



*Learning for Life*

## Fawbert & Barnard's Primary School

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Templefields Multi-Academy Trust

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Dear Parents and carers

### REOPENING OF SCHOOL ON 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

The school reopens on 8<sup>th</sup> March and attendance is once again mandatory. The country will still be under lockdown rules and the government has set out control measures that schools need to follow. These have been incorporated in our risk assessment which is on our website. The ten control measures are attached (Appendix 1) and the full guidance for parents is on our website, should you wish to see this.

If your child is unable to come into school, then first day calling should be followed ringing the school before 9 am to inform us of their absence. Home visits may be carried out for those we have had no response from.

We have received information from Essex which may answer questions you have about shielding Appendix 2.

Pupils, staff and other adults must not come into the school if:

- they have one or more coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms
- a member of their household (including someone in their support bubble or childcare bubble if they have one) has coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms
- they are required to quarantine having recently visited countries outside the Common Travel Area
- they have had a positive test

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They must immediately cease to attend and not attend for at least 10 days from the day after:

- the start of their symptoms
- the test date if they did not have any symptoms but have had a positive test (whether this was a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) or Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test)

You must follow this process and ensure everyone onsite or visiting is aware of it.

Anyone told to isolate by NHS Test and Trace or by their public health protection team has a legal obligation to self-isolate, but you may leave home to avoid injury or illness or to escape risk of harm. More information can be found on NHS Test and Trace: how it works.

If anyone in your school develops a new and continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), you:

- must send them home to begin isolation - the isolation period includes the day the symptoms started and the next 10 full days
- advise them to follow the guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection
- advise them to arrange to have a test as soon as possible to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19)

Other members of their household (including any siblings and members of their support or childcare bubble if they have one) should self-isolate. Their isolation period includes the day symptoms started for the first person in their household, or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms, whether this was a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) or Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test), and the next 10 full days. If a member of the household starts to display symptoms while self-isolating, they will need to restart the 10 day isolation period and book a test.

If anyone tests positive whilst not experiencing symptoms but develop symptoms during the isolation period, they must restart the 10 day isolation period from the day they developed symptoms.

We will continue with the systems that were in place in December and below is a reminder for you of those.

We will continue to use our staggered start and finish times and the one-way system.

Reception	8:45 – 8:55 am	3:00 – 3:15 pm
Year 1	8:40 – 8:55 am	3:05 – 3:20 pm
Year 2	8:30 – 8:45 am	2:55 – 3:10 pm
Year 3	8:40 – 8:55 am	3:05 – 3:20 pm
Year 4	8:30 – 8:45 am	2:55 - 3:10 pm
Year 5	8:40 – 8:55 am	3:05 – 3:20 pm
Year 6	8:30 – 8:45 am	2:55 – 3:10 pm

Siblings can be dropped off between 8:40 – 8:50 and collected between 3:00 – 3:10.

It is important that all parents and carers wear a face mask when bringing or collecting their child as 2 metres cannot always be maintained on the public footpath, unless a medical exemption is held. Even if you have had a vaccine, you can still transmit the virus so a face covering should be worn.

Please continue to consider our neighbours, walk, scooter or bike to school if you can. The walking bus will recommence after Easter.

Face coverings will be worn by staff in areas where social distancing cannot be maintained – corridors, lunch hall etc. Face coverings do not need to be worn by pupils and should be removed before entering the school gates.

As a school we are supporting NHS Test and Trace.

The staff are carrying out asymptomatic testing at home twice a week with lateral flow tests. If a pupil shows symptoms, we will send them home and ask for a test to be booked as this remains a vital part of the government's plan to suppress the virus.

Pupils and staff will be asked to clean their hands regularly:

- When they arrive at school
- When they return from breaks
- Before and after eating lunch

Children will remain in their class bubbles at all times including breaks and lunchtime.

After Easter we hope to be able to start outdoor clubs again very soon, these will be the same as those run for a few weeks in the autumn term with no need to apply again. We will also look at other clubs to see if they can be run outdoors to enable them to take place.

