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St. James' CE Primary School Blackburn - Home School Agreement 08.03.2021

Dear Parent/Carer

The Government have given specific guidance, which both school and families must adhere to, to ensure the safety of the children, parents and staff. Therefore, we need families to read and agree to the following measures:

Drop off/collection

- ✓ **I understand that previous parental consent agreed for Key Stage 2 children walking home independently will continue to apply. Please inform the school office if there are any changes to the collection of your child.**
- ✓ I understand that attendance is expected daily. If my child/ren is absent from school, I will telephone the school absence line and report the absence before 8:30am each day.
- ✓ I understand that if my child/ren travel to and from school using public transport I must refer to the [safer travel guidance for passengers](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers) available on <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers>
- ✓ I am responsible for ensuring my child/ren understands the need to socially distance.
- ✓ I understand that I must adhere to any staggered drop off and collection given to allow social distancing measures.
- ✓ I accept that the usual times of the school day have been altered to accommodate social distancing.
- ✓ My child/ren will arrive at the school at their dedicated drop off point. Parents are to stand on the marked lines, 2 metres away from anyone not living in their household.
- ✓ Parents/carers will follow any one-way system and enter and exit through the marked points to ensure social distancing measures.
- ✓ I understand that no parent/carers will be allowed into the school buildings (unless requested in a medical emergency).
- ✓ I understand that contact with school in the first instance should be via telephone or email rather than visiting the school office. Further communication with teaching staff will be via class Teams, email or phone.
- ✓ I understand that only a member of the household, household bubble or childcare bubble who are aged 16+ are allowed to collect children from school.
- ✓ I understand that adults collecting children from school grounds will wear a protective mask unless medically exempt.



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Health Risks

- ✓ I understand that the school and parents/carers need to follow and maintain Government Guidance on COVID-19 distancing and hygiene procedures to reduce the risks of transmission.
- ✓ I understand that as a parent/carer, I must be able to collect my child/ren from school should they become unwell.
- ✓ I understand that school is operating a 2 metre social distancing measure for all staff and children to adhere to, where possible.
- ✓ I understand that should my child/ren pose a risk to themselves or others through the failure to adhere to social distancing guidance or through any other behaviours, the school will contact me to require me to collect my child/ren and take them home.
- ✓ I understand that my child/ren will be in a 'bubble'. 'Bubbles' of children will not mix together.
- ✓ I understand that my child/ren, where possible, will be allocated a specific seat to enable efficient 'test, track and trace' measures if and where appropriate.
- ✓ I understand that school meals provided or paid for, will have the 3 options choice menu as before. Meals will be taken in 'bubble' classrooms.
- ✓ I understand that whilst school will endeavour to regularly clean the areas used and enforce social distancing measures, we cannot guarantee a virus-free school.
- ✓ I understand that my child/ren must wash his/her hands regularly, as directed whilst in school and also before leaving home and on returning home.
- ✓ I will ensure that my child/ren's nails will be kept neat and clean as part of good hand hygiene.
- ✓ I understand that my child/ren may need to be regularly supervised using an alcohol based hand sanitiser gel.
- ✓ I understand that there is increased ventilation in school where windows (and doors where applicable) will remain open.
- ✓ I understand that if my child is clinically vulnerable they should attend school from 8th March 2021.
- ✓ I understand that if my child is identified by the NHS as Clinically Extremely Vulnerable, they are to stay at home and access remote learning until such time as the Government Guidelines change.
- ✓ I understand that keeping my child at home due to having Clinically Extremely Vulnerable relatives will result in my child being recorded as having an unauthorised absence.

Clothing/Personal Items

- ✓ I will ensure my child/ren is wearing full school uniform daily which, where possible, is cleaned.
- ✓ I will ensure that my child/ren is bathed/showered daily.
- ✓ I understand that any disposable face coverings that my child/ren may wear arriving to school must be taken off and disposed of in the bin at their designated entry point as directed by school staff.



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- ✓ I understand that any reusable face coverings must be taken off by the adult dropping off the child/ren at their designated entry point and taken home by the adult. If this is not the case, the face covering will be disposed of in the bin before entry to school.
- ✓ I understand that staff in school may be wearing masks and to discuss this with my child on what to expect.
- ✓ Gloves, as part of Personal Protective Equipment, are only to be worn by child/ren with allergic skin conditions. This measure must be confirmed with your GP and discussed with the school SENCO in the first instance.
- ✓ I understand that personal items should be limited to an appropriate coat, lunch bag and reading bag. Stationery or water bottles will not be permitted.
- ✓ I understand that my child/ren will be provided with water to drink at several points during the day using disposable cups.
- ✓ I understand that my child/ren will regularly receive reading books that will have been quarantined or cleaned.
- ✓ I understand that my child/ren will be issued a stationery pack which must only be used by them and kept on their allocated desk.

Medication/Illness

- ✓ **I will not bring my child/ren into school if they have any symptoms of Coronavirus which include**
 - a new continuous cough
 - a high temperature (above 37.8°C)
 - anosmia (the loss of or a change in your normal sense of smell; it can also affect your sense of taste as the two are closely linked).**If this is the case and will inform the school immediately by telephone (01254 698335) or email - office@stjames.blackburn.sch.uk**
- ✓ **If my child is displaying other symptoms (i.e. headache, sore throat congestion, fatigue, shortness of breath, fever and chills, muscle and body aches), I understand that the BwD Director for Public Health is advising to book a test. If my child is awaiting a test result but not displaying any of the main 3 symptoms, they can still attend school if they are well enough to do so.**
- ✓ **If my child has diarrhoea or vomiting, then the normal procedures of waiting 48 hours since the last episode for your child to return to school will remain.**
- ✓ I understand that I must be ready to [book a test](#) if my child or anyone in my household, support or childcare bubble, is displaying symptoms.
- ✓ I understand that if someone is displaying symptoms, other members of the household (including siblings, support and/or childcare bubble members) should self-isolate from the day the individual took the test and at least 10 days after.



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- ✓ I understand I will have to give details of anyone they have been in close contact with if they test positive or are asked by a contact tracer and [self-isolate](#) if they have been in close contact with someone who develops coronavirus (Covid-19) symptoms or someone who tests positive for coronavirus (Covid-19).
- ✓ I understand that I must contact school immediately with the result. If the result is **positive**, I must follow the stay at home guidance for households with possible or confirmed Coronavirus (Covid-19) and must continue to self-isolate for at least 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.
- ✓ Any children on the shielding patient list will be able to return to school as will those with shielding relatives. Parents/carers with children under the care of a specialist my need to take advice from them before returning to school. Please speak to Mr Cameron.
- ✓ If my child/ren has medication for asthma, eczema, allergies or other conditions, I will ensure that they have the correct in date medication with them in a labelled container.
- ✓ I understand that if my child/ren needs any other form of medication, I will need to follow the school's medical policy.
- ✓ I understand that if my child/ren becomes unwell, they will be immediately placed in a designated Isolation Room (in accordance with Government guidance) and I will be contacted to collect them.
- ✓ I understand that if anyone in my childs/ren 'bubble' tests positive for coronavirus, my child/ren will also be required to self-isolate at home for 10 days.
- ✓ I understand that if my child/ren falls dangerously ill, the staff will contact medical services.
- ✓ If my child/ren has an accident/incident where bodily fluids pose a risk (such as vomiting or bleeding) staff will be required to wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment to administer the necessary first aid.

Provision

- ✓ I understand that should it become impossible to staff the school due to staff illness or required self-isolation, then face to face education will cease with immediate effect and that this may be with very little notice.
- ✓ If my child/ren was required to self-isolate, then remote learning would continue to be facilitated as long as staffing permits.
- ✓ I understand that should it become impossible to staff the school due to staff illness or required self-isolation, I understand that I may need to contact Blackburn with Darwen Council for support if my child/ren is part of a Key Worker or Vulnerable Group with finding alternative provision.