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COVID19 Guidance for parents updated from 8th March 2021

The following guidance is to ensure the continued safety of everyone in our school community and prevent a further school closure. We have tried to consider what parents need to know when the children return to school in March and continue to follow the government guidance for full school opening [Guidance for schools](#) .

Our school risk assessment has been updated and is available via the school website. This guidance is correct at the time of writing but everything is subject to change.

Parents must **not** send their child to school if they:

- Have COVID19 symptoms.
- Have tested positive for COVID19 in the last 10 days or is continuing to experience COVID19 symptoms after 10 days.
- If another household member develops coronavirus symptoms or tests positive for Covid19.

In these circumstances parents/carers should contact info@stcuthbert-mayne.surrey.sch.uk to inform us of this and that they will be following the national [Stay at Home Guidance](#).

If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste and smell (anosmia) they are sent home and advised to follow 'stay at home' guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus COVID-19 infection', which sets out that they must self-isolate for at least 10 days and should arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus COVID-19. Other members of their household (including siblings) should self-isolate for 10 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.

If someone has been in school and tests positive for COVID-19, the local health protection team will be contacted by the school. The health protection team will provide guidance to support a rapid risk assessment to confirm who has been in close contact with the person during the period they were infectious and ensure they are asked to self-isolate.

- Based on the advice from the health protection team, schools must send home those people who have been in close contact with the person who has tested positive, advising them to self-isolate for 10 days since they were last in close contact with that person when they were infectious.

Close contact means:

- Direct close contacts - face to face contact with an infected individual for any length of time, within 1 metre, including being coughed on, a face to face conversation, or unprotected physical contact (skin-to-skin)
- Proximity contacts - extended close contact (within 1 to 2 metres for more than 15 minutes) with an infected individual
- Travelling in a small vehicle, like a car, with an infected person
- Records of pupils and staff in each group and any close contact that takes place between pupils and staff in different groups to be kept. This does not need to include every interaction a member of staff or pupil has.

Any cases of illness, including COVID-19 will be treated with confidentiality.

Social distancing of children

We will do our best to support social distancing where possible however, we cannot guarantee this. We are putting in as many measures as possible to achieve this and ask parents and carers to support us with this:

- Where possible children will remain in their class/phase bubbles
- We will restrict the movement of staff between bubbles but some staff will be working across bubbles
- Children will not be allowed to share resources/toys with other bubbles
- Ongoing training will be provided for the children to ensure that they are supported to follow the safety guidance and keep themselves and others safe
- Children who attend wrap around care will be mixing with children from other bubbles though where possible social distancing will be maintained

Start and end of school day (subject to revision if social distancing guidelines are not adhered to)

It is the responsibility of every adult entering the school site to follow the government safe distancing guidance and school protocols. Due to the size of our playground and the limited number of entrances that we have, we ask that all adults follow the following guidance.

Minimising contacts between adults

- Only 1 adult to enter the school site to drop off or collect children in the mornings to Year R 1 2
- Adults should not accompany children in Years 3 4 5 6 onto the school playground before school

Adults should not gather on school playground or in church carpark. If someone else is collecting your child, please can you ensure that they are aware of the guide lines:

We have staggered pick up and drop off times and this will be subject to review. Please see table below.

	Drop off point	time	Pick up point	Time
R	Playground	8.40	Playground	3.05pm
1	Playground	8.45	Playground	3.10pm
2	Y2 Fire exit at school main entrance. Enter via pedestrian walk way and exit via car park.	8.40	Y2 Fire exit at school main entrance. Enter via pedestrian walk way and exit via car park.	3.05pm
3	Church carpark. Children enter playground on their own.	8.40	Key Stage 2 playground	3.05pm
4	Church carpark. Children enter playground on their own.	8.40	Key Stage 2 playground	3.05pm
5	Church carpark. Children enter playground on their own.	8.45	Key Stage 2 playground	3.10pm
6	Church carpark. Children enter playground on their own.	8.45	Key Stage 2 playground	3.10pm

- No face to face meetings will be taking place until further notice.
- Adults should keep 2m distance from school staff and should not have a meeting with class teachers on the school playground at the end of the day
- No pets should be brought onto the school playground

- Children using bicycles and scooters to wait with parents before collecting these from the shed
- Children using bicycles and scooters should walk their vehicle from the entrance of the church car park
- Spaces in the bicycle shed will be prioritised for children who have come the whole way to school on them

What children should and should not bring to school

Children should only bring into school what they need for the school day. Storage is limited and we want to keep the classrooms, corridors and cloakrooms clear. All items must be named.

Children in Years R 1 and 2

- School book bags should be used. No rucksacks allowed.
- Water bottles should be labelled and taken home daily to be refilled.
- Children will be provided with a piece of fruit as a morning snack.
- Lunch will be either your own packed lunch or lunch provided by the school which parents pre book as normal. Packed lunches must be healthy and not contain any nuts. Staff will not be opening any packets for children and children must be able to open packets themselves.

Children in Years 3 4 5 6

- All resources the pupils need will be provided by the school. They should not bring in any equipment from home - pencil cases, book bags or ruck sacks will not be needed.
- **Small** rucksacks maybe used but if they are too big they will not be allowed in school. School book bags may be used if preferred.
- Water bottles should be labelled and taken home daily to be refilled.
- Children in KS2 should bring in either a piece of fruit or vegetable for their morning break time snack. NO cereal bars, biscuits or crisps should be sent in. Lunch will be either your own packed lunch or a unch provided by the school. Packed lunches must be healthy and not contain any nuts. Staff will not be opening any packets for children and children must be able to open packets themselves.

School Uniform

- Full school uniform must be worn by all pupils.
- The advice is that uniforms do not need to be cleaned more than usual.
- All items must be labelled with the child's name.
- We do not have a lost property at the school and all unnamed items may be donated to charity.

Face coverings

- All adults entering the school site should wear a face mask unless they are exempt.

School Office

- Adults should not enter the school office to drop off letters- these can be left in the post box outside or given to your child to give to their class teacher
- Adults should only enter the school lobby if unavoidable
- Only one person allowed in the school entrance lobby at any one time

Attendance

In line with government policy, attendance is mandatory from March 8th 2021. It is parents' duty to ensure their child attends school regularly. Contact the school office via email to report all pupil absence

info@stcuthbertmayne.surrey.sch.uk, if you are unable to email then please call by 8.30am. Please leave details of your child's full name, class and reason for absence.