



Dear Parents and Carers

Returning to school in September 2020

Over the past few months the circumstances around coronavirus (COVID-19) has been a challenge for everyone: children, young people, parents/carers and school staff. Normal life has been disrupted in a way that most people have never experienced before. There are still many challenges ahead, but we are slowly starting to see some parts of life return to some normality.

The number of coronavirus (COVID-19) cases has reduced significantly and so the government has now asked all schools to plan for all children and young people, in all year groups, to return to school from the beginning of the autumn term and so **we are planning for our school to open at the start of September**. Please note, that the government will make a final decision on this on 11th August.

The safety, wellbeing and educational experience for your child is **our highest priority** and so we are making detailed plans for welcoming them into our school environment for September.

Outbreak planning

As part of this planning, Coventry has a city-wide approach for COVID-19 and this includes a clear plan for what happens if an individual child is showing COVID-19 symptoms, or is tested positive, and what happens if more than one pupil in our school has COVID-19 symptoms or is tested as positive.

This planning also sets out specific steps of what would happen if there was an outbreak within a geographical area of Coventry or if there was a wider outbreak across Coventry. The commitment from our schools and from Coventry City Council is, that if these circumstances were to arise, that there would be **clear communication with you** about your child's attendance at school. To find out more about this, please refer to your schools' specific plan which will be available in September.

Your role as a parent - guidance

The government has issued guidance for parents and carers, and so please take a few minutes to read this through: [What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges in the autumn term](#)

Your role as a parent – self - responsibility on the school site

As we move to re-opening of schools in September, we must consider the safety of parents as well as children, as many of you will be returning to the school site.

Schools will do all that they can to take responsibility for health and safety measures for the children in their care. Parents must help schools by taking responsibility for their own health and safety.

We respectfully expect you to take responsibility for yourself at the school gates and in and around school by following:

- Social distancing
- Hand hygiene
- Observing any rules published by school for your safety

We will be in contact with you again about specific arrangements for returning to school, following the government decision on 11th August.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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