



Supporting a Safe and Happy Return for All

A Message from Mr Slater, Head of School.

Dear Parents and Carers,

First of all, welcome back to a new school year! It has been absolutely wonderful to open our doors again to all year groups. Both yesterday and today, it has been fantastic to see so many smiling faces and happy children. Even with all the changes and adjustments we are having to make, it is really pleasing to get back to some normality and do all we can to help your children learn, prosper and develop.

It has been a really positive start to the term. Inevitably there will need to be review, reflection and adjustment to some procedures as we move forward. We will of course keep you informed of any necessary changes.

I would like to share with you some concerns I have around the start and finish of the school day – even though we have staggered start and finish times and multiple entrances/exits it is apparent that some of you are gathering on the playground for an extended period of time. I do appreciate that anxieties may be present in the first few days but, as we move forward into next week and beyond, it would be hugely appreciated if children could be left at the school gates to walk into the playground by themselves and line up in their designated areas. At the end of the day please pay attention to staff marshals situated at the school gates, they will direct you to your child's pick up point. Please exit the school site promptly to ensure the absolute minimum of time is spent on the school site. We recognise that some parents/carers will need to stay in the playground for longer if they are dropping off or collecting children in different year groups; this makes it doubly important for those who can leave swiftly to do so.

As ever, than you for your continued support.

Best wishes

Rob Slater

Government Guidance

We will be following the guidance set out by the government below, backed by a process of rigorous risk assessment, to ensure students, staff and the wider community are protected from the spread of Covid-19. Our risk assessment is reviewed weekly and updated accordingly. We will continue to work closely with the Nottinghamshire County Council Health and Safety Team who provide our school with expert support and guidance.

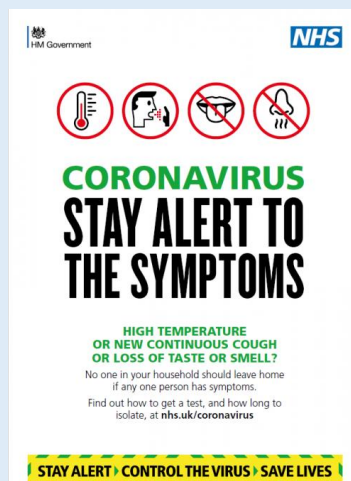
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

Trust Support

As a member of Nova Education Trust Westdale Junior School has been part of a multi academy collaboration in our response to Covid-19. We have been extremely busy with operational preparations over the past few weeks to ensure the return of our students and staff is as safe and smooth as possible and have been supported by a central team of Trust staff to ensure we are following a well-planned system of controls.

What should I do if my child or someone in my household has Covid 19 symptoms?

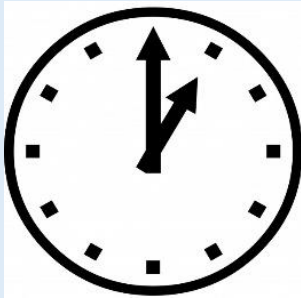
- It's important that if your child (or anyone in their household) has any coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, **they do not attend school and stay at home.**
- You should arrange for them to get a test and tell your school the test results. This will help the NHS Test and Trace process. If you have a positive test result, your household should remain at home and follow the Test and Trace self-isolation guidance.



What happens if there is a Covid 19 outbreak in school?

- If there is an outbreak at the school, local health protection teams will work with the school to agree what action is needed.
- Usually, the school will not need to close, but in the event it does need to close for some or all children, the school will have a contingency plan in place so that your child's education can continue.
- If our local area sees a spike in infection rates that is resulting in localised community spread, the government will decide what actions need to be taken.

Covid 19 School Rules



Be on time & line up in the correct place



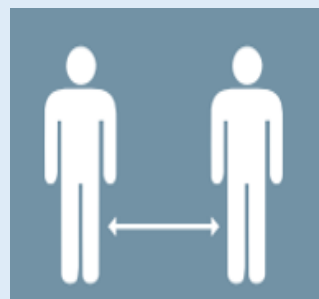
Bring your own water-bottle each day



Follow our hygiene expectations



No school if there are ANY symptoms in your home



Be Smart – Stay Apart



Parents/Carers please wear a face covering in the school building