



Thomas Bullock Church of England Primary Academy

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Good morning. We certainly hope you have had a relaxing half-term. We write as the government has adapted the guidance nationwide yesterday, which we appreciate has a huge impact on your family lives.

We wish to share yesterday evening's Prime Minister's guidance:

"My priority, our priority, remains keeping people in education - so childcare, early years settings, schools, colleges and universities will all remain open. Our senior clinicians still advise that school is the best place for children to be. We cannot let this virus damage our children's futures even more than it has already. I urge parents to continue taking their children to school and I am extremely grateful to teachers across the country for their dedication in enabling schools to remain open."

We are working diligently to continue to provide an excellent education for your children remaining within the strict new DFE Covid guidelines. Therefore, we request you continue to be vigilant in helping us to continue as safely as possible. Firstly, we have already adapted our own practice to ensure our site is safe for pupils and that all bubbles remain in-tact at all times. We have worked over the half-term to reconfigure our school in readiness of tightening restrictions.

The safety of our pupils, community, parents and staff is of utmost importance. Could we ask for your support in the following?

1. Please wear a mask at pick-up and drop-off, even outdoors.
2. Please pick-up and drop off promptly, at your designated time. KS2 is to enter promptly by 8:40am and KS1 by 8:45am. Reception by 8:50. Pupils will be let into school as they arrive, when a teacher is present, to ensure parents and carers do not wait outside of school unnecessarily, in all year groups.
3. Pick up is 3pm for R, 3:10pm for Y1 and 2, 3:15 for Y3 and 4 and 3:20 for Y6. Please help by not congregating and leaving as soon as you have collected your child. Please do not arrive before this time to collect. If you do, please stay at a min 2m distance from other adults at all times.
4. Please be reminded pupils should not bring in unnecessary bags and items and please send your children in complete school uniform.
5. To support updated Covid guidance, if you need to speak with a member of SLT, Office or teaching staff, please phone the office and they will book you a time, this is now necessary even if it is only for a quick query. We will endeavour to respond to meeting and query requests within 48-72 hours. The office closes at 4:15pm each day.



6. Please continue to send your healthy children to school. The government has been clear that attendance, academics and school interactions are important for your children to learn and grow.
7. Our staff are united in appreciating your support and consideration. Please continue to be patient with our staff, as we are all striving for the best for our school under these trying times.

Quick health reminder: If your child is symptomatic: presenting a high temperature, continuous cough, loss of smell and taste please do not send them into school, and the whole family should self-isolate until testing negative. If you or your child is awaiting results please inform us of the results immediately. If you have been in contact with a person who has tested positive the whole family should self-isolate for 14 days. Online education, via our Google-Education platform will be arranged, as shared previously. If you become symptomatic, whilst self-isolating, please inform the school immediately. All additional guidance is on our website.

Once again, we appreciate this is an extremely difficult time for everyone and we are living in most unprecedented times. Please be safe, stay well, God bless and enjoy your half-term Sunday.

Kindest regards,
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