

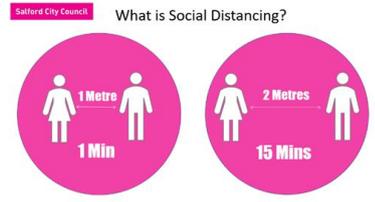


“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

To strive for respect, enjoyment and excellence for all!

27th August 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,



I am writing to you before the start of term as I am sure that some families are anxious about returning to school. Although I am aware that lots of our children (and parents!) are keen to come back to school, and it has been brilliant to see the social media posts of all that you've been up to, I am also aware that this is an anxious time and that our families may have questions. A number of you have been emailing me over the summer break and, should you have any questions or queries, please continue to contact me. There is also a great deal of information on the Covid page of our website and on our Twitter and Facebook pages.

<https://www.standrewsprimaryeccles.co.uk/our-school/covid-19-information/>

https://twitter.com/eccles_st

<https://www.facebook.com/standrews.eccles.10>

The Government have also published a website containing information for families:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

This letter has been written to give you further information about how Salford schools will respond if they find that a pupil has symptoms of Coronavirus (Covid-19) in schools. It also tells you what you should do as parents or carers in this situation.

How Schools will respond to symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19) from September 2020

As you know, it is the government's plan that all children should attend school from September 2020 and everyone at our school is delighted to welcome back all of our pupils. The government has produced information for parents which you can read by following the link here:



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The scientific evidence shows that coronavirus (COVID-19) presents a much lower risk to children than adults of becoming severely ill, and there is no evidence that children transmit the disease any more than adults. Of course, there will still be risks while coronavirus (COVID-19) remains in the community, and that is why schools and colleges will be asked to put in place a range of protective measures. We have completed a health and safety risk assessment as part of our plans to re-open our school in September. This can be obtained by on the Covid page of our website.

The Local Authority has put in place a process to support schools in dealing with any suspected or confirmed cases of coronavirus in schools and this letter outlines what steps parents, carers and families must take.

What to do if your child is unwell

The box below provides a summary of the common symptoms of coronavirus. A test is needed for anyone who has **one** of the most common symptoms of the virus (outlined in Section A) or at least two of the other symptoms outlined in Section B.

Section A

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:

A new continuous cough

A high temperature (fever)

A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Any one of the above symptoms gives reason for high level of suspicion for COVID-19.

A well person or child: feels 100% well, seems themselves and not displaying any changes in behaviour or their daily routines.

Section B

An unwell person or child could be a possible case of COVID-19.

A combination of symptoms (two or more) below gives reason for high level of suspicion for COVID-19.

Vomiting/nausea/off their food, diarrhoea, sleeping more than usual, complaining of not feeling themselves, listless/restless/agitated, shortness of breath, feeling cold, headache, severe body aches, sore throat/congested or runny nose - anything that is not feeling themselves.

NB For fevers, the NHS advice is to look for a high temperature – ‘this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back; you do not need to measure your temperature’.

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If your child becomes unwell at home in any way or if anyone in your household is unwell, they should not attend school. Please let school know the reason for your child's absence and we will discuss with you if your child needs a test using the criteria above. If a test isn't needed as your child has only one of the non-classic symptoms of coronavirus then your child can return to school once they have been symptom free for at least 48 hours.

If your child becomes unwell whilst in school, we will contact you and your child will need to be sent home and collected from school promptly. Your child will be supervised separately from other children and other members of the school community while he or she is waiting to go home.

We will contact the Local Authority Infection Control Team to inform them of the need to arrange a test. You will be contacted with information on what you must do to arrange a test for your child and details of how and where this will be carried out. Please wait for this call. Your child must remain at home while awaiting the test and the result and your child, and all members of your household, should not come into contact with other people outside of your household. You must not go to a doctors, hospital or NHS facility during this time unless symptoms become serious.

What to do when you get the results of the coronavirus test

Once you have got your child's test results, or the test results of anyone else in your household, you must phone the school and inform them of the results. Even if the results are negative, you must still tell us. This is to protect the rest of the school community.

What to do if your child's coronavirus test is negative

You must inform us of this straight away.

If your child's result is negative and they are free of the symptoms for 48 hours and no longer feel unwell, they can return to school as long as they are not isolating due to being a contact of a positive case. Household members can also end their isolation, unless someone else is awaiting results of a coronavirus test.

What to do if your child's coronavirus test is positive

You must inform the school of this straight away. This is so we can inform the Local Authority so that next steps can be taken to protect others.

If your child attended school in the 48 hours prior to the onset of symptoms and up to the point of testing, Salford public health team will work with school and your family to establish any contacts that may have been made with others in the community, both in and out of school.

Your child will need to self-isolate for at least 10 days until they feel better and symptoms have gone. A cough or lack of taste and smell might last longer than 10 days, but your child can still return to school. Advice on self-isolation will be available from Infection Control.

Your household and any other contacts must isolate for 14 days and watch for symptoms. If these appear then they will need to be tested.

What do if your child is sent home because another child in their bubble (e.g. class – our bubbles are organised in classes) has tested positive

If the other child with a positive test outcome attended the school in the 48 hours prior to symptoms appearing, a decision may be made that your child's class has to go home for isolation. This is to protect members of the school community and others.

If your child is sent home, we will inform you of this and your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days and watch for symptoms. Your child will be offered a test if symptoms do appear. Members of your

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household will not need to isolate, unless your own child develops symptoms. All pupils in the bubble will need to isolate for 14 days even if your child has a negative test result during this time. If children are sent home they will be provided with learning to complete at home during the period of isolation and we will keep in touch with you.

Face masks

Regarding face masks, the Government guidance remains that children at primary school do not need to wear a face mask at school. In fact, wearing a mask inappropriately or incorrectly can actually increase risk. Staff at school will not be wearing face masks as a general rule. Staff may wear a mask when treating a child with first aid and a small number of staff may wear a plastic visor (e.g. our kitchen staff) but school staff will not be wearing PPE.

Intimate Care

Can I remind parents that staff will not change nappies as primary schools do not have the full PPE that this requires. It is essential that all children can use the toilet independently before returning to school. In case of accidents, parents and carers will be contacted. Although I appreciate the difficulties that this may cause, please can I ask that families support school here.

Finally, to keep our entire community safe, it is essential that we all follow the guidelines to prevent the spread of Covid both at home and at school. Can I ask that parents and carers familiarise themselves with the information sent out at the end of term regarding timings, arrangements for dropping off and collecting children from school. It is essential that families maintain social distancing outside of the school building too and follow the instructions on the signs and from staff. These are to keep us all safe.

We all look forward to welcoming you back to school – we have missed you and look forward to providing all of the wonderful teaching and learning opportunities that you have come to expect from us here at St Andrews.

God bless,

Mrs J Bladen-Kay

Head Teacher

Salford City Council

COVID-19 Prevention

To stop coronavirus (COVID-19) spreading:

- Try to stay at least 2 metres (3 steps) away from anyone you do not live with or anyone not in your support bubble
- Wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds.
- Use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze and put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards.
- Wear something that covers your nose and mouth when it's hard to stay away from people, such as in shops or on public transport. Cloth face coverings with two or three layers are preferred.
- Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean
- Follow the government's social distancing guidance about what you can and cannot do outside your home.
- ITS IMPORTANT THAT THE ABOVE GUIDANCE IS FOLLOWED AT ALL TIMES – OUTSIDE SCHOOL TIME AS WELL.



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