



# The Anchor News

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# Learning for Life, Anchored in Christ

Our values focus this half term is

**Courage**



Hi Everyone,

We are looking forward to welcoming you all back to school next week. All safety measures for full re-opening have been checked and completed, and the staff are busy planning lots of creative and collaborative lessons, topics and projects to excite and engage the pupils. Our priority when the pupils return will be safety, well-being and emotional health. We will be doing everything we can to make them feel safe, happy and confident.

You will find specific details of our updated risk assessments on the school website—section: Information for Parents— Covid Measures & remote education.

Your class teacher made phone calls and hosted a live discussion session on Teams during this week where they shared key information and answered any queries/concerns you may have had. If you missed this session, there is an overview on this newsletter and a Parent information leaflet will sent home on Monday 8th.

We will be trialling new entrance gates as follows:

**EYFS** –9.00-3.30 Upper Stuart Street,

**KS 1**– 9.00-3.30 Lower Stuart Street ( by Yr1 classroom) ,

**Y3 & 5** -8.45-3.15 Butlin Street main gate

**Y4 & 6** 8.45-3.15 Butlin Street Playground (MUGA) gate.

There will be clear signage and staff available to guide and support a smooth return. The success of the newly allocated gates and assigned times will be dependent upon our responsibility and prioritization of the safety of pupils and their families.

Have a lovely weekend, see you Monday. Miss Shryane.

**Government Guidance– From 8 March all children and students should return to school or college and attendance will be mandatory once again from this date.** Mandatory attendance means that it is your legal duty as a parent to send your child (if they are of compulsory school age) to school regularly if they are registered at one. If you have concerns about your child attending, you should discuss these with your school or college. They should be able to explain ways they are changing things to reduce risks. If your child is confirmed as clinically extremely vulnerable, they are advised not to attend school or college until further notice. Find out more on [shielding and protecting people who are clinically extremely vulnerable from coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#).

The [Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health](#) has made clear that the overwhelming majority of children and young people still have no symptoms or very mild illness only. Returning to school or college is also vital for their educational progress, for their wellbeing, and for their wider development. To continue to manage the risks, schools will continue to implement the range of [protective measures](#) that they have been using throughout the autumn term. We have further strengthened these measures to help decrease the disruption the virus causes to education. Current evidence suggests that these measures are still the right ones to take. Adults (including staff and visitors) will wear face coverings in situations where social distancing between adults is not possible. They will therefore ask you and other visitors to use face coverings if you come on site.

Staff will be taking part in the asymptomatic testing programme to help reduce transmission of the virus and keep everyone safe. PHE has advised there are currently limited public health benefits attached to testing primary pupils with LFDs.

Nurseries, childminders, schools and colleges will take swift action when they become aware that someone who has attended has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19).

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## Safeguarding:



### Support for children and parents

Online resources to help you support your child with mental health and