



## **Risk Assessment Update**

### **02.1.21 Portesham CE VA Primary School**

Current concerns about the new variant of Covid 19 and the potential increased risk of transmissibility has generated significant questions around the 'Covid secure' nature of schools.

As a school, we continue to employ all the measures possible to attempt to mitigate the identified risks. At this point in time, there are no further measures the school can adopt to further mitigate the risks. We will continue to ensure that the following measures are adhered to as these are some of the most significant measures in our bid to make the school as safe as possible.

- Good levels of ventilation is to be maintained within classrooms at all times when children are within the room. Ventilation is key and a regular turnover of air within all spaces is essential.
- EYFS and KS1 remain a bubble and LKS2 and UKS2 are another bubble. Pupils from these bubbles will not mix wherever possible.
- As per government guidance, adults will not be mixed wherever possible however, should this be required it is permitted. Staff moving bubbles will wear masks accordingly.
- All staff wear masks in high traffic areas and when moving through the corridors
- Hand washing at regular intervals: Arrival at school, before snack/ break, after break times and or lunch and at the end of the day. This is non-negotiable and it is the responsibility of all teaching staff to ensure that this is adhered to.
- Hand sanitiser remains available to all throughout the school.
- Every classroom is equipped with a first aid kit and Covid pack with full PPE
- Staff from alternative bubbles are encouraged not to mix as much as possible and practical within the day
- The staff room remains closed
- Pupils are not to share regular use equipment and should have their own individual pencil cases.
- Staff should attempt to social distance wherever possible
- No visitors are permitted to site without prior approval.
- Social distancing measures continue to be in place for drop of and collection.

Every pupil has been given a TEAMS log on and 2 day contingency packs have been allocated before the autumn half term to support learning in the event of a closure. This window allows the team time to plan and begin online teaching.

**As a school, we will continue to follow procedures outlined within the risk assessment should a positive case be suspected. Isolation time is now amended to **10 days** in accordance with Government guidance.**

**We continue to take all measures to make our school as safe as we can** however, with so much unknown about the new variant we will continue look to the Government and scientists for the latest advice.