



Colkirk C of E Primary Academy, Little Snoring Community Primary Academy, Sculthorpe C of E Primary Academy & West Raynham C of E Primary Academy



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New Covid-19 Measures and School

Dear Parents/ Carers

As you will be aware new national Covid-19 measures come in to effect on 5 November 2020, as announced by the Prime Minister on Saturday evening. At this time we are waiting for further clarification and updates related to schools. However it was made clear that we will remain open, for all pupils, during this period of national lockdown. Parents are expected to ensure their child attends school as normal – the government has stated school is the safest place for your child to be right now.

In order to ensure the continued safety of staff and pupils there will be several changes that will begin with immediate effect. This is based on the updated guidance from the government that can be viewed using the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november>

The following changes will now take place from TODAY:

1. Wrap around care at Colkirk (before and after school) will continue as per the guidance (section 8 paragraph 1), as will the breakfast club at Little Snoring.
2. All extra-curricular school clubs other than those as part of the wrap around care at Colkirk will now cease to take place and this will remain the case until at least 1 January 2021. This is to comply with the need to reduce social contact to only the absolute essential (as per paragraphs 1 & 2 of the new guidance).
3. We will only allow visitors in school that are essential to maintain the safety or daily maintenance of our school building and sites or for educational purposes (e.g. sports coaches for PE lessons) – we will not hold any parent meetings on school sites unless absolutely no other option is available to us – this is to again ensure we reduce social contact to only essential needs.
4. Staff will wear face shields when welcoming and sending out pupils at the start and end of each day to protect themselves, protect the children in our care and to protect parents (as per section 2 bullet point 2 of the new guidance).
5. We RECOMMEND parents when dropping and collecting children from school also wear face coverings to protect themselves and others and also follow the 2m social distancing rules (as per section 2 bullet point 2 and 3 of the new guidance).



At the time of writing to you we have not yet been provided with up to date guidance on shielding and how this may impact on children in school. The published national guidance makes it clear that unless your child is in receipt of a flu jab each year from the NHS or they fulfil any of the criteria in section 9 of the guidance then they MUST be in school.

Every child is entitled to an education and to attend school for this and keeping children off of school contrary to what the guidance states means as a school we will have to pursue penalty notices and fines.

Likewise if you choose to keep your child off of school and they do not meet any of the criteria (with medical evidence provided) or they at home for other reasons and not because their bubble or themselves have to isolate, we as a school are not legally bound and shall not provide remote learning for them; as it is your choice as a parent to keep your child at home.

If and when the UK Government issue any up to date guidance for schools I will of course write to you to explain any impact this may have on your family.

Please continue to take great care and I hope you find the strength to continue in a supportive way in all we are doing at school.

Best wishes

Chris Allen
Executive Head Teacher

N.B. If you have already paid for your child to attend Tawny Owl or Little Owl Club and you would like a refund please contact me on deputyhead@sculthorpe.norfolk.sch.uk, otherwise it will be rolled over to after Christmas; a list of who has paid will be kept for future reference.

Thank you
Sarah Potter
(Head of School)