



## Ursula Taylor Church of England Primary School

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### **Important New School Year Information**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a good summer break and that life has started to get back to some kind of normality for you all. We are all very much looking forward to welcoming you as we start this new school year.

I hope that the following information will be of use to you all and will help you to understand about how we are returning to a more normal school system for the new term.

#### **School Arrival and Departure:**

Doors open at 8:45am and close at 9am sharp.

Year 1 enter through external classroom doors and use the Church Gate.

Reception (from 9<sup>th</sup> September) enter through external doors in the Reception garden area.

Year 2 and 3 wait on the playground until doors open, they will enter through their external classroom doors.

Year 4, 5 and 6 enter through the double green gates at the top of the car park.

Year 5 and 6 are able to walk, if you, as parents/carers deem that to be suitable.

All children leave school at 3:30pm, collected/dismissed from the same places as the morning drop off.

Please note, we are keeping the one way system on the playground. Please enter through the gate near the main drive gates and exit through the double gates near the bike shed.

#### **School Uniform: (Please name every item clearly)**

During lockdown and the previous school year, we were relaxed about uniform to make things as easy as possible and to avoid unnecessary expense. This year we are returning to our normal uniform expectation.

This is an extract from the information on our website as a reminder in readiness for returning.

Our uniform is:

##### Main Uniform

Grey trousers / shorts / skirts

(In the summer red gingham dresses/playsuits/skirts are fine)

White blouse/shirt or polo shirt

Grey/white/black socks/tights

Red cardigan/jumper

Black school shoes

Year R, 1, 2 - School Logo book bag

Year 3 - 6 small rucksack (it needs to fit in the cloakrooms/lockers)

### PE Kit

White Ursula Taylor logo T-shirt

Navy PE shorts

Outdoor Trainers (as white as possible please.) New Reception, an old pair will do as your PE will be indoors in bare feet initially.

Winter Months - Navy tracksuit top and bottoms.

Your child will also need:

Coat

Water bottle

Sun hat

Wellies to stay in school (Year R and 1)

In addition to this:

Long hair, children (boys and girls) need to have long hair tied up fully. (Unless agreed with a member of the Senior Team)

Earrings can be worn but must be studs and need to be removed for PE / Swimming. (If they can't be removed, they will need to be taped up)

Hair bands need to be small, neat and tidy.

Children should not wear any jewellery to school, other than a small watch (Unless agreed with a member of the Senior Team)

### PE Kit:

We ask that children come to school in their PE kits on PE days. This was hugely successful during lockdown and last year and we have adopted this as a permanent change. Teachers will post on Class Dojo which days your child will have PE on, so you know well in advance.

### Lunchtimes:

We are going back to all children having lunch in the school hall, which will be a relief in so many ways!

All children can have a school dinner or a packed lunch. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are able to have free meals and children in Y3 – 6 have a paid option (Unless you are entitled to Free School Meals)

School Dinners are ordered on a daily basis, by the children in class (A menu will come home when we get them) Meals can be paid for on the Caterlink payment system. (Children who have moved into Year 3 will get a letter about this soon) In the meantime, children can still have the meals and you can pay once the system is set up.

### Snacks and Lunchbox contents:

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are given free fruit every day at school for their morning snack.

Children in Y3 – 6 can bring something to eat if they need to. Please only send in a piece of fruit and not chewy bars / wraps / pancakes / crisps or anything else.

Children need to have a balanced and healthy packed lunch, with NO fizzy drinks/sweets or Chocolate bars (although a chocolate biscuit e.g. a penguin is fine)

We must ask all parents to ensure that there are NO NUTS brought to school at any time. This includes Nutella / Hazelnut chocolate spread.

## **COVID Measures:**

We are no longer required to have 'Bubbles' so all children will be back together at break and lunch in the way we were before COVID. Our full COVID Outbreak Management Plan and September 2021 Risk Assessment can be found on our school website.

