

# Kingsway Primary School

## COVID-19 Home-School Agreement for full opening

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We are really excited about welcoming all the children back to school from the start of September. We learned a great deal about how to manage the school site during the period of phased re-opening, particularly from 1 June and much of this approach will remain. We are grateful to everyone for their support and for following the rules outlined even if they are a little inconvenient at times.

New guidance has been sent out to schools and we have re-written our risk assessment as well as updating other documents that relate to how we can keep everyone safe. Please see the school website for detailed explanation of our approaches including any FAQs that may be of help to you. <https://kingswayprimary.org.uk>

Given the significant changes, we have redrafted our Home-School agreement to ensure we can work together as a team to keep everyone as safe as possible. I thank you in advance for your support.

### **What we will do as a school:**

- Provide an environment that has been risk assessed and considered safe for reopening (this risk assessment can be found on the website)
- Do everything practical that we can to minimise risk e.g. distinct bubbles, staggered drop off and pick up times, staggered break and lunchtimes, alteration of classrooms layouts and use of resources
- Maintain our enhanced hygiene measures, including more frequent cleaning and hand washing
- Ensure that we encourage the children to wash their hands regularly and for at least 20 seconds
- Adhere to the social distancing guidelines as set out by the government, as much as we reasonably can
- Contact you if your child displays symptoms of COVID-19 so they can be taken home and allowed to self-isolate
- Ensure that a member of school staff sits with your child if they are poorly while we are waiting for them to be collected (please note that school staff will need to wear personal protective equipment [PPE]) at this time.
- Inform you if staff or children in your child's 'bubble' show symptoms of COVID-19, and help the NHS test and trace system get in touch with you if they test positive and the rest of the 'bubble' needs to self-isolate
- Support your child's wellbeing, such as by giving them someone to talk to if they feel anxious or overwhelmed
- Provide meals, including free school meals for eligible pupils
- Communicate between home and school through Class Dojo, newsletters, text, email and the school website and provide a point of contact for all parents through their child's class teacher to discuss any concerns
- Make curriculum adaptations to allow for the children to make the best progress possible both socially and academically

### **If children are not able to attend school due to self-isolation, we will:**

- Provide remote learning that allows your child to access as much of the curriculum as possible
- Make alternative arrangements if your child can't access remote learning
- Support your child's wellbeing, such as by allowing them to talk with their friends and school staff regularly, when possible through media such as Office Teams and Zoom.
- Provide free school meals to eligible pupils through packages delivered in school or weekly supermarket vouchers

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### Parents / carers will do the following:

- Monitor if their child or anyone in our household has symptoms of COVID-19 (i.e. a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to their sense of smell/taste) and report any concerns to the school immediately
- If their child, or anyone in the household, shows symptoms of COVID-19, do not come to school: get them tested immediately and, if they test positive, work with the NHS test and trace system to notify anyone who has recently been in close contact with them, including at school
- If their child shows symptoms of COVID-19 at school, they will collect their child as soon as possible
- Do their best to avoid public transport in peak hours if taking their child to and from school, and wear face coverings if this isn't possible (unless the child is aged 3 and under)
- When dropping off and picking up, stick to the timings for my child, use the designated entrance, follow the one-way system and adhere to the social distancing rules set out by the government
- Avoiding entering the school unless absolutely necessary. Make pre-arranged appointments to discuss matters with staff.
- In the instances where a meeting is held at school, adhere to the risk assessments in place for that meeting.
- Work in close partnership with the school to ensure their child behaves in a way that keeps them and others safe. Including the creation of specific risk assessments for children who may need this additional level of guidance and support
- Ensure their child only brings to school those items that are required: water bottles; coat; reading books etc as explained by teachers.
- Encourage younger children to come in to school independently (without needing physical support from school staff) as soon as possible.
- Remind their child about good hygiene practices, such as: regularly washing their hands thoroughly; avoiding touching their eyes, nose or mouth; and coughing or sneezing into their elbow or a tissue, and disposing immediately of any used tissues

### If their child is staying at home because they have been required to self-isolate, parents / carers understand and agree:

- To support their child to complete any remote learning work set for them, and get in touch with the school if this won't be possible for any reason
- To follow the latest guidance issued regarding isolation to keep their child and others in our community safe.

### Children will do the following:

- I will follow the school rules at all times.
- I will wash my hands when asked by my teacher during the day. I will need to wash my hands when I come to school in the morning, before I go home, after lunch and break and after visiting the toilet. My teacher will also ask me to wash at other times too.
- I will wash my hands for 20 seconds – my teacher will show me how to do this properly.
- I will go in to school through the correct door in the morning and leave the site quickly at the end of the day. I will go straight home after school.
- I will keep to the bubbles that I am put in to by my teacher.

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- I will be patient and wait at a distance from my friends if I need to: for example, when I am going to the toilet.
- If I need to sneeze, I will do this into the corner of my elbow and wash my hands immediately after and avoiding touching their mouth, nose and eyes with hands
- I will tell a teacher if I feel unwell.
- Do my work at home if I have to stay away from school for any reason.
- If I wear a face covering to school, I will either put this in the bin (if it is a disposable one) or put it in a sealed bag if I will wear it again after leaving school.

Thanks you for working with us – we really appreciate your support