



# Biscovey Academy

Head of School: Mr J Tyers

## Key Questions and Queries for children returning to Biscovey Academy in Autumn 2020

### Will my child need to return in full school uniform?

*Yes, it is an expectation that children will return in full school uniform including black school shoes.*

### Will my child need a P.E kit when they return to school?

*No. Your child will need to bring a set of trainers with them which they will be able to change in to for P.E outdoors/ outdoor activities. This will be reviewed by SLT and any changes will be communicated with yourselves in good time.*

### What will my child need to bring when returning to school in September?

*In order to ensure that children's workspace can be kept as clean as possible whilst also minimising the time spent in close proximity with other children in doors within the year group bubble. We ask that children only bring the following:*

- Coat
- A set of trainers
- Lunch box
- Drink

*Other equipment such as pen/ pencil etc will be provided by school.*

### What do I do if I have to collect 2 children each with different pick up and drop off times?

*If this is the situation that you find yourself in then please take the eldest siblings/ child's drop off and pick up time and apply it to all children.*

### Is it still safe for all children to go back to school in September?

*The Department of Education have always been guided by the latest scientific and medical advice, and we will continue to base our guidance on this advice.*

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*Returning to school is vital for children's education and for their wellbeing, and a full return in September will be an important move back towards normal life for many children and families.*

*Endorsed by Public Health England, all schools have been asked to implement the protective measures set out in the 'system of controls' which, alongside their own risk assessments, will help to reduce the risk of transmission. Some of these protective measures include:*

- Minimising contacts and maintaining distance as far as possible, for example by keeping children in consistent groups and minimising mixing with others*
- Introducing enhanced cleaning, reducing the used of shared items, and utilising outdoor space*
- Cleaning hands more often than usual and ensuring good respiratory hygiene*

## **Will pupils and staff be tested?**

*All pupils, staff and the households have access to testing if they display symptoms of coronavirus and should get tested in this scenario.*

*From the autumn term onwards, school settings will be provided with a small number of home testing kits to help ensure that anyone who needs a test can get swift access to one. We are currently working with Department for Health and Social Care on plans for this roll-out, including how and when school settings will receive testing kits.*

## **What will happen if there is a spike in cases locally?**

*Plans have been put in place to ensure schools can re-open safely. Local health officials, using the latest data, will be able to determine the best action to take to help curb the spread of the virus as part of the Local Outbreak Control Plans developed by local authorities. The nature of school settings means it is more straightforward to identify large numbers of contacts quickly. All 152 upper tier Local Authorities have created and shared their Local Outbreak Control Plans.*

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## **Will face coverings need to be worn by pupils or staff in schools?**

*Our guidance has been clear and consistent since the beginning of lockdown that we do not expect children to wear face coverings at school.*

*This position is based on scientific advice by Public Health England, which does not currently recommend the use of face coverings in schools, as pupils and staff are mixing in consistent groups. There may also be negative effects on communication and thus education*

## **What happens if children forget to social distance?**

*We understand that children will be returning into an environment which may be a little different to that which they left in March. If necessary we will remind children to keep an appropriate distance from children outside their year group bubble. We will continue to reinforce this within our everyday practices. However, if their behaviour is causing a risk to either other pupils or a member of the staff team you may be invited to meet with the Head of School.*

## **Will parents receive fines/lose their school place if they do not send their child to school because they feel it's too risky?**

*The Department for Education's most recent guidance states the following:*

*From the start of the autumn term 2020 pupil attendance will be mandatory and the usual rules on attendance will apply, including:*

- parents' duty to ensure that their child of compulsory school age attends regularly at the school where the child is a registered pupil*
- schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence*
- the ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices, in line with local authorities' codes of conduct*

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## What do I do if my child is showing symptoms?

Below is information taken from the DFE update 06.08.2020

What to do if...	Action needed	Code	Return to school when...
...my child has coronavirus symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>• <b>Contact school daily</b></li> <li>• Self-isolate</li> <li>• Get a test</li> <li>• Inform school immediately about test result</li> </ul>	Code X	...the test comes back negative.
...my child tests positive for coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>• <b>Contact school daily</b></li> <li>• Self-isolate for at least 10 days</li> <li>• Inform school immediately about test result</li> </ul>	Code I	...they feel better. They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.
...somebody in my household has coronavirus symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>• <b>Contact school daily</b></li> <li>• Self-isolate</li> <li>• Household member to get a test</li> <li>• Inform school immediately about test result</li> </ul>	Code X	...the household member test is negative.
...somebody in my household has tested positive for coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>• <b>Contact school daily</b></li> <li>• Self-isolate for 14 days</li> </ul>	Code X	...the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation
... NHS test and trace have identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms or confirmed coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>• <b>Contact school daily</b></li> <li>• Self-isolate for 14 days</li> </ul>	Code X	...the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation
...we/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate a part of a period of quarantine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do not take unauthorised leave in term time</b></li> <li>• <b>Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel</b></li> <li>• <b>Provide information to school as per attendance policy</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>• <b>Contact school daily</b></li> <li>• Self-isolate for 14 days</li> </ul>	Code X	...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed
...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>• <b>Contact school as required by the pastoral team</b></li> <li>• Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again</li> </ul>	Code X	...school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again.

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I hope that within this document there is the answer to the question you have been holding onto over the summer term. If not, then please do feel free to ask your child's class teacher in the first instance and if still unanswered, then please contact a member of the senior leadership team.

I look forward to seeing you all on the 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Many thanks

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