

# BALDWINS GATE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Following advice given by Staffordshire County Council and the Health & Safety Local Outbreak Team, we are reinstating Covid-19 safety measures. This is in response to rising Covid-19 numbers in schools, particularly in Staffordshire, and exacerbated spread of the Delta Virus once in school.

We returned to school in September very cautiously, making very little change to our Covid-19 procedures and operational guidance implemented in the summer term. Following this week's guidance we have been asked to take proactive action and we will:

- Maintain staggered start and finish times. Please socially distance when you are on the school grounds and do not congregate.
- Keep our classes separate and not mix with other classes within school.
- Maintain our separate lunchtimes.
- Not gather indoors for assemblies.
- Ensure only professionals visit our school, having completed recent lateral flow tests.
- Ask all parents/carers to communicate with school via email/telephone.
- Maintain segregation of year groups in BUZZ.
- Continue with our cleaning, ventilation and hygiene procedures.

In light of this very recent guidance, **parents' evening will revert to GoogleMeet appointments** and Mrs Riley will issue appointment times very shortly.

The guidance, which is County Council guidance, has been shared with the DfE and has been recommended in light of high and increasing numbers in Staffordshire. It is not statutory guidance but is recommended to help slow the spread and rapid acceleration.

I ask that you please support our school by adhering to the following Staffordshire guidance:

- In the event of a member of your household testing positive, all members of the household have a PCR test (this is recommended good practice).
- In the interest of others, pupils should not return to school until the PCR test result is known and only if the result is negative.

Everyone learning together in faith, truth and love

The main symptoms of Covid-19 are:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss or change to sense of smell or taste.

If your child has any of the main symptoms of Covid-19, even if they are mild, you must arrange a PCR test to check if they have Covid-19 as soon as possible. Your child should stay at home until you get the test result.

It is once again a difficult time reinstating the control measures in our school but we do it in order to maintain, at all costs, face to face learning for our children.

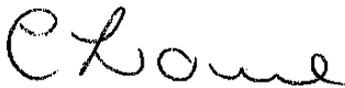
My priority as a Headteacher is that the children's education is continuous and that the children can learn together with their teacher in the classroom.

In restructuring and controlling some activities, we hope to minimise the chance of Covid-19 and its spread within our classes and school.

Thank you so much for your support and understanding.

The county recommendations will be reviewed at half term.

Kind regards.



Mrs C Lowe  
Headteacher