

BOURNE ABBEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Carers,

WOW! What a wonderful start to the new school year. Thank you so much for your patience with the new routines. Your support and feedback has been invaluable.

Thank you for your positive feedback regarding the one-way system at drop off and collection times. However, can I please remind you to ensure you follow social distancing guidelines whilst entering and leaving the school site and also when waiting for children to be dismissed from their classrooms. Additionally, please remember that only one adult per family is permitted to drop off and collect. Whilst I understand that this can be difficult, it is really important that as a school community we all follow this rule in order to minimise the number of people on the school site and ensure social distancing can be followed.

As Mrs Moore said in her letter yesterday it has been just wonderful to see all of our Reception children start their journey at Bourne Abbey, they have come into school so beautifully - we can't believe they only started last week! We would therefore like to bring the Reception drop off time forward to 9:00am (previously 9:15am) with effect from Monday 14th September.

We will continue to review the procedures for drop off and collection and welcome your feedback as always.

Following a number of queries from parents/carers please find below the current advice from the Government for parents/carers about when you should not send your child to school. Please do bear in mind that this advice may change and we will update you if that happens.

Actions you can take

Do not send your child to their nursery, childminder, school or college if:

- *they are showing [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms](#)*
- *someone in their household is showing symptoms*

[Arrange a test](#) if you or your child develops symptoms. Inform your nursery, childminder, school or college of the results.

If the test is positive, follow [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#), and engage with the NHS Test and Trace process. It is really important that you help nurseries, childminders, schools and colleges to implement these actions by following the advice set out here and wider public health advice and guidance.

Additionally we have been asked by Public Health England and NHS Test and Trace for the support of our whole school community in ensuring they can identify those with coronavirus while avoiding a huge increase in demand for tests from people without coronavirus symptoms. You should therefore arrange for a test for your child if:

- He/she develops one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms:
 - a high temperature
 - a new, continuous cough
 - the loss or change of their sense of taste or smell, or
- You are recommended to get him/her tested by a healthcare provider (e.g. GP or nurse)

If a pupil develops one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms described above, only they should be tested. There is no need for their household to have a test, unless they are also symptomatic. Unless a pupil has one of the three main coronavirus symptoms, they should only be tested if instructed otherwise by the local authority, health protection team or their GP. As schools return pupils may feel unwell for example with a sore throat, stomach upset or a headache. In that case pupils don't need to book a test but may need to stay off school and seek medical advice through their GP or pharmacist as usual.

We are currently updating our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and will send these out to you early next week.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or worries.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs S L Buttress
Head of School