Our specialist music lessons will continue their remote sessions with tutors as arranged by them directly. All music lessons will begin in school after Easter - see individual parent mail messages.

Please limit the number of things your child brings into school, no show and tell, toys etc. Pencil cases will not be needed as each child will have their own stationary to use. Please ensure their PE kit is in school every day as we will be keeping routines the same and the daily mile will form part of our school day again.

The classrooms will continue to be ventilated with windows open to allow a constant background ventilation. So please send in extra jumpers or cardigans if the weather is not nice.

Lunches should be pre-ordered even if your child receives FSM or UFSM.

We are all looking forward to seeing all the children on 8<sup>th</sup> March, and look forward to being able to do more once the governments roadmap unfolds during the summer months.

Best Wishes  
Sue Spearman  
Headteacher

## Appendix 1

### **Prevention**

#### **You must always:**

- 1) Minimise contact with individuals who are required to self-isolate by ensuring they do not attend the school.
- 2) Ensure face coverings are used in recommended circumstances.
- 3) Ensure everyone is advised to clean their hands thoroughly and more often than usual.
- 4) Ensure good respiratory hygiene for everyone by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
- 5) Maintain enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents.
- 6) Consider how to minimise contact across the site and maintain social distancing wherever possible.
- 7) Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.

#### **In specific circumstances:**

- 8) Ensure individuals wear the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) where necessary.
- 9) Promote and engage in asymptomatic testing, where available.

### **Response to any infection**

#### **You must always:**

- 10) Promote and engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.
- 11) Manage and report confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community.
- 12) Contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice.

## Appendix 2

### Shielding

#### **Shielding Household Members**

If a student has received a letter from their GP that clearly states they have been identified as being critically extremely vulnerable (CEV), they should shield and not attend school. Parents must provide the school with a copy of the notification for their records. Schools should continue to provide access to remote learning for these students and code the register with an X.

If other household members are required to shield, and this is not specific to students that are of statutory school age and on school roll – normal attendance is expected and mandatory.

Shielding is very specific to the individual and the guidance from government is clear:

*“Shielding guidance applies to clinically extremely vulnerable individuals only. Others living in a household with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable are not advised to follow this guidance. They should instead follow the general advice and regulations set out in the [national lockdown guidance that came into effect on 5 January 2021](#)”*

This being the case, unless the shielding advice relates specifically to the student, attendance is expected and mandatory.

#### **Shielding parents and the school run**

We appreciate that single parent families (where the parent is shielding) may find the school run difficult. In these circumstances parents should be encouraged to consider alternative arrangements:

- Form a support bubble with other family members or friends that could take their child/ren to and from school
- Allow older, responsible siblings in the family home to bring their brother/sister safely to and from school (mainly where primary school children are involved)
- School to consider the parent bringing their child to school and pick up at the end of the day at a time when traffic around the school is lower

Schools can make an informed decision based on the individual circumstances of each family and offer the appropriate support and guidance.

However, shielding is not isolation or quarantining, and shielding individuals can go outside to perform essential tasks such as the school run.

#### **Pupils and families who are anxious about attending school**

It is likely that some pupils, parents and households may be reluctant or anxious about attending school. This may include pupils who:

- have themselves been shielding previously but have been advised they no longer need to shield

- live in a household where someone is clinically vulnerable (CV) or CEV (including young carers)
- are concerned about the possible increased risks from coronavirus (COVID19) such as those who have certain conditions such as obesity and diabetes

However, from 8 March 2021, school attendance is mandatory for all children of statutory school age and on a school roll. Therefore, schools should discuss any concerns with parents and provide reassurance on the measures you are putting in place to reduce any risks.

Remind parents that pupils of compulsory school age must be in school unless a statutory reason applies. Only students that have a statutory reason for not attending should be absent. Schools will assess whether absence of individual pupils should be recorded as authorised or unauthorised.

From 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 Schools will only make remote learning accessible to absent students that are shielding, self-isolating or quarantining because of coronavirus in accordance with the relevant legislation or guidance published by PHE or the DHSC.