



# BORINGDON PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this letter finds you and your families in good health, as we adjust to the requirements of another national lockdown. In light of additional guidelines that were issued to schools by the Department for Education shortly before the start of lockdown on Thursday 5th November, I thought that I would take the opportunity to update you on some additional control measures that we have put into place to safeguard our school community.

- Under current plans, all schools will continue to remain open for all children for the duration of the national restrictions.
- Out of hours' care (New Life and After School Clubs) can continue to operate.
- After updated advice, I am pleased to say that extra-curricular clubs will continue - this includes the after-school clubs running through Premier Sports and Plymouth Argyle.
- Where possible, we are trying to ensure that all PE activities take place outside. When using the main hall, we are ensuring the room is well ventilated and that any equipment is thoroughly cleaned after use.
- There has been no change to the requirements from the government for face coverings to be worn in primary schools. We will continue to follow the Trust Policy of ensuring that all adults wear a face covering in all communal areas around the school. Staff will not be required to wear a face covering in classrooms when teaching, unless they choose to do so.
- We continue to operate tight restrictions on any parent or carer entering the school building. We have also suspended any voluntary or work experience placements within the school until further notice. We will continue to operate a policy of meeting with parents over the phone or online during the remainder of the autumn term.
- Professional agencies, such as Speech & Language therapists, Counsellors and Educational Psychologists, can continue visiting the school, but we will be keeping this to essential purposes only. When on site, staff will be required to wear face coverings and follow all of the measures we have in place.
- New procedures have been introduced across the school from today to help reduce the working across 'bubbles' of children.
- We will continue to operate similar break and lunch time procedures.

In line with government and scientific advice, we are also trying to ensure that classrooms and teaching spaces are well ventilated. At different times of the day, windows and doors will be opened and it would be beneficial if children wear warm clothing, as we move towards the colder months. We will ensure that appropriate temperatures are maintained in teaching spaces and ventilation will take place during break and lunch times.

To support our measures, we would please ask all parents and carers to continue to ensure that the following procedures are followed, in line with the requirements of current national measures:

- All adults to follow social distancing guidelines, especially when queuing for dropping off and collection, and preferably, but essentially when communicating with staff, wear a face covering when on the school site.
- Ensure that only one adult member of the household accompanies your child/children onto and off the site to minimise numbers on the playground.
- Avoid congregating with other parents or carers, either on the school site or outside in the surrounding residential area.
- Ensure that children are not mixing with other children outside of school hours, in line with current national restrictions.

If your child is unwell and not able to attend school, we would please ask that you notify the school office at either [admin@boringdon.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:admin@boringdon.plymouth.sch.uk) or by telephone at 01752 330424. Please do not use Seesaw for this purpose. Messages can be left on the answerphone before 8.00am.





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If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119. All other household members who remain well, must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

Your child's class teacher will provide home learning materials for your child, should they need to self-isolate at home. This will be communicated via the Seesaw platform and will be put into place after we have received confirmation from a parent that the child will not be in school. In line with normal provision, we won't provide home learning materials if your child is ill or unable to attend school for any other reason that is non-Covid related.

We hope that this update provides you with a clear overview of the additional control measures that we have put in place to safeguard our school community during this period of additional national measures. Should you have any questions about any of the information outlined above, please don't hesitate to contact me at [admin@boringdon.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:admin@boringdon.plymouth.sch.uk) (FAO Headteacher in subject box).

We thank you for your continued support during these challenging times for us all.

Kind regards,

Headteacher  
Boringdon Primary School