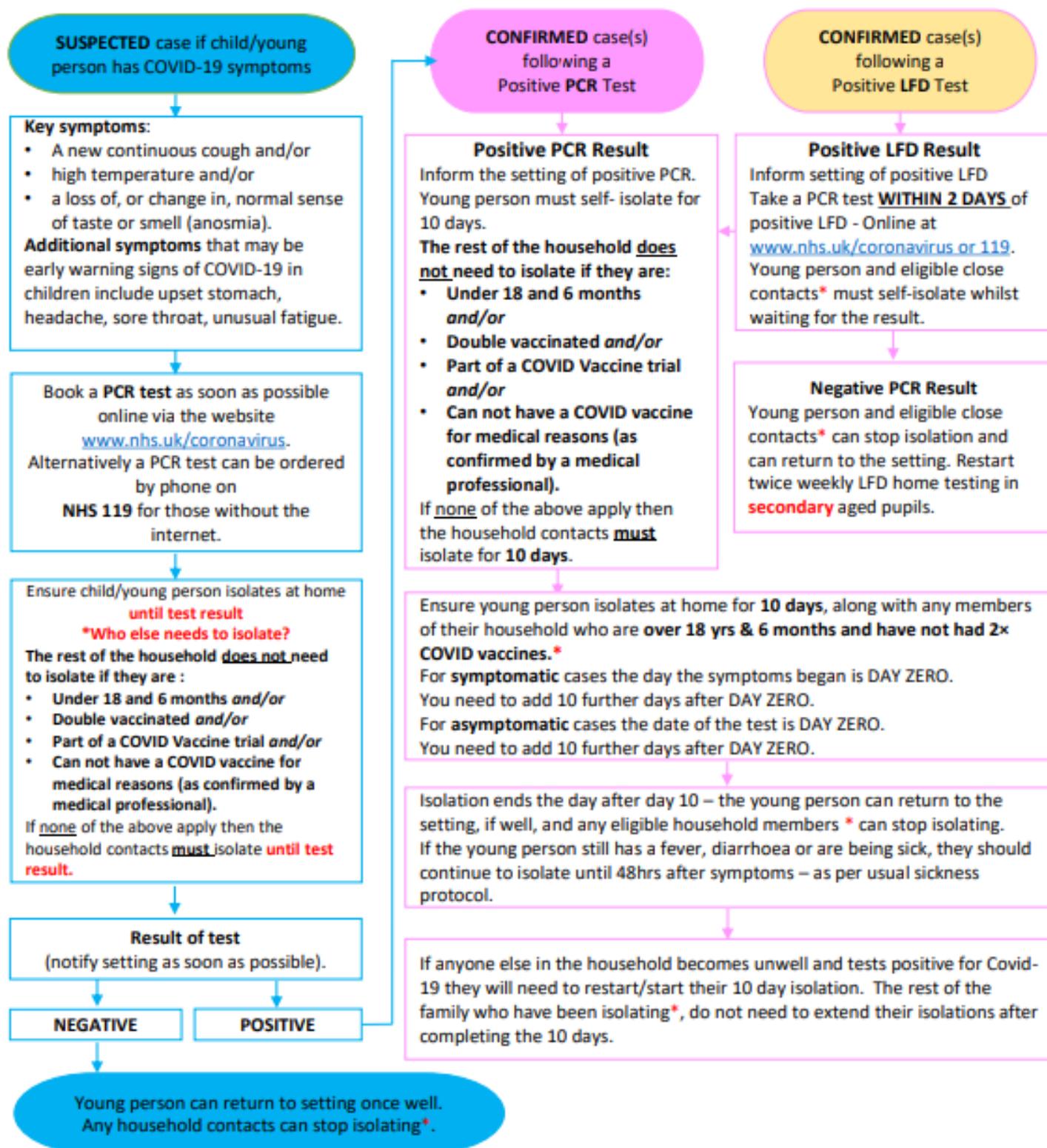
We will be continuing with the following measures:

