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## Letter 2

- What are we doing to reduce the risk of infection in school?
- How will we respond in the event of a possible or confirmed case of Covid-19?

**18<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

Dear Parents / Carers,

This is the second in a series of letters about school reopening in September.

This letter and the attached flow chart cover important information about what we will be doing in school to try to prevent infection and also what we will need to do in the event of a possible or confirmed case of Covid-19 in school.

The flow chart goes through the action we will take if anyone in school presents with any of the recognised symptoms.

## **What are we doing to reduce the risk of infection in school?**

### **We will:**

1. minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have Covid-19, or who have someone in their household who does, **do not attend school**.
2. clean hands thoroughly and more often than usual.
3. ensure that children and adults in school cough or sneeze more hygienically, following the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' advice.
4. clean regularly throughout the day and clean frequently touched surfaces often.

**Steps 1 – 4 will be in place all the time.**

### **Where possible we will:**

5. minimise contact between individuals and groups. Social distancing will only apply to **older children and adults**, where it is possible. **Younger children** will **not** be expected to socially distance within their group.

### **Where necessary we will:**

6. wear PPE – e.g. when there is a need to administer first aid/support to a child who is showing symptoms of Covid-19.

**Please note – Face masks are not required to be worn in school at all - this guidance is based on current evidence from Public Health England.**

"Think big; think differently and always creatively"

## How will we respond in the event of a possible or confirmed case of Covid-19?

### In the event of a suspected or confirmed infection we will:

- engage with the track and trace process.
- manage confirmed cases of Covid-19 in our school community.
- contain any outbreak by following Cumbria Health Protection team advice.

**[See our Flow Chart for more details.](#)**

As you are all aware, children are often under the weather and their developing immune systems mean they are rarely without a runny nose or an infection of some kind. In the past we have always approached these 'typical' bouts of illness sensibly and will continue to do so. However, in the event of any child showing suspected Covid-19 symptoms at school, we will contact parents immediately and ask that you work with us to ensure the correct procedures are followed in good time.

**You must ensure that someone is available to collect your child straight away or as soon as is reasonably possible and we ask that you do not send your child to school if symptoms have appeared at home. It is important to stress that we will all need to be sensible and err on the side of caution if there is any doubt at all.**

Once again, this will be a team effort from our entire school community and we ask for your understanding as we move into the next stage of full school re-opening.

### **Below are links to up to date government guidance that you will find useful:**

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

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing>

## Contacting School

- For safety reasons, we need to minimise the number of people entering the building.
- If you have any messages for your class teacher, these can be sent via class dojo. Please give teachers time to set up new class dojos within the first week of school. They will let you know when they are up and running and ready for use.
- All **urgent messages** should be reported to Mrs Bickerdike and Miss Moorhouse in the school office **via telephone 01229 772502.**
- **Any questions and queries that may need to be dealt with by the school office must be done so through: telephone, text or email. Parents/carers cannot come in to school without a prior arrangement.**



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