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# Lower Farm School

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Hello everyone,

The government continue to aim for all pupils to remain in school full time throughout the autumn term and, although new national restrictions have been announced, schools currently remain open. I'm pleased that the government have highlighted the importance of education for young people and their wellbeing. The Prime Minister has been clear that schools need to remain open so children can catch up following the lockdown earlier this year. Missing out on more time in the classroom risks pupils falling further behind. Senior clinicians also still advise that school is the best place to be, and so your child should continue to come to school.

However, I appreciate you may be anxious about your child's safety as well as your own and would like to remind you of the range of protective measures in place to reduce the risk. Please get in touch if you have specific concerns.

## Prevention:

- Face coverings are expected to be worn by staff and visitors (not pupils) in communal areas outside the classroom e.g. corridors where social distancing is harder to maintain. A one-way system is operating in school to reduce contact between individuals.
- Additional hand washing and hand sanitizer stations are available so students and staff can clean their hands regularly.
- An enhanced cleaning schedule is also in place; focusing on rooms and shared areas that are used by different groups
- Occupied spaces are kept ventilated wherever possible.

## Measures within the classroom:

- Students are seated side by side and facing forward to support distancing, except in Early Years & Year 1 where this is not feasible.
- Based on current evidence and the measures that school is already putting in place, face coverings are not be necessary for staff in their own classroom bubble.

## Measures elsewhere:

- Break and lunch times are staggered with time built in to clean surfaces between groups.
- Seating is arranged to support social distancing.





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## Measures for arriving at and leaving school:

- There is a staggered start & end to the day to keep groups apart as much as possible. Please support us by only attending site at the time specified for your child's year group. Only one adult should accompany children on and off site, swiftly, and respecting the one way system.
- If you need to speak with your child's class teacher this should be done via email or class dojo - not at home time. Parents can also contact the school office with any queries or concerns at any time.

## Illness:

- If your child becomes unwell at home and is showing symptoms of COVID-19 your child must not come to school and you should book a test online through the NHS. Please be specific about symptoms when phoning the school about your child's absence.
- If your child has symptoms and tests negative for COVID-19 they can return as long as they are well. The exception to this is if you or your child has been in close contact with a confirmed case – in which case there is a self-isolation period of 14 days.
- If someone with symptoms tests positive, follow the government advice and continue to self-isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of symptoms, 14 days for close contacts.

## Remote learning:

- For individuals or groups of self-isolating, remote learning plans are in place to continue learning. You will need to confirm the email address you would like learning activities to be sent to, when you phone school about your child's absence. Please note teachers will not be able to provide work for students who are absent for other reasons. If you have any IT issues please contact the school and we will support if we can.

Whilst the government advice on schools has not changed, myself and the senior team continually review the guidance and will inform you of any changes.

Yours sincerely,

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