



Friezland Primary School

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COVID 19 Update for Families

Dear Families,

Having welcomed our children back to school, staff have been delighted at how well they have adapted to the new normal and have supported our new routines. The children have all engaged well with their learning and it's clear they are excited to be back and keen to learn. Our Reception children have amazed us at how well they too, have settled in.

The return has brought about working in 'bubbles' which are predominantly class based although some staff are working across bubbles. Whilst our children's lunch and break times have been staggered where possible, in order to avoid crowding in corridors and toilets, the children are all outdoors together after they have finished their lunch. However, when outdoors, bubbles are still being maintained with each class having their own area to play in and a dedicated member of staff. Our start and end of the day procedures are also staggered and we ask for your full support with these routines; ensuring your child(ren) maintains a sensible distance between children in other bubbles, until they line up to go into school with their bubble. Thank you for continuing to ensure only ONE adult per family comes onto our school grounds, and for exiting the grounds promptly after drop-off/pick-up.

You will be aware that, both locally and nationally, several school bubbles have already been forced to close, following Public Health England advice. Whilst we are informed that this measure is essential to keep our children and community safe and reduce transmission of COVID, it is far from ideal, with children having missed so much school already and parents having to once again juggle work commitments with child-care.

In the event of a Friezland bubble having to close, we will resume remote learning for all children affected, who are well and able to participate. Following a closure, teachers will make contact via Google Classroom so please ensure you and your child know how to log into their virtual class. We are aware that access to technology may be an issue and we will support families where required, with paper packs and resources.

You can find further information on Friezland remote learning and how we will manage a potential COVID case on our school website under the, 'Covid 19 Key Information' tab but I wish to draw your attention to the following points:

- If any member of a household presents with symptoms of COVID 19, please arrange for a test for the affected member and self-isolate as a household until the results are known.
- If a household member tests positive for COVID 19, please follow Government guidance and begin/continue with household isolation. **Please inform school by telephoning the school office.** If you receive a positive test result out of school hours (e.g. at the weekend or after 6:00pm), please e-mail school, info@friezland.oldham.sch.uk and also ring school as soon as we are open.





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- In the event of a **POSITIVE** case of Covid-19 being reported for a Friezland pupil or member of staff, parent/carers of affected children will receive a text to inform them that their child has been in contact with a person confirmed to have Covid-19, and if in school, will need to be collected as soon as possible.
- **Close contacts will include:** all children/adults in the class bubble where a child/adult has tested positive and anyone else who has had contact with the confirmed case as advised by Public Health Oldham up to **48 hours prior** to symptoms developing.
- Following the text, an email containing a letter from Friezland and Public Health Oldham, detailing the required self-isolation period, will follow.
- Siblings not in an identified bubble should still attend school and other household members do not need to self-isolate. However, the child who is self-isolating must not be brought to school when siblings are dropped off/picked up.
- Children who are required to self-isolate should not be tested unless they display COVID 19 symptoms.
- If your child is in the identified bubble(s) but was not in school within the 48 hours prior to symptoms developing/positive test result (e.g. absent from school due to non-COVID illness), they do not need to self-isolate but they cannot attend school and should engage in remote learning as set by the class teacher. This is because we cannot mix bubbles. Staff within a bubble, will also have to self-isolate so we cannot offer any alternative provision.
- It seems sensible to consider potential implications in advance including: having someone available at short notice to collect your child(ren); ensuring the school office has your up-to-date contact details; considering home care arrangements for the self-isolation period (14 days max) and speaking with class teachers in advance if access IT to support home-learning may be problematic.

The staff and I are fully aware of the challenges a bubble closure may bring and are committed to supporting you, wherever we can. The safety of our children, staff and their families are at the forefront of the decisions we make. Our decisions are informed by Public Health Oldham and these decisions will change as Government guidance and procedures are updated.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Rachael Swaby (Headteacher).

