



Bishops Lydeard

Church School

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Bishops Lydeard Church School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.

'That they may have life in all its fullness' John 10:10

Respect

Endurance

Friendship

3rd July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

September Guidance

Yesterday, we received the guidance for schools for the September return. I am delighted to see there is a plan in place which enables us to welcome all children back to school.

Broadly speaking, the government wish for all children to return full time and for schools to maintain the enhanced actions we have in place to minimise the risk of transmission of Covid 19. The groups (or bubbles as they are commonly known) will become whole class rather than half a class. This may at first glance seem concerning but when we look at it within the hierarchy of control measures it becomes apparent that it is an adjustment to control 4. All other (more impactful) controls will be remaining.

Hierarchy of controls:

1. avoiding contact with anyone with symptoms
2. frequent hand cleaning and good hygiene practices
3. regular cleaning of settings
4. minimising contact and mixing

With regard to the management of the mixing and contact, schools have been tasked with ensuring the class groups remain separate, as much as we feasibly can, during the school day. This means drop off and collection, playtimes and lunchtimes need careful consideration and timetabling. I will write to you with details around these arrangements as soon as I have planned these, reconsidered our risk assessment and consulted with staff. I am aiming for the details to be with you by the end of next week.

What is clear is that the open availability of tests will enable a quick and appropriate response whenever a pupil, family or staff member becomes unwell. I have to say in my experience so far, the advice from Public Health England, whenever I have wanted or needed it, has been rapid and clear.

I have attached the guidance here so that you can see the full information we are currently in receipt of. I will write to you again in the coming days with further details of what these actions will look like in practice here at Bishops Lydeard Church School.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

Kind regards,

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