



Greenfield Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and wish you all a Happy New Year. We are looking forward to this next term together but know this will be another challenging time in which circumstances may change regularly. Our priority continues to be to keep children, parents and staff safe whilst at school and whilst still delivering a broad and engaging curriculum.

We are sure you have all heard the many updates on Covid-19 during the holidays, including our recent move into tier 4, the new variant which is thought to spread more easily and the rapid rise in positive cases. We therefore want to highlight some new measures we have now put into place and also reiterate some of the existing measures we already have in place to minimise the potential spread of Covid-19 whilst on school grounds.

We ask that face coverings are now worn whenever you enter the school site, staff will also be wearing masks as they collect and hand over your children at the start and end of the day. Please ensure you adhere to 2m social distancing whilst on school grounds.

Drop off and pick up times will remain the same to continue to allow a window in order to further minimise congregation of families on the playground and congestion around the school site. Please do not arrive before or after your child's allocated window, there is 10 minutes in which to drop off and pick up your child and we would like to stress that families do not all turn up at the earliest time and cause congestion in the playground or along walkways. We also remind parents that we are operating a one parent policy to reduce numbers on site.

Many children in years 5 and 6 have been turning up much earlier than their time slot and this has caused congestion at the back of school, large gatherings and mixing of bubbles. Please do not allow your children to enter the school site before 9:00am if they are in KS2.

For those families with children in both KS1 and KS2 we recommend that you drop off your child in KS1 at 8:55am and your KS2 child at 9:00am to limit any waiting around. Alternatively, there is a breakfast club which starts at 8:45am for any KS2 children. Here your child will be provided with something to eat and drink at a cost of £1.50 per day. Please contact the main office to book a place at the breakfast club.

After school sports clubs ran by Oldham sports development have now been reduced to one class per club and will now be ran on a half termly basis. You should have received a letter about these clubs at the end of last term.

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Please keep up-to-date with all home learning and homework through Purple Mash. All children are sent an email every week detailing what homework has been set each week. In case of any class closures, or whole school closure all information regarding home learning will also be sent through Purple Mash.

If we are informed in the coming days or weeks that school is to close for the majority of the children, then home learning will continue through Purple Mash. Children of Key Workers and those classed as vulnerable will be able to access school during a full school closure. You will receive another letter today to complete and return by noon on Wednesday 6th January in order for us to be prepared in case the government decide to close primary schools and you feel you fall into either of these categories. Many different websites and online learning platforms will be used for home learning but communication about these will all be done through emails on Purple Mash. We are also hoping to be able to use Microsoft Teams for some year groups. More information about this will follow if schools are informed to move to online learning.

Please remember to keep school informed of any positive cases in your household and ensure that you do not send your child into school if they or any people they have had contact with are showing any symptoms. Children must stay off school whilst tests are carried out and results are being processed for both themselves and any people they have been in contact with. You may return immediately once a negative test result has been received.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best Wishes and Take Care.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Wood
Headteacher