



Friezland Primary School

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COVID 19: Key Information for Families

At Friezland we will begin widening our opening to pupils, primarily in Years R, 1 and 6 from Monday 8th June. We will continue to provide provision for those children outside these year groups who are children of Key Workers and/or are classed as vulnerable. **SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR EACH YEAR GROUP WILL BE SENT HOME TO FAMILIES IN DUE COURSE.**

This document should be read alongside: 'Opening Schools and Educational Settings to More Pupils from 1st June: Guidance for Parents and Carers.' (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>)

Managing Risk and Rate of Transmission

Prior to opening, the Headteacher and Governing Board have to be satisfied that a thorough risk assessment has been completed with the aim of controlling COVID 19 risks **as much as is possible** for both children, staff and our families. The risk assessment has to be verified by Oldham LA. This information below is not the risk assessment in its entirety but is intended as a helpful summary to support the returning to school process for you and your child(ren).

As part of our risk assessment process, we will be introducing the following control measures:

The Learning Environment and Minimising Risk:

- Children will engage with their learning in smaller groups (max of 15 but less wherever possible) and will be supported by a member of staff (where possible a teacher and an LSA) who may not be their usual adult.
- These groups will not be allowed to mix during the school day.
- Children may not be placed in their usual classroom. Classroom windows and doors will be open wherever possible. Outdoor learning is actively encouraged.
- Learning activities will be adapted to suit the changes in groupings and environment.
- Furniture will be minimal and will be spaced out in order to maximise our social distancing capacity.
- ***It is not expected that early years and primary age children can remain 2m apart from each other and staff, although this will be encouraged wherever possible.*** Passing on a corridor is considered low risk.
- Individual equipment will be provided e.g. pencil, pen, whiteboard, exercise book etc.
- In order to support social distancing, start / end times of the day will be staggered and different groups will access school via different entrances.
- Break / lunch times will be staggered.





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- The bringing of resources to school / from home and vice-versa is discouraged. Items are to be kept to **essential items only** e.g. a water bottle, packed lunch (if bringing own), inhaler, coat, sun hat, sun cream.
- School uniform should be worn but sensible variations are permitted where children have outgrown items.
- In order to limit cross-contamination between settings, PE kits should not be brought to school. Instead, we are requesting that children wear their PE trainers alongside their school uniform to better support outdoor physical activities.

Families Supporting School Routines in order to Minimise Risk

- Only **one adult** per family is permitted to enter the school grounds in order to drop-off/collect children.
- The designated drop-off / pick-up time and access route **MUST** be adhered to. Adults must then exit the school grounds and not loiter.
- Adults must adhere to social distancing regulations within the school grounds. Signage will support this but a common-sense approach is required when negotiating gates / narrow paths.
- Adults are not permitted to enter the school building unless urgent and essential.
- Families should communicate with school via e-mail, telephone or the main entrance intercom system.

Promoting Good Hygiene in Order to Minimise Risk:

- Additional cleaning duties will be carried out during the day in order to minimise risk, particularly in relation to areas frequently coming into contact with people e.g. door handles, desks, taps etc.
- A mid-week deep clean will be carried out.
- Additional regular handwashing will be modelled and incorporated into the daily routines- the use of soap, water and washing for a minimum of 20 seconds.
- The use of hand sanitiser may be used in addition to hand washing or when hand washing isn't possible but this does not replace regular hand washing.
- Good respiratory hygiene will be reinforced: Catch it! Bin it! Kill it!
- Pupils visiting the toilet will be monitored in order to avoid groups forming and to encourage and support good hygiene.

The Use of PPE and Minimising Risk

- Wearing face coverings or face masks in schools is not recommended in order to avoid young children and those with SEND inadvertently increasing the risk of transmission. However, no one will be told they can't wear a face mask. If you send your child to school with a face covering, they will be allowed to wear it although we cannot be held responsible if they choose to take it off during the day.





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- PPE (apron, gloves, face mask) will be worn whenever first aid is required in order to support care and closer contact.
- PPE (apron, gloves, face mask) will be worn if an adult or child becomes unwell (regardless of the type of symptoms) in order to support care and potential closer contact. The person who is unwell will be supervised and will stay away from others until they can be sent home. This area will then be thoroughly cleaned before being used again.
- PPE (apron, gloves, face mask) will be worn in the event of intimate care being required in order to support care and closer contact.

Those who Present with COVID 19 Symptoms and Minimising Risk

- Symptomatic individuals **MUST NOT** attend Friezland School.
- Staff and families should avoid contact with anyone with symptoms.
- All staff/children attending an educational setting who are displaying symptoms are encouraged to get tested following the Government's guidelines <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested> If the test is negative they can return to their setting. Where the test is positive the rest of their group within the educational setting will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. Other household members of that wider group do not need to self-isolate unless the person they live with in that group develops symptoms.
- Adults with an official letter, or who have been advised by their clinician identifying them as 'clinically extremely vulnerable,' should remain at home.
- Children in the extremely vulnerable group should not attend, and those identified as clinically vulnerable should follow their clinician's advice.
- School will ensure that the most up-to-date guidelines are followed as these are changing regularly.

We are keen for school life to resume for all our pupils as soon as it is safe to do so. Your support with helping to manage our risks will ensure that this can happen.