- Handwashing – very high profile. Soap and water and also gel. (You can send hand cream if your child needs it, please label clearly.)
- 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' using tissues and washing hands to prevent spread of germs
- Ventilation in class (windows) and also Co2 monitors to help identify when to ventilate more.
- For September – we will be continuing with worship on Zoom or in smaller groups – we want to see how things go before putting all children and staff in one space together.
- Isolation room will remain, in case any children display symptoms.
- Masks can be work by staff / parents if you would like to (Not children though)

The diagram attached details what happens if your child has symptoms or tests positive. This also shows how NHS Track and Trace will manage close contacts and isolation.

## COVID-19 Guidance for Parents/Carers in Bedford Borough Education Settings From 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2021

For any **SUSPECTED** or **CONFIRMED** case of COVID-19 in a young person please follow the flow chart below.



- We continue to ask families/children to wash hands regularly, keep spaces well ventilated, wear masks in crowded, public indoor areas.
- Masks are to be worn on transport to and from educational settings.
- LFD test = Lateral Flow Device tests are rapid tests that can be used at home and the result is available after 30 minutes.
- PCR test = polymerase chain reaction test that can be booked online and is sent to a lab for the result.
- If you have recently (within 90 days) had a positive PCR test for COVID-19 you are exempt from testing by both PCR and LFD within 90 days of a positive PCR test result, unless you develop new symptoms. Individuals may choose to take a LFD test after the isolation period.
- LFD tests are used for identifying Covid-19 infection where there are no symptoms and should **not** be used if you have any symptoms.
- LFD tests are safe to use in pregnancy.
- If you have had a COVID-19 vaccination you should still take part in the LFD testing as you may still transmit the virus.
- If you have been identified as an eligible close contact\* of a positive case, a negative LFD test does not mean you can stop isolating.
- If you have had a recent nosebleed, or have a nose piercing use the other nostril to swab for the LFD test.

## **Dates for the Year:**

Once we are back into the swing of things we will send home list of dates for the year, so you know well in advance about Parent Consultations, Trips, events etc.

## **Class Dojo**

We will be moving the children across to their new classes very soon, you will be able to see anything posted by staff and also send a message if needed.

If you have anything that you are worried about or need to pass to the new class teacher before Monday, you can send a Dojo or email the school office at [office@ursulataylor.bedssch.co.uk](mailto:office@ursulataylor.bedssch.co.uk).

There will not be much time on Monday morning for you to speak directly to staff as they will be busy meeting and greeting. Ms Hall will be on the playground and can act as Parent Link if needed.

Please make sure you check Class Dojo regularly. Sometimes it doesn't give a notification and we post regularly to give information and keep in touch.

## **Senior Leadership for the Autumn Term 2021**

I will be away from UT for 3 days a week, supporting another school. In my absence, Ms Hall will be the Acting Headteacher and also the Safeguarding Lead.

Mrs Heather Lee is one of our Deputy Safeguarding Leads and will also be the SENCo for the term, until Mrs Hannah Lee returns from Maternity Leave and picks up the SENCo role again.

Our full Senior Leaders Team is:

Mrs Morrall, Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Ms Hall, Deputy Headteacher and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Heather Lee, Assistant Headteacher, SENCo, Deputy DSL and EYFS Leader

Mrs Mulholland, School Business Manager

Ms Daley, Office Manager including Attendance

Mrs Shaw, English Lead – Reading and Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

Mrs West, English Lead – Writing

Mrs Lane, KS1 Maths

Ms Guest, KS2 Maths

Mrs Hannah Lee, SENCo (Maternity Leave)

If you have any concerns or need to speak to a member of the Senior Team, please contact us through Class Dojo or email the school office and we will be in contact as quickly as possible.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the 6<sup>th</sup> or the 9<sup>th</sup> (Reception), if you have any questions, please do get in touch with us through Class Dojo or the office.

Kind regards,

Mrs Morrall