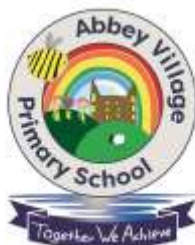


# COVID-19 Return to School Arrangements

## Abbey Village Primary School



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### Return to School in September 2021

Government guidance now allows school to remove the ***bubble structure, other social distancing measures*** and ***control measures*** that have been in place for children. Our school will be doing this from September 2021. Government guidance means we can now revert many aspects of school back to how school was working before the pandemic started.

However, we need to be clear that the pandemic has not gone away and as per government guidelines, we now need to learn to live with Coronavirus. As such some general measures will need to remain in place. From time to time, our arrangements may need to be reviewed in the event of any increase in infections or changes in government guidelines.

Below details some key changes to be aware of.

Please see [Government guidance](#) for latest information

### The School Day

The school day will revert back to normal hours ( doors open at 8.45am, the day ends at 3.20pm) for all classes as of ***Thursday 2nd September 2021***.

We ask parents to be at the relevant entrance point promptly at **8:45 am** to support the organisation of the school day. Ensuring your children are in school promptly has a huge impact on their learning.

### Entrance and Exit Points

During Covid-19 pandemic we have used different ways of entering and leaving our school site. At the start of the Autumn term all children will now enter school via the same entrance ( Sunnyhurst door). At the end of the school day, both Roddlesworth and Anglezarke children will exit via the office doors. Sunnyhurst will exit from their normal door. As with all school procedures, we will be evaluating this as we move through the autumn term.

**Collecting children at the end of the day.** School finishes at 3:20pm. Parents and Carers should line up and wait at the relevant points (on the pavement outside school) to collect children in an organised and orderly way. Children will be handed over to the parents in an organised way and leave the school site promptly. We kindly ask that all parents/carers refrain from entering the school site during the month of September whilst we embed our new routines with the children.

## **P.E**

Getting changed for P.E is a key part of children becoming independent. We are therefore asking that all P.E kits are once again brought into school for children to get changed into on the days they have lessons planned- PE days will be shared with parents via the school website.

## **Lunchtimes and Break Times**

Children will once again be eating together in the hall and playing with other year groups on the back yards both at playtimes and lunch times. Children having packed lunches can now use their own choice of packed lunch bag. We ask that parents with children in Anglezarke and Roddlesworth classes continue to provide their child(ren) with a healthy snack for morning break- we will not be providing toast.

All children should have a fresh water bottle in school daily.

Sunnyhurst class will be continuing with their very successful rolling snack offer and children do not need to bring snack in from home. Parents will be asked to pay via Parentpay for snack provision in Reception and Year 1.

## **Assemblies**

During the last eighteen months whole school assemblies have not been permitted in the hall. We know the importance of physically coming together as a whole school community and will once again be holding our weekly celebration assemblies every Friday (this will start at the end of our first full week back). We are very excited to be able to invite parents in too.

## **School Events and Clubs**

School events have changed dramatically over the last eighteen months with many meetings taking place virtually and many usual events being unable to take place in the normal way. As we move through the autumn term we will be keeping you fully informed of any school events and clubs we are able to hold. I hope everyone understands that at this point we are not in a position to outline **any extracurricular clubs** or **key events** and **we will do this upon the return of school in September.**

## Key Control Measures

During the last eighteen months, school has functioned incredibly successfully and is now confident and experienced in working in the pandemic. As school reopens in September 2021 we will continue to have key control measures in place to prevent transmission of the virus which are in line with Government guidance.

