



3rd January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have had a lovely, if not quieter than normal Christmas and on behalf of everyone at Knypersley First we wish you a very happy, safe and hopefully more normal 2021! We are looking forward to working with you all and know that together we can find solutions to everything which we may have to face in the coming weeks and possibly months.

Just to confirm our school will re-open on Monday 4th January 2021 as normal.

Please can you be reminded of the following expectations when dropping off and picking up your child (ren):

- Please come as close to your allocated drop off and pick up times to reduce the amount of people on site at one time.
- Ensure that when on the school grounds you wear a mask at all times and ensure you adhere to social distancing expectations including when approaching our staff.
- Please follow the one way system and keep moving at all times ensuring your children stay with you.
- Year 3 and 4 enter the school via the Kidz zone door.
- Year 2 will enter via the main office door.
- Nursery, Reception and Year 1 enter via the car park.
- All school children are collected via the playgrounds. Year 3 and 4 parents enter by the top gate near Kidz zone, Year 2, 1, Reception via the car park. Please wait until your child's class is called.
- Nursery children are collected at their classroom door, enter via the car park.
- All sibling/family arrangements will remain in place from the Autumn Term.

Communication is absolutely vital in terms of letting us know if you, your child or a member of your family has COVID, or is awaiting a test or a test result, has been in contact with someone who has tested positive or if anyone in your house has any symptoms. Together we can act quickly and reduce the risk this may pose to our school and our class bubbles. You can text, email admin@knypersley.staffs.sch.uk or call the school on 01782 973810 for advice or to inform us that your child will be absent. If in doubt, stay at home and call us before coming to school.

Please see the link to the PHE Staying at Home Guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child **or anyone in your household** develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at **least 10 days** from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119 . We also have tests in school which could be dropped off for you if this helps.



If anyone has a test in your household your child must stay at home until the result is known.

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days. The 10-day period starts from the day after the first person in the house became ill. Household members staying at home for 10 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.

If you can, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period

Symptoms of COVID 19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> or by phoning 111.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

Do

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further Information

Further information is available at

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Best wishes and thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Mrs E Goodyear
Headteacher