give too much information because of patient confidentiality, we would like to stress that we have tried to ensure that our bubbles are as tight as possible but we do have large numbers of siblings across different classes (bubbles) in school and due to us being a small school, we do have staff that have to work across different classes (bubbles). However, we have attempted to keep this to an absolute minimum.

We understand that there are a range of anxiety from parents and carers about their child returning to school tomorrow. We have robustly reviewed our risk assessments and the following **additional** measures have been put into place, in addition to the measures that were in place before Christmas. The full copy of this risk assessment can be found on our website from this evening.

Attendance

It is expected that all pupils in all year groups will return to school full-time tomorrow. We have been advised from Staffordshire Local Authority that attendance rules apply and these can be found in our Attendance Policy on our website. For parents who have particular anxieties or concerns, we hope this letter allays some of those fears, but if they still persist please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Symptoms

If a child, young person or staff member develops primary symptoms compatible with coronavirus, we will isolate them in a designated room and arrange for them to go home straight away. The room will be deep cleaned immediately afterwards. They will be advised to self-

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isolate for 7 days and their fellow household members (including siblings) should self-isolate for 10 days. The child or staff member must get tested in this scenario and may return to school should they feel well enough.

Where the child or staff member tests positive, the rest of their class within school may be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 10 days. This will be the decision of Public Health England and Staffordshire Health and Safety in-line with communication with the school. The other household members of that wider group do not need to self-isolate unless the child or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.

Should anyone in your household develop symptoms of Covid-19 it is essential that your child isolates and does not attend school until these symptoms have completely passed or a negative test in the person with symptoms has been received.

Likewise, may I draw your attention to the letter from Staffordshire County Council on 16.11.2020. This can be found on our website at <https://www.st-annes-browndge.staffs.sch.uk/general-letter> under Staffordshire Covid testing. This advises that children with the following secondary symptoms should seek a Covid test:

- Headaches
- Aches and pains
- Feeling very tired for no good reason
- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Sneezing
- Tummy ache
- Sickness and / or diarrhoea

Due to our experiences before Christmas with children displaying some of the above symptoms we are adopting the following procedure:

Children who have any of the above symptoms should not attend school and seek a Covid test or alternatively isolate for 10 days regardless of whether the symptoms pass or not. We recognise this will cause difficulty for parents, but we believe this is necessary from our experiences in reducing risk at school.

Curriculum

To minimise contact of different people in school, staff will not be handling exercise books (including marking) or collecting in homework. Homework will still be set but homework books and completed work should remain at home. We hope parents and carers support us in this. In terms of the curriculum, this will continue as in the Autumn term, but children will not receive Computing lessons in the computer suite to minimise contacts. Likewise, French will not be delivered to Years 5 and 6 due to staffing. In addition, we are attempting to minimise the movement around school of children and staff to the bare necessity.

Cleaning

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School has received a deep-clean over the Christmas holidays. We have employed extra cleaners during the day and all classes have received extra cleaning equipment to be used daily.

Face Coverings

Staff will wear face coverings in all communal areas and some may choose to wear them in lessons.

Start / End of school day

The start of the day and the end of the day will be staggered by classes for all children and only one person (over 11) may accompany or collect their child. They **MUST** wear a mask and adhere to our one-way system.

CLASS	ARRIVAL TIME	PICK UP TIME	ENTRANCE
Reception	8.40am	3.05pm	New Lane entrance following 1-way system.
Year 1	8.40am	3.05pm	St Anne's Vale (Y2 door)
Year 2	9.00am	3.25pm	St Anne's Vale (Y2 door)
Year 3	8.50am	3.15pm	New Lane entrance following 1-way system.
Year 4	8.50am	3.15pm	New Lane entrance and line up at the office immediately
Year 5	9.00am	3.25pm	New Lane entrance following 1-way system.
Year 6	9.00am	3.25pm	New Lane entrance and line up at the office immediately

Communication

Parents and carers will continue not to be allowed to enter the office area and all communication must be via telephone or email. Should parents wish to speak to the class teacher this must be made via telephoning, emailing the office or via Class Dojo.

Hopefully, this gives you the information that you need to understand about how school will be opening tomorrow. I know that none of this is ideal and the pressures on parents and families is huge at this time.

As always thank you for the support that you have given the school in these exceptionally difficult times.

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We hope you stay safe and please be aware that we remain here to support you where we can.

Kind regards,

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