Key Government Advice on control measure	Key school control measures
<b>1.Ensure good hygiene for everyone</b>	
<p><b>Hand hygiene</b></p> <p>Frequent and thorough hand cleaning should now be regular practice. You should continue to ensure that pupils clean their hands regularly. This can be done with soap and water or hand sanitiser.</p>	<p>All children to clean hands on entry to school and at key points during the day including break times and lunch times by washing with soap and water.</p> <p>School ensures adequate supplies of soap and hand sanitiser (adults only) are available.</p> <p>School encourages parents/carers to send into school soap/moisturiser suitable for their children if they have known sensitivities.</p> <p>Hygiene rules to be discussed with children regularly and posters displayed around school.</p>
<p><b>Respiratory Hygiene</b></p> <p>The 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach continues to be very important.</p>	<p>The 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach is promoted in school and discussed with children.</p> <p>Tissues are available and all children are briefed on procedures for blowing noses and disposal of waste. Lidded bins are provided in each area for waste disposal.</p> <p>Children are briefed on the importance of behaviour and expectations are revisited with all classes. Behaviour expectations have been refreshed to reflect COVID – 19 and are discussed with all children daily and are evident around school. See</p>
<p><b>Use of personal protective equipment (PPE)</b></p> <p>Most staff in schools will not require PPE beyond what they would normally need for their work. The guidance on the use of <a href="#">PPE in education, childcare and children's</a></p>	<p>All staff in school have access to PPE as required and will use in line with government guidance.</p>

<p><a href="#">social care settings provides</a> more information on the use of PPE for COVID-19.</p>	
<p><b>2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes, using standard products such as detergents</b></p>	
<p>You should put in place and maintain an appropriate cleaning schedule. This should include regular cleaning of areas and equipment (for example, twice per day), with a particular focus on frequently touched surfaces.</p> <p><a href="#">PHE has published guidance on the cleaning of non-healthcare settings.</a></p>	<p>Each classroom has its own cleaning materials. All surfaces are cleaned at the start of each day, during the day, after each lesson and at the end of each day.</p> <p>Cleaning procedures are in place and monitored at start and end of the day and a daily evaluation of cleaning is carried out by SLT. Cleaning procedures include regular cleaning of touch points.</p> <p>A daily health and safety check is done with Headteacher/Site Supervisor and Bursar. These are done before the start of school each day to check all aspects of cleaning.</p> <p>Deep cleaning planned during school breaks and before wider reopening.</p>
<p><b>3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated</b></p>	
<p>When your school is in operation, it is important to ensure it is well ventilated and that a comfortable teaching environment is maintained.</p> <p>Refer to <a href="#">Simple steps to Good Ventilation</a> and the <a href="#">Ventilation Checklist</a></p>	<p>All rooms in the school have windows which are opened to create air flow and ventilation. Where possible windows will be left open during lessons, if this is not practical, windows will be fully opened when unoccupied to fully purge the air.</p> <p>At key points in the day ventilation is also improved through opening doors. At these times, increased consideration will be given to security of the building. All doors and windows will be closed at the end of the day. Any areas of school where there is poor ventilation will be identified and concerns addressed with the building surveyor.</p> <p>Co2 tests purchased- regular checks in all areas will be taken to ensure that air flow remains at an acceptable level at all times.</p>
<p><b>4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19</b></p>	
<p>Pupils, staff and other adults should follow public health advice on when to self-isolate and what to do. They should not come into school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test result or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19 (for</p>	<p>School will continue to work within Government guidance regarding Covid-19. In particular the following procedures are in place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular asymptomatic staff testing, to be reviewed at the end of September</li> <li>• Isolation and testing of symptomatic members of the school community</li> </ul>

example, they are required to quarantine). If anyone in your school develops COVID-19 symptoms, however mild, you should send them home and they should follow public health advice.

- Regular updates and reminders to parents of Covid-19 symptoms and school and government procedures
- **children do not attend school with Covid-19 symptoms**

### Outbreak Management Plan

In the case of a Covid-19 outbreak it may be necessary to revert to a different school organisation once again. These procedures would be similar to those we have worked in during the last eighteen months so parents and children should feel confident and at ease with them. Any procedures within this aspect of our management plan would be adapted to meet the needs of our children following ongoing risk assessments and changes in government and DfE guidance.

As a team, we will remain vigilant and will be following the Dfe guidance as we embark on our learning journey through the Autumn term. The support shown by all our parents/carers and the wider community last year was invaluable and we are looking forward to another successful year, working together for the best outcomes for our children.

If you have any questions regarding our return to school plan, please do not hesitate emailing our Headteacher Mrs Maher at [head@abbeyvillage.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@abbeyvillage.lancs.sch.uk).