

# Clarendon Road Primary School

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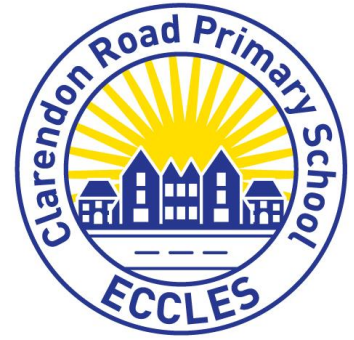
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## Re: Full school re-opening from Friday September 4<sup>th</sup> 2020

Dear Clarendon Road families,

We hope you have all had a wonderful summer break, are feeling refreshed and ready to come back to school.

Staff have been very busy in school this week, preparing for your arrival and we cannot wait to see you all.

### Return to school information

We sent out a lot of communication in July about school re-opening in September – these letters contain key information and are still available on ParentApp and our website.

If you are unsure about anything, please take the time to read these letters again to help you and your child be as prepared as possible for the return to school.

As cloakrooms will be closed, please limit what your child brings into school.

- Children do not need schoolbags or PE kits. There is nowhere to store these.
- They need to bring:
  - a coat
  - a packed lunch if they are having one
  - a small book bag if they have one (these can be bought at the uniform sale tomorrow if you wish).
- Pupils should wear their PE kit into school on their PE day – Mr Bloodworth will send this information home via ParentApp ready for next week.
- Pupils will be given reading books and reading records to bring home – these are small items that can easily be carried without a bag.

### Travel

Where possible, we are advising our families to travel on foot, by bike or by car and to avoid public transport. We understand not everyone is able to do this and some families will need to use a bus or tram. If you are using public transport, please follow guidance carefully, wearing a face covering, following social distancing and sanitising regularly.

### Face coverings

Guidance was put in place last week regarding pupils wearing face coverings in secondary schools and above.

There has been **no change to the guidance for early years and childcare providers and schools with children in year 6 and below.** The government is not recommending face coverings are necessary in these education settings generally, because a system of control, applicable to all education environments, provides additional mitigating measures. Face coverings are not recommended in Primary schools as pupils and staff are mixing in consistent groups, and because misuse may inadvertently increase the risk of transmission.

Any visitors who need to come on site for meetings may be asked to wear a face covering depending on the context of the visit.

### **Unwell members of school community/suspected cases**

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.

#### **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, skin rash - anything that is not feeling themselves.

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

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’.

If your child becomes unwell *at home or if anyone in your household is unwell as outlined above*, 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 your child becomes unwell whilst *in school*, we will contact you and your child will need to be sent home. 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 your child’s school. This is to protect the rest of the school community.

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

- You must inform your child's school of this straight away.
- Your child can return to the school provided they feel well enough and they have not had a fever, diarrhoea or vomiting for 48 hours. As there are other viruses circulating such as a cold or flu, it is advisable to avoid contact with other people until they are better. 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 your child's school of this straight away. This is so they 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 (phase) 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 or year group has to go home for isolation. This is to protect members of the school community and others.
- If your child is sent home, your child's school 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 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.

### **Further Information**

For further information please follow the links below:

<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#process-in-the-event-of-outbreaks>

As always, if you have any worries, questions or queries, please do contact school via email: [clarendonroad.primaryschool@salford.gov.uk](mailto:clarendonroad.primaryschool@salford.gov.uk). The school office will re-open fully on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September for any calls.

We look forward to seeing you all and having our community back together

Stay Safe,



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