

We have written a FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) which aims to answer questions which have been asked by a number of staff or parents and we will update this as we continue to refine our approach.

### What happens if there is a rise in the number of infections?

We will follow the government guidance which is updated regularly. It is reassuring that the government has confirmed that closing schools will be a last resort, this is in particular for Primary schools as school closure will only happen in the final tier (Tier 4). The government guidance can be read

here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/all-possible-measures-to-be-taken-before-schools-and-colleges-close>

### How is drop off and pick up being managed?

KS1 have been allocated a side of the KS1 playground for collection and drop off times.

KS2 have been allocated areas of the large KS2 playground for collection and drop off times. With the use of outside doors to enter the classrooms, we are able to offer pupils easy access whilst keeping to class bubbles.

The EYFS children are arriving 15 minutes after the main school and leaving 15 minutes before to allow our youngest children a quieter arrival and home time.

### Can I handover information to my child's class teacher?

You are able to email or Class Dojo message all class teachers.

Mrs Jackson and Mrs Coyne will both be on duty each morning on the playgrounds to allow parents to pass on messages to class teachers.

Forgotten items can be handed into the main school entrance, a member of staff will take them from the main door.

### Should students and staff wear face coverings?

The use of face coverings is not currently required for staff or pupils at the School except in specific circumstances. The instances of Covid-19 in our community is currently very low and the other mitigations we have in place are considered sufficient without the need to wear face coverings. Staff and pupils may however wear a plain face covering if they wish to. Additionally, we are fortunate that we have a building with access to the outside areas and large outside spaces which reduce the need for face coverings. Staff have been asked to remain 2 m away from pupils when possible which specifically mitigates the need for face coverings in class.

### What will happen if a pupil breaks the rules around social bubbles or other aspects of following good hygiene and social distancing?

In the first instance we will support them to understand why these rules are so important and ask them to correct their behaviour. If however, they persist in breaking the rules (which will put others potentially at risk), then we will use sanctions including detaining them at the end of the day, isolating them from their peers and engaging with you their parents for support. If ultimately they will not comply, we will have no choice but to exclude pupils and, in exceptional cases, we will consider permanent exclusion as a last resort. We hope this will not be necessary and the usual calm, but busy environment where staff and pupils work well together will continue to be the norm.

If having read through all of this you have any further questions please contact the School using email: [office@catmoseprimary.com](mailto:office@catmoseprimary.com).