



Carrington Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers

We look forward to your children returning to school on Monday, 8th March. While school is reopening for all pupils, it is still important we continue to play our part by following guidance while we are still in a national lockdown. This letter seeks to refresh your memory about our safety procedures and protocols at school.

Testing

Primary school children are only required to take a test if they are showing symptoms of Covid-19. They do not have to take a routine test like secondary school pupils.

All school staff have been undergoing twice weekly testing since January using lateral flow tests. This will continue to happen now the children are returning to school.

Families of school-aged children are now also eligible to use these tests on a regular basis. Information about this and how to get these tests is available [here](#).

Symptoms

If your child or a member of your household has symptoms of Covid-19, the whole household should isolate and not go to school or work until that person has had a negative test result. If the result is positive the whole household will need to continue to isolate in line with government guidance.

To book a test use this [link](#).

Class hubs (bubbles)

We are maintaining our class hubs, enhanced handwashing and cleaning regimes and staggered timetables in order to minimise mixing in line with government guidance.

If a child in a class hub tests positive for Covid-19, pupils who have had close contact will be asked to isolate for a period of 10 days. By keeping children in the same seats as much as possible, we are able to minimise the number of children that this affects.

Drop off and pick-up

Parents and carers should aim to arrive at school on their own to collect children from the school site. (Young children may also attend with their parent or carer). 2m distancing should be kept at all times. Please move along the playground when you arrive to allow for this.

After children have been dropped off, and once children have been collected, parents and carers should leave the school site promptly to ensure that safe distancing can be maintained.

All adults should wear a face covering at drop off and collection times.

Please try to park away from the area immediately outside school and walk the last part of your journey where this is possible. This will keep the area outside school less congested and safer for all children. We would like to remind you that the school car park is for staff only.

Wellbeing

We realise that returning to school is a big change for many children. For those who have been in school for the last few weeks, working in a larger group again will also be a big change. As part of our continuing restorative curriculum, we are spending time talking about these changes with all children as part of our increased PSHE lessons. We are aware that some children have found the experience of remote learning quite challenging and we will be supporting them to build their confidence in their learning as they readjust to life in school again.

Uniform

During the period of lockdown many children have grown and some items of uniform may not fit as well as they did before Christmas. All children should return to school wearing full uniform and this will be possible in the majority of cases. Where this is not reasonably possible due to growth spurts, please let your child's teacher know about this via Seesaw.

In the case of clothes or footwear no longer fitting, we ask that pupils wear plain, dark-coloured replacements. Clothing should also be as similar in style to school uniform as possible. Shoe shops should reopen in the Easter holidays but please be aware that it may be advisable to book appointments for fittings now.

We would like to remind you that the wearing of earrings, dyed hair and the wearing of nail varnish are not part of the school uniform at Carrington Junior School and should not be worn.

School bags

Children should only bring a small bag with what they require for that day in school. PE kits should be washed after each session. Children should bring their lunch, a water bottle and a pencil case with them. (The pencil case will then remain in school for the rest of term).

At this time, mobile phones cannot be stored safely in line with our Covid-19 safety protocols and therefore should remain at home. This information is detailed in the Home School Agreement that all families signed at the start of the year.

Yours sincerely



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