



Cabot Primary School



Monday 9th November 2020

Covid 19 updates.

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin the second week of this new term with the country in new lockdown restrictions, I wanted to update you about some measures we need to take to keep our community as safe as possible.

New Government Guidance

From 5th November the government introduced the following guidance which we must all follow.

Please see the link below for the full guidance.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november>

Bringing and collecting your children from school.

- Please only arrive at school at your dedicated arrival and collection times. If you arrive early, you will add to the queue making it less safe for yourself and others.
- Please keep at least 2 metres distance from other groups.
- In line with the new guidance, please only bring and collect members of your own household or support bubble.
- If you are able to, please wear a face covering when you visit school.
- Please help us keep the number of people around our school to a minimum. At collection time, just one adult per household can come on school premises.
- After collecting your child, please could you continue following the one way system through the outside areas and leave the premises as quickly as possible to help prevent any crowding.

Covid 19 Symptoms and tests

Check if you or your child has coronavirus symptoms. They are: A high temperature, a new continuous cough, a change in your sense of taste or smell.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), get a test as soon as possible. Stay at home until you get the result. Please tell us straight away if your child or anyone in your household has Covid 19

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symptoms or tests positive for Covid 19. Do not delay in telling us if your child has a positive test. Please call the school immediately to tell us. If you are notified of a positive test at the weekend or late in the evening, please call the following number: 074072977692

Closing classes

In the event of a positive case confirmed with a pupil or staff member, we may need to close classes at short notice. This has happened at many schools across Bristol. We need to be prepared for it happening at Cabot. Please make sure we have your most up to date contact telephone number. It is important you are able to arrive to collect your child as soon as possible.

Staffing

COVID is also impacting on our staff. Just like others in our communities some of them are having to self-isolate due to being contacted by track and trace or their own children being identified by other schools or nurseries as close contacts. This has included me. I was contacted by the track and trace app last week and told to self isolate.

So far we have been able to maintain high standards of safe cover for classes. However, if the situation arises that we don't have enough staff in school, it may be necessary to close classes at short notice. We hope this doesn't happen, but if it does, we will let you know as soon as possible. I mention it as I believe it is important for the school community to know that staff at school are impacted by COVID as well.

Thank you for working with us to help keep our children, families, staff and wider community as safe as possible.

Best wishes,

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