



FOX WOOD SCHOOL

AUTUMN 1 - SEPTEMBER 2020

HOME / SCHOOL AGREEMENT

**This document is written and shared with the sole intention of protecting our children, staff and families whilst providing the best possible education, wider learning experiences, and life opportunities that we can for all – please read and follow it to help me in keeping everyone as safe as possible.*

To be reviewed in October 2020. Lucinda Duffy.

The School will:

- ✓ Care for your child's happiness and ensure their safety and mental health is a priority.
- ✓ Be open for all pupils from September 2020 (subject to any enforced lockdowns or new government guidelines that are out of our control)
- ✓ Reinstate school timings for all pupils for 9am - 3.15pm so that pupils benefit from the full school day.
- ✓ Support pupils in understanding the changes that they are likely to encounter at school, and support pupils with unplanned changes as they occur.
- ✓ Support pupils and families who have particular anxieties around returning to school by offering a two week personalised phased plan (with the aim of all pupils having returned to school full-time by Monday 21st September, unless they have written instructions from a clinician that state otherwise.
- ✓ Ensure that a suitably trained member of staff is onsite to meet individual pupils' needs, or tell you that we are unable to safely support them.
- ✓ Be honest with you that Social Distancing is impossible in our school and with our pupils - we will, however, consider how to utilise the space in classrooms in the best way possible, and keep children within their identified bubbles.
- ✓ Share with you that pupils will be predominantly based in their classrooms, but for lunchtime in the hall, activities outside, and where a specific activity will be particularly beneficial to pupils to meet their individual needs (such as 'Ready to Learn') they will as far as possible only mix with pupils in their 'bubbles' as identified: Bubble A (Class 1, 2 & 3), Bubble B (Class 4, 5 & 6), Bubble C (Class 7, 8 & 9) and Bubble D (Class 10, 11 & 12.)
- ✓ Ensure that pupils are collected from transport (including family cars) in a managed way, by a member of staff supporting their bubble, to try to avoid pupils having to wait in vehicles for too long and to reduce the amount of people walking around at the same time.
- ✓ Ensure that no non-essential visitor, parent or carer comes into the school building unless it is absolutely necessary. We absolutely want to stay in touch with parents and carers, but we would request that you use email and phone where possible in the first instance.
- ✓ Ensure that there are thorough cleaning procedures in place as required throughout the day, and by the cleaning team at the end of each day.
- ✓ Ensure that there is regular hand washing for all pupils and adults within the school setting.
- ✓ Keep you informed about general school matters through regular letters home, newsletters, school website and notices about any changes to policy and guidance from the Department for Education, or the Local Authority.
- ✓ Send any urgent messages to you via (as appropriate) Telephone, Parent Mail or Social Media.
- ✓ Respond to parental questions or concerns which are shared via the home/school book, telephone call or emails to school as soon as possible.
- ✓ Provide learning opportunities linked to a broad and balanced curriculum for all pupils, including any pupils who must continue with home-based learning under

the instructions of a clinician

- ✓ Provide hot dinner lunch options for pupils on site who fall under the Free School Meal scheme, or whose parents pay for this.
- ✓ Be honest with you if we are unable to safely staff school, or an individual class, due to staff absence.
- ✓ Adopt Warrington Borough Council risk assessments templates, for health & safety within our school buildings and grounds, and ensure that these are read, understood and followed by our staff.
- ✓ Follow government guidance around PPE (Personal Protection Equipment) but allow staff to make personal decisions on the wearing of personal face coverings.
- ✓ Continue to follow Behaviour plans and all Behaviour plans will be reviewed, amended and sent home for signing during the Autumn term. Staff will wear PPE where required when supporting challenging behaviours.
- ✓ Support pupils who are exhibiting challenging behaviour by reflecting on challenges faced, adapting strategies, and seeking advice and support from external professionals.
- ✓ Ensure that any behaviours which could compromise the safety of pupils and staff are openly and quickly addressed with a multi-disciplinary team of professionals and Local Authority representation, to seek more appropriate support for all.
- ✓ Minimise movement around school, including staggering break times and lunchtimes.
- ✓ Mark where classes should stand in the event of a fire drill, ensuring that groups are spaced apart.
- ✓ Plan and lead all non-essential gatherings of staff and pupils, including assemblies and meetings, in smaller groups.
- ✓ Cancel offsite activities which occur beyond Woolston Learning Village.
- ✓ Cancel hydrotherapy and swimming lessons, due to the potential risks, but give consideration to the physical benefits that pupils get from these sessions and look to create these in different ways.
- ✓ Support therapeutic input and programmes for pupils, including enabling NHS Bridgewater Therapists to safely access school and work with pupils.
- ✓ Continue with Music input, which we know is so important for our pupils, but actively avoid and discourage singing and any wind instruments.

Parents/Guardians agree that they will:

- ✓ Ensure that my child attends school regularly from September 2020 unless they have COVID-19 symptoms, are otherwise unwell, have written advice from a clinician that they are not to attend school, or have a specific agreement with the Headteacher due to exceptional circumstances.
- ✓ Contact school and request to speak to (or have a return call from) a member of the Class Team if I wish to request a personalised phased return to school for the first two weeks of the school term, and ensure that any agreed

arrangements are shared with the Passenger Transport Team so that they know what is planned in advance.

- ✓ Only send my child into school if they are well and not exhibiting any symptoms related to COVID-19.
- ✓ Ensure that if my child has a temperature or is displaying any of the symptoms related to COVID-19, they will self-isolate for 14 days or until COVID-19 test results show a negative result. School must be informed and kept updated as soon as possible.
- ✓ Ensure that - if a member of our household develops COVID-19 symptoms - I will notify school and my child will self-isolate for 14 days or until COVID-19 test results show a negative result. School must be informed and kept updated as soon as possible.
- ✓ Send my child into school wearing School Uniform where possible and talk to my child's class team if I need support with this.
- ✓ Contact Passenger Transport Team at Warrington Borough Council if my child usually has transport, and I want them to access this. I will direct any questions around transport to this team.
- ✓ Ensure that my child is ready when their transport arrives to take them to school.
- ✓ Remain in my car if I need to drop off and pick up, waiting for a member of staff to arrive.
- ✓ Maintain the 2 metre social distancing measures when on Woolston Learning Village.
- ✓ Ensure that my child arrives at school on time, and leaves school on time, to enable my child to benefit from all elements of the school day.
- ✓ Not come to the school office for any purpose other than if called by school to collect my child.
- ✓ Communicate with school staff if I have any concerns or have messages regarding my child, via the home/school book, telephone or email.
- ✓ Phone school by 8.30am if my child should be attending school, but will not be coming in.
- ✓ Ensure that my child and I follow the social distancing and other guidelines in relation to Covid-19 as set out by the Government.
- ✓ Read all information sent from school via letter, email or on the website/social media, and act upon its content.
- ✓ Ensure that I am contactable and have arrangements in place so that I can collect my child should they become ill during the school day.
- ✓ Look at the menu provided, pay for school lunches if appropriate, or provide my child with their own packed lunch.
- ✓ Provide any additional snacks that I want my child to have access to during the school day.
- ✓ Read, openly discuss with staff (as necessary), sign and return my child's Behaviour Plan, IEP or any other important document to school
- ✓ Not arrange for any external agencies/staff to visit my child at Fox Wood, without seeking permission for this from school staff.