



10th September 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

As the first full week of the new term ends, the arrangements that we have worked so hard to implement have ensured that the children of Banks Road have been able to settle back into school so smoothly. I would like to thank you and all the staff for your support to ensure such a positive and successful start to the term.

Early in the term is a good time to remind people that even though schools are back, it is still necessary to make extra efforts to prevent COVID-19 being passed from person to person. It is inevitable at this time of year and with the return of all our children that they will begin to pick up the usual bugs and viruses. We understand that it may be difficult to ascertain whether your child has a 'cold' or may have Covid-19 symptoms and I would like to take this opportunity to clarify the advice and guidance that schools are following as part of their risk assessments.

The DfE guidance for the full reopening of schools:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools> explains how schools must follow the processes to minimise contact with individuals who are displaying coronavirus symptoms.

Most importantly, if anyone in school becomes unwell with a new persistent cough or has a high temperature, or has a loss of or change in their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they must be sent home and advised to follow [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#) , which sets out that they should self-isolate for at least 10 days and should [arrange to have a test](#) to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19).

Alongside this, we are following the Nottinghamshire County Council advice for school for any child or member of staff showing symptoms as follows:

1. Immediately isolate the symptomatic pupil/member of staff. See prevention, Section 1 of guidance on the full opening of schools
2. Arrange for the pupil to be collected from school. If a member of staff, send them home.
3. Use PPE whilst the child / young person is awaiting collection if 2m distance cannot be maintained: gloves, apron, fluid-repellent Type IIR surgical mask, and eye protection if there is a risk of splashing to the eyes(e.g. if the pupil is vomiting).

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4. Tell parents / member of staff to book a test and follow isolation guidance <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/> until the result is received (and thereafter, if the test result is positive or still symptomatic). Tests are available via the online coronavirus test booking service <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/> or by calling 119 if unable to access the online service.
5. Tell parents/member of staff to notify the school immediately of the result of the test.
 - Those who receive a negative test result may return to school if they feel well and no longer have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms.
 - Those who receive a positive test result should follow 'stay at home' <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance> : guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection': continue to self-isolate for 10 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. They must continue to stay at home if they still have a high temperature.

Jonathan Gribbin, our Director of Public Health, has also issued a public statement as follows:

"If your child develops COVID-19 symptoms, keep them home from school and get a test. Let your school know the test results as soon as you get them."

"Everyone in the household should stay at home while a person with symptoms is tested, and afterwards, in line with NHS self-isolation guidance, if the test result is positive."

"The school will let you know if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 and your child needs to be isolated. Schools will provide home learning for children who are in a bubble that needs to stay at home."

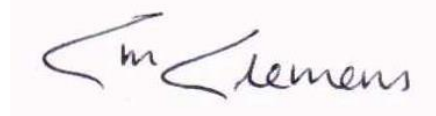
"If you have children at different schools or in different bubbles, and one of your children is in a group which has been sent home to isolate, there is no need for any other household members to stay at home, unless the child develops symptoms."

When reporting a child's absence we will ask if your child has a high temperature or a persistent cough (it may be difficult to know if your young child has anosmia). **We ask that, during these uncertain times, that you give the school full details to allow us to advise you accordingly of the next steps.**

Can we also ask that you complete the attached consent forms and return to school immediately.

We have had such a wonderful start back to the school year. Please support us in our work to keep our community safe and our school open.

Many thanks,



Carole Clemens
Head Teacher
Banks Road Infant and Nursery School



PARENTAL AGREEMENT

Schools must comply with Health and Safety law and ensure that they implement sensible and proportionate control measures which follow the health and safety hierarchy of control to reduce the risk to the lowest reasonable practical level.

All schools must cover all of the following systems of control:

- Comply with health and safety law
- Requirement that people who are ill stay at home
- Robust hand and respiratory requirements
- Enhanced cleaning arrangements
- Active engagement with track and trace
- Formal consideration of how to reduce contacts and maximise distancing

To ensure our plan to fulfill the set actions a school must take, in regard to the systems of control above, and (as directed by Public Health advice and the subsequent guidance from the DfE) we ask all parents to show compliance to the following:

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| Name of child: | Class: |
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I will keep my children at home if they **or** a member of our household have any of the following Covid19 symptoms: high temperature, persistent cough, loss of smell or taste

Following a positive test result, I will engage with NHS track and trace and notify school immediately.

I understand that regular hand washing will take place throughout the day. In addition to this I consent to my child using hand sanitiser.

I am aware of the new staggered start and finish times and will endeavour to ensure my child is dropped off and collected promptly at these times.

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| I understand that school attendance will be mandatory again from the beginning of the Autumn Term. | |
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| I am aware that my children will spend the school day in a year group bubble to minimise contacts. Staff are able to move between bubbles and additional providers, such as our Major Oak coaches, are able to move between these bubbles. | |
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Remote Learning

We are obliged to put in place contingency plans for individuals or groups of pupils who may have to self-isolate due to a local or national outbreak. To offer immediate remote education and to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum allowing us to work with families should such a situation arise, could you please answer the following:

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| Name of parent: | I am a critical key worker: | |
| | Yes | No |
| My role is: | | |
| My normal working hours are: | | |

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| Is your child able to access a laptop/desktop PC for home learning in the event of future school closures? | Yes | No |
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| Is your child able to access a mobile/tablet for home learning in the event of future school closures? | Yes | No |
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| Are you able to access a printer at home? | Yes | No |
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