

## **SS Peter and Paul Catholic Primary Academy PARENTS/CARERS PROTOCOL FOR RETURNING SCHOOL DURING COVID-19**

All of our Academies at St Francis & St Clare MAC have worked together to ensure we adhere to Government guidance, as a minimum.

We need your support in adopting the protocols in this document to ensure that we keep our school environment as safe as possible.

### **Before Returning to School**

- Promote, teach and ensure effective, regular, independent handwashing.
- Ensure your child can confidently use the toilet independently
- Practise tying laces if you are to send your child to school in a laced shoe because they will need to dress & manage clothing independently

### **Suggested Actions to Promote Positive Thinking About the Return to School**

- Take a walk to the school site before your child is due to start back, familiarise yourselves with the route and discuss the ways to travel here safely (avoiding touching things, keeping a distance to other walkers etc.) You might see the benefit in doing this several times to help you and your child feel less anxious about this change.
- Watch the returning to school videos shared in the class folders where work is usually accessed; these will include instructions about where to come in, what the classroom will look like, where to wash your hands and go to the bathroom etc.
- Look at the resources in the return to school folder with your child to prepare them for the fact that some people they see on the way to or in school may be wearing a mask or other PPE.
- Contact us if you or your child has particular anxiety

## What we Expect from Parents when School Opens:

### ESSENTIAL ACTION

If you or your child have **ANY** cold symptoms, cough, breathing difficulties, loss of taste or smell or a temperature, your child **IS NOT** to come into school.

A child with symptoms would need to isolate for at least 7 days, or isolate for 14 days if a sibling or parent is unwell. Only if a test for COVID-19 was found to be negative, could they return before the end of this period.

If a child was sent into school who was symptomatic, they would be isolated from the population and sent home. Please do not do this.

You will **NOT** be penalised for non-attendance at this time.

- Monitor your child for COVID-19 symptoms and keep to guidance on self-isolation.
- Contact the academy if your child is unable to attend.
- Use track and trace - report symptoms, initiate testing by calling 119 and follow tracing advice.
- Make sure we have up-to-date contact details at all times - current mobile number & email address.
- Only come on to site to drop off and collect pupils at the allocated time (unless an emergency).
- Do not arrive on site more than ten minutes before collection times, wait in your car and/or stand away from others when waiting, using the markings as a guide of distance.
- Walk to school if possible. If using the car, do not give lifts to people outside your household. If you have to use public transport, please follow recommended guidance to do this as safely as possible wearing a face covering and wash your hands soon after.
- Maintain 2m distancing from others when walking to and from school.
- Keep 2m apart from all others when dropping off or collecting pupils.
- Keep your child by your side when waiting to enter, no mixing with others/playing/running around.
- Avoid coming to the school office. You must call, email or contact via SchoolGateway if you wish to pass on a message or ask a question.
- Make sure all long hair is tied back completely in a plait or a bun if possible
- Ensure children come to school with a good standard of personal hygiene.

- On sunny days, apply sun cream at home. Children cannot share sun cream and staff will not apply it to children. It is up to you if you decide on sending your child with their own suncream, this must be named, cannot be shared with anyone else and must be applied by the child themselves. Application before school should be sufficient most days.
- Ensure your child is wearing clothing and footwear they can put on independently e.g only wearing a laced shoe if they can tie their own laces
- Supply a named water bottle that comes into school each day.
- Ensure packed lunches contain food and drink that children can manage independently.

### **Additional Information**

- We do not insist on wearing uniform as it may no longer fit but we must insist all pupils are suitably dressed in clean, comfortable and practical clothing that children manage independently. If you know your child struggles with buttons or buckles avoid them. Staff will not be asked to help children who need to undress for any reason.
- Your child will not need a PE kit while we settle them in. We will let parents know when and if PE kit can come into school.
- While children settle to new routines and behaviour expectations, simply send your child in a coat/jacket. There is no need at present for a school bag.
- Breakfast bagels will be offered to all children but these will not be served until mid morning.
- All of Reception & Year 1 can have a school lunch free of charge as before. If you would prefer to send a packed lunch, please send a healthy lunch with items your child can manage independently.
- Children who qualify for free school meals will be served a lunch
- If your child has a soiling accident you will be called to collect
- Should wetting accidents occur, your child will be supplied with a suitable change of clothes, you can return laundered clothing to school in a carrier bag.