



Exceptional Circumstances Home – School Agreement

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Introduction

This Home-School agreement has been developed so that all stakeholders are aware of their responsibilities during the current climate and in relation to the COVID 19 situation.

This agreement will cover learning at School and, if necessary, learning from home. It also covers responsibilities if someone presents with COVID-19 symptoms.

Our School

Our approach to teaching during this time is to:

- Ensure that we take regard of the holistic development of each child
- Ensure we continue to teach our children in line with National Curriculum guidelines, but are mindful of gaps in learning and address such gaps through special interventions
- Ensure that all children continue to receive the breadth of educational activities but that there is a significant focus on PSHE and well-being
- Ensure that all children have the opportunity to continue to learn whether in or out of the School environment
- Ensure that children who may have to learn at home, due to self-isolation or quarantine, have access to learning opportunities and regular staff contact

For any of your children who are coming into school, either full-time or part-time, we will do our best to:

- Provide an environment that has been risk assessed and considered safe for opening
- Adhere to the social distancing guidelines as set out by the government, as much as we reasonably can
- Ensure that staff and children adhere to staying in their allocated “bubbles” as much as is reasonably possible
- Support your child’s wellbeing, such as by giving them someone to talk to if they feel anxious or overwhelmed
- Support your child in managing their behavior safely and liaise with you if this behavior becomes unsafe in line with individual risk assessments



- Contact you if your child displays symptoms of COVID-19 so they can be taken home and allowed to self-isolate, as well as taking a COVID-19 test
- Inform you if staff or children in your child's 'bubble' show symptoms of COVID-19, and help the NHS test and trace system get in touch with you if they test positive and the rest of the 'bubble' needs to self-isolate
- Enhance our hygiene measures, including more frequent cleaning and hand washing
- Provide meals, including free school meals for eligible pupils
- Communicate between home and school through notices, letters, newsletters, text, email, social media and the school website

For any of your children who are at home, either full-time or part-time, we will do our best to:

- Provide remote learning that allows your child to access as much of the curriculum as possible (the School is setting up Purple Mash as a learning platform)
- Make alternative arrangements if your child can't access remote learning
- Support your child's wellbeing, such as by allowing them to talk with their friends and school staff regularly, when possible
- Provide free school meals to eligible pupils through packages delivered in school or weekly supermarket vouchers
- Keep in touch about developments in school through notices, letters, newsletters, text, email, social media and the school website

Parents / Carers

If my child is coming into school, either full-time or part-time, I understand and agree that:

- I need to monitor if my child or anyone in our household has symptoms of COVID-19 (i.e. a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to their sense of smell/taste)
- If my child or anyone in our household shows symptoms of COVID-19, I will not send them to school and we will self-isolate for the appropriate length of time, unless a negative test has occurred



- If my child shows symptoms of COVID-19, I will get also them tested and, if they test positive, work with the NHS test and trace system to notify anyone who's recently been in close contact with them, including at school
- If my child shows symptoms of COVID-19 at school, I will collect my child as soon as possible
- I will do my best to avoid public transport in peak hours when taking my child to and from school, and we will wear face coverings if this isn't possible (unless my child is aged 3 and under)
- When dropping off and picking up, I will stick to the timings for my child, use the designated entrance and adhere to the social distancing rules set out by the government
- I will not enter the school building without a prearranged appointment and I will leave the school immediately after drop off and pick up
- I will provide my child with a water bottle and lunch box (if appropriate)
- My child will not bring any other items into school (unless pre-agreed for a long taxi journey)
- I will remind my child about good hygiene practices, such as: regularly washing their hands thoroughly; avoiding touching their eyes, nose or mouth; and coughing or sneezing into their elbow or a tissue, and disposing immediately of any used tissues
- I will support the school's procedures in ensuring a safe environment
- I will collect my child if their behavior has been persistently unsafe and they are not responding to strategies to help support de-escalation as identified on their individual risk assessments

If my child is staying at home, either full-time or part-time, I understand and agree that:

- I will do my best to support my child to complete any remote learning work set for them, and get in touch with the school if this won't be possible for any reason
- I may be contacted by the school if my child fails to complete the work set for them

Please do not hesitate to contact the school to discuss if you have any questions

Signed:  Headteacher