



# Friezland Primary School

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## COVID Update: November 2020

Dear Families,

I hope you are all well and are managing to adjust to the ever-changing COVID 19 pandemic. As England is put back into lock down from tomorrow, I wanted to write to you with an update regarding Friezland's current context.

As you will be aware, during this lock down, schools are to remain open to all. As a staff, we are pleased that the Government has made this decision as we believe that school is the best place for our children. It is indeed, one of the only constants that they have at the moment and we don't underestimate the positive impact that the routine of the school day has on our children. They continue to adapt well to our new Friezland 'norm' and are supportive of the changes we continue to make on a regular basis, as are our families- thank you.

Once again, each school is having to make decisions based on the current Government guidance and their own individual school context, meaning that schools will undoubtedly be making different decisions. For Friezland, class 3 **swimming lessons** and the **karate club** are unable to continue during the lock down period. However, **keyboard and guitar** lessons will continue as they are part of our normal school day. Our Monday and Tuesday **sport clubs** will also continue as they form part of our after school childcare provision. All of the above are offered exclusively to a class bubble with the obvious addition of the adult leading the session. We know you will have considered a range of factors before deciding whether or not your child should commit to these activities, including the possibility of self-isolation for your child, should a positive case occur with an external member of staff.

With regards to **Frosties**, we intend to continue to offer this provision as we understand that many families can't fulfil work commitments without it. Again, we know you will have considered the potential risk and additional adult contacts before using the service. We are continually adjusting the arrangements in order to ensure the environment is as safe as it can be for both children and staff. The children will play outdoors wherever possible although the darker nights and poor weather are making this difficult. When indoors, the children are grouped in their class bubbles in either the hall or a classroom with a distance of 2 metres+ between tables, wherever possible. For breakfast club this works well as numbers are currently small and staggered across the morning. For after-school, this can be difficult, especially if numbers are high. The Frosties team have agreed that for sessions where numbers are high and space is limited, they will separate bubbles into different rooms and ensure additional staff are working, in order to fulfil effective supervision. This will involve forward planning and an additional cost to school so **prior booking is essential wherever possible**. Last minute cancellations will incur a fee of £2.50 as explained in the Frostie Policy. Please continue to use the booking forms which can be found on our school website or collected when dropping/picking up your child at Frosties. **Frosties is a pay in advance service**. Therefore, please ensure that your child's account is in credit prior to accessing the service- we are a non-profit service and can't afford to carry debt. If you need support with making payments, please speak with a member of staff in confidence. Whilst payment via Eduspot is preferable, we will accept cash temporarily, if access to the system is difficult due to IT issues or if split families wish to pay for different days.





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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. Our older pupils have liked the independence of coming into the grounds on their own, with adults waiting near school gates. Maintaining a 2m+ distance between adults will help reduce transmission. **Whilst the wearing of a mask is not currently compulsory outdoors, we encourage the use of them if it helps keep our school open and safe.** Adults are unable to come into school unless a prior arrangement has been made. If you need to speak with a member of staff, please call school and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Please continue to ring school or e-mail [info@friezland.oldham.sch.uk](mailto:info@friezland.oldham.sch.uk) outside of school hours, to inform us of any COVID matters (symptoms, household isolation, test pending / results) as these may directly impact on staff and class bubbles. The staff and I are fully aware of the challenges a bubble closure will bring and are committed to supporting you, wherever we can. The safety of our children, staff and their families are always at the forefront of the decisions we make.

Once again, thank you for your continued support- your kind words have helped to lift staff spirits during these challenging times.

Miss Rachael Swaby (Headteacher).

