



## **Summary of September COVID Secure Measures**

### **Main ways to maintain COVID Security:**

- Group social distancing through social bubbles.
- Individual social distancing for adults and children.
- Personal hygiene.
- Premises hygiene.
- Managing people with COVID symptoms.

The government guidance states that these measures should be followed as much as possible. However, if it is not always fully possible to follow all measures, then following them most of the time is better than not following them at all. If we are not always able to follow the measures then we should be mitigating risk by maintaining rigorous hygiene. This part is non-negotiable.

### **How will this look in Ferryhill Station Primary School**

Please refer to the risk assessment for full details. Please ensure that classroom planning is in line with this risk assessment. Compliance with the risk assessment will be monitored by senior leaders in September.

### **Our social bubbles will be:**

- Class 1
- Class 2
- Classes 3 and 4 will maintain separate bubbles for most of the day. However, we are unable to follow this strictly at lunch times and therefore these children will eat in the dining hall at the same time. They will be allocated seats and the separate classes kept apart. There will be no queuing in the dining hall and food will be delivered to the tables. Social distancing must be maintained when walking to and from the dining hall and when using the toilets. At lunch play, a line will divide the big yard into two and they classes will be required to stick to their side of the yard. Play equipment can be allocated, cleaned and rotated.
- Breakfast Club will not run as it normally would, however, childcare will be provided in bubbles for working parents. This will be supervised by staff and teaching assistants' start and end times will be adjusted to accommodate this. This also applies to Thursday afternoons.

### **Personal Social Distancing:**

- This is not possible in EYFS, however, children will be reminded to play non-contact games. Classroom areas will have limits to how many children can be in each area and children will maintain as much distance as possible when seated. Rigorous hygiene will mitigate the risks of not maintaining distance.
- Classrooms in Years 2 to 6 will be set out so that children face forwards. They can sit next to each other, but not opposite each other.

- Staff should maintain distance from children where possible. If they need to work very close to children, they should keep this to a maximum of 15 minutes. This will be different for children with special needs. In this case, rigorous hygiene must be followed.
- No more than three staff members can be together in the staff room. If more staff would like to take breaks together then they must eat in a larger space, such as the large room in Sure Start. Not in the Library / Learning Resource Hub as this is too small and needs to maintain hygiene for groups. Staff should maintain distance while eating and be responsible for disinfecting surfaces before and after they eat.
- We will mitigate risk by allocating staff to classes and minimising times when staff are required to mix outside their allotted bubble. This will be helped by closing school on Thursday afternoons so that teachers can take their PPA time.

### **Personal Hygiene:**

- It is crucial that children are supervised in hand washing / sanitising every hour.
- 'Sniffle Stations' in classes must contain: hankies, a poster with instructions, a swing bin / pedal bin and hand sanitiser.
- Children should sanitise / wash hands before working in books and after completing work. This will help to maintain the safety of books to protect staff when marking.
- Children must be taught / reminded what good hand washing looks like and this should then be monitored by staff.
- Parents should be encouraged to tie up their child's long hair as this will reduce face touching.

### **Premises Hygiene:**

- Enhance cleaning as per County guidance and Risk Assessment. Toilets and associated touch points will have additional cleaning at lunchtime.
- Staff must disinfect desks before children eat and lunchtime supervisors will do this after eating.
- In Y2-6, children will have equipment in trays and this will be cleaned daily using anti-viral wipes. Staff will maintain daily cleanliness of EYFS equipment. Children will not bring anything into school except for their PE kit and packed lunch if they have them. Packed lunches will be kept beside the child and not centrally.
- Consider how to maintain social distance of children's coats.

### **Managing People with COVID Symptoms:**

- Any child who feels unwell must have their temperature taken with non-contact thermometer. They will be isolated in the small room opposite the main door with an adult to supervise them. The adult must don PPE. There will be a written procedure in place which will be displayed in all classrooms, the First Aid station and the isolation room.
- School will comply fully with NHS Test and trace.

**Please remember:** this is the plan for Autumn term. We want to know that we have done everything in our power to reduce the risk of COVID infection. We do not want to be responsible for an outbreak in our community. It may seem strict and inflexible, but if everything continues to go well with Coronavirus, we could see some relaxation of these measures in Spring. Fingers crossed!