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Dear Parent/Carer

The Government have released 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 attendance is expected daily. If my child/ren is absent from school, I will telephone the absence line before 8:30am.
- ✓ 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 understand that if my child/ren is walking to and from school alone (KS2 only) that 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 Dojo/email or phone.

Health Risks

- ✓ I understand that the school and parents/carers need to undertake as stringent practice as possible to reduce the risks of transmission of COVID-19.
- ✓ I understand that as a parent/carers, 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 a limited menu in place initially to facilitate meals to 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.

Clothing/Personal Items

- ✓ I will ensure my child/ren is wearing full school uniform daily which, where possible, is cleaned daily.
- ✓ I will ensure that my child/ren is bathed/showered (including hair) 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.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ 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 no personal items other than an appropriate coat or disposable lunch will be allowed in school. This means that school bags, reading bags, toys, stationery or water bottles will not be permitted. Until further notice, all packed lunches must be brought into school in a disposable bag.
- ✓ 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 all reading books and study guides must be returned to school for school to store and that reading books will not be sent home until further notice.
- ✓ 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 at present a new continuous cough and/or a high temperature (above 37.8°C) or 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
- ✓ I understand that I must be ready to [book a test](#) if my child or anyone in my household is displaying symptoms, 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 if the result is negative. 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 7 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 any child/ren in my child/ren's 'bubble' show signs of potential coronavirus, my child/ren will also be required to self-isolate at home for 14 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 the child/ren care 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.
- ✓ I understand that I would need to contact Blackburn with Darwen Council for support with finding alternative provision if my child/ren is part of the Key Worker or Vulnerable Group.