



## Homefield Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

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The Department for Education has published its guidelines for the full opening of schools in September, built on the critical need to reduce the number of contacts between children, parents and staff. This is to be achieved, both, by keeping groups consistent (the same individuals always together wherever possible) and by keeping individuals within those groups a safe distance apart.

The advice is subject to change as more information is released about COVID-19. At present, we ask all Homefield parents and carers to observe these key principles:

- All primary and secondary school pupils are expected to return to school in September, unless they are unwell.
- If you are concerned about your child's return, please talk to the school for reassurance: do not keep your child at home.
- Arrival and departure times will be staggered to prevent the intermingling of 'bubbles', as will breaks and lunchtimes.
- The school's attendance policy has implemented a small adjustment to allow for the impact of COVID-19, but the majority is unchanged from before the pandemic and non-attendance will prompt the same procedures as before.
- As explained in previous communication, a range of social distancing measures will make the environment different from the one your child left in March or at the end of the Summer term.
- Every child will be allocated to a 'bubble' – a consistent group of pupils with whom they spend all their time in school.
- Individuals in each 'bubble' will maintain as safe a distance from each other as possible, in classrooms, corridors and other areas.
- The curriculum will be modified to address significant gaps in pupils' knowledge arising from the lockdown, with the aim of returning to the normal curriculum by the Summer term of 2021.
- Only Outdoor PE will be taught, but avoiding the teaching of any physical contact sports.
- The school's behaviour policy has had an addendum added to include the impact of the pandemic, however the other elements of the policy remains unchanged and the highest expectations for behaviour at Homefield remain.
- Handwashing at all transitions from place to place is compulsory.
- Face coverings are not to be worn by children in school, but staff/visitors will wear PPE if they deem it appropriate when in close proximity to pupils or when undertaking first aid/intimate care.
- To reduce issues arising with traffic and the use of public transport, guidance has been given that everyone who is able to do so should walk or cycle to school.



- You will be informed of any instance of COVID-19 in the school or any plans to revert to remote learning due to a Government instruction for another local lockdown.
- Parents and carers should be encouraged to limit the number of settings their child attends, ideally their child should only attend the same setting consistently.
- If you or your child are ill, presenting with COVID-19 related symptoms please do not come to school in order to keep everyone safe and well. Stay at home and self-isolate yourself and your family.

We will send out further information soon regarding the finer details. Above all, we need the cooperation and understanding of all parents, carers and pupils as we all adapt to new rules in September. We are sure we will have this from you in abundance.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Bradley Young  
**Headteacher**

