



Bicton C of E Primary School and Nursery

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all had a good Christmas and have stayed safe and well.

You are no doubt aware that Boris Johnson is set to make an announcement at 8:00 pm this evening and, whilst there are many uncertainties as to what he is going to say, the one certainty is that we will do everything we can to try to keep our community as safe as we possibly can.

This letter contains lots of important information about our return to school which **WE NEED EVERYONE TO READ PLEASE. We need all families to support and adhere to the following measures.**

- Adults bringing children to school /collecting them **MUST** stay in their vehicle until the designated time for their child to enter/exit school or nursery. Children must not be running around on the school site at the start or end of the day.
- Only 1 adult should get out of the vehicle. This also applies to pedestrians walking to the school site.
- Parents should try to avoid transport arrangements with other parents and this should be limited to your support/childcare bubble wherever possible.
- Face coverings **MUST** be worn by all adults coming onto the site unless they are exempt.
- Children must only bring essential items to school: lunch bag, water bottle, book bag and reading book. Toys and personal items e.g. pencil cases from home are not permitted.
- Any member of the school community (pupils, staff and other adults, including parents coming to drop off/pick up) **MUST** stay at home and **MUST NOT** come into school/nursery if they:
 - Have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or if someone in their household has symptoms.
 - Have tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) in the last 10 days.
 - Are in a household (or support bubble) with individuals who have been tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) in the last 10 days.
 - Have been contacted through the NHS Test and Trace programme and been advised to stay at home.

If anyone in the school or nursery becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough, a high temperature or a loss of or change to their normal sense of taste or smell, they will be sent home immediately and advised to follow: [Stay at home: guidance for households](#).

If your child feels unwell, do not give them Calpol and send them in. If your child needs Calpol then they are not well enough to be in school and **MUST STAY AT HOME**.

In the event that a parent or guardian insists on a child attending school, schools can take the decision to refuse the child if in their reasonable judgement it is necessary to protect their pupils and staff from possible infection with coronavirus (COVID-19). [Guidance for Schools December 2020](#)

Parents MUST [arrange a test](#) if they or their child develops symptoms and they must inform school /nursery of the results.

If the test is positive, follow [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#), and engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.

If parents become ill during the day and need to arrange a test, you must inform school/nursery and collect your child immediately. DO NOT send your child in, if you yourself are feeling unwell and you have arranged a test for later that day. If you send your child to school/nursery, knowing that you or a member of your household may have COVID-19 symptoms, you are putting other children, our staff and our families at risk, some of whom have underlying health issues and are at increased risk.

We are doing everything we can to keep all our families safe, as we have done throughout the pandemic, and we need everyone to follow these rules.

Thank you for your cooperation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mrs Johnson', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Johnson and staff