

Foxfield School



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Dear Parents and Carers

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE 2021

Firstly thank you all so much for your continued support and help during this very difficult time. I am sure that most of you share my concerns about the risks and impact of the coronavirus, but there appears to be light at the end of the tunnel. I am writing to you now to update you on the school's position. The school will be open to all pupils from the **8th March 2021**, although those who are deemed as CEV will still need to shield until the Easter.

To reassure parents during this challenging time we at Foxfield School continue to take every aspect of the COVID advice very seriously as we are working with some of the most vulnerable members of society. As a school we are constantly updating our school risk assessments in line with both local and national guidance. All our risk assessments can be accessed alongside guidance on the school website. Staff have also been offered the opportunity of a Vaccination and the uptake within school has been exceptional. This coupled with our two weekly tests ensures that school is as safe as it can be. Therefore as per the Government guidance we will be expecting all pupils to return to school unless they are CEV (latest guidance can be seen on the school website).

Looking ahead as a school we will do our utmost to stay open to all pupils, but unfortunately over the coming months if a pupil or staff tests positive we will have to close a bubble. I can appreciate that if this happens it will be very difficult for our pupils and their families in particular, but staff will try to support as best they can until the pupils can safely return. If anyone in your family has COVID symptoms please remember to isolate until they have been tested. If your son/ daughter has been in contact with someone, who has COVID they will also need to isolate for 10 days.

Staff will continue to wear masks when in communal areas and have the option of using face shields when in class. As you are all aware most of our pupils are unable to wear a mask due to sensory issues etc. so we won't expect pupils to wear masks in school.

With regards weekly testing staff will get twice weekly testing. For those pupils who are able to test themselves with verbal prompting (and have parent consent) we will provide a weekly test. We also have the option for parents to support their son/ daughters testing if they so wish. I understand the testing process is very difficult for many of our pupils therefore it will not be a requirement.

Life skills



Enjoyment



Achievement



Respect



New experiences



I will do my best to keep parents and carers informed of any developments relating to Foxfield School as a result of the coronavirus. This is an uncertain time for us all but in school we are doing to best to keep the school open to all pupils.

Yours sincerely,

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HEADTEACHER