

Buckshaw Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs K Brooks



Friday 5th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

In preparation for full return to school on Monday, we sent out a letter last week with all the necessary details. However, as it seems like information overload at the moment, I thought it would be useful to set out a few key bullet points of changes within school.

- Pupils with parent/s carer/s who are shielding, are expected to attend school as normal;
- Changes to 'close contact' which would apply when closing a bubble have been revised:
 - face to face contact including being coughed on or having a face to face conversation within one metre;
 - being within 1 metre for 1 minute or longer without face to face contact;
 - being within 2 metres of someone for more than 15 minutes (either as a one-off contact, or added up together over one day);
 - travelling in a small vehicle, i.e. a car, with an infected person;
- The use of hand sanitiser **may** be permitted, however we will continue to encourage hand washing as a first preference as this has worked well for us at Buckshaw so far;
- Visors/shields are no longer recommended, so where appropriate and necessary, staff may be seen wearing face masks within school;
- Visits beyond school grounds will only be permitted for early years. Therefore, although we will be making good use of our school grounds for outdoor learning, we will not be having our Out and About Learning Afternoons.

Arrangements and timings will be as they were in December 2020.

KEY STAGE 1 (NURSERY-Y2)

ENTERING SCHOOL

EYFS-Y2 arrive at Judeland gate anytime between 8.45-8.55am for lessons to start at 9am. Any Nursery children who are confident to walk down without a parent/carer will also be allowed through between 8.45-8.55am. Any children in Rec-Year 2 arriving after 9am will be marked as late.

Any Nursery children who **NEED** their parent/carer to come on site with them will be permitted through at 9am *once all other children are in class*.

COLLECTION

Nursery children can be collected via the school car park at 3.00pm.

Reception children can be collected via the school car park at 3.05pm.

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Y1 children can be collected via the school car park at 3.10pm.

Y2 children can be collected via the school car park at 3.15pm.

KEY STAGE 2 (Y3-Y6)

ENTERING SCHOOL

Y3-6 pupils may enter in single file through the Great Meadow gate and go directly to their class teacher any time between 8.45-8.55am. Any children arriving after 8.55am will be marked as late, these times have now reverted back to our start times prior to our staggered starts.

COLLECTION

Y5/6 will be dismissed straight through Great Meadow gate at 3.15pm.

Y3/4 can be collected via the school car park at 3.20pm.

Absence Reporting

Please ensure you contact school if your child is going to be absent as soon as possible, preferably before 9am. If you are unable to speak to a member of the office staff, please leave a message on the school messaging service (option 1). Please provide a detailed reason for absence not just 'feeling unwell'. We may contact you for more information. We ask you also inform your child's teacher via Dojo especially if they are isolating but not unwell. This gives time for the teacher to organise work to be set on Seesaw.

Further Information (IMPORTANT)

Lancashire's top health experts are urging residents to get a Covid-19 test if they are concerned about their health – even if they aren't showing the classic symptoms.

The three main symptoms of Covid are a high temperature, a persistent cough or a loss of smell or taste. But there are other symptoms that have been reported by people who have tested positive, such as a persistent headache and diarrhoea.

You can read the other symptoms on the [World Health Organisation website](#)

Up to a third of people have no symptoms at all, but are still infectious.

Lancashire's three directors of public health are calling on anyone who is worried they may have coronavirus to book a test through the NHS website.

Further Information (OPTIONAL)

Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college

NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

Test kits can either be collected or ordered online, as set out below. School will not give test kits to parents, carers or household members for this purpose. Staff in school will continue to take twice-weekly tests.

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site (Woodlands or Middlebrook) – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm

[Children of primary school age \(and below\) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.](#)

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

We look forward to seeing you all and having the children back in school on Monday.

Yours sincerely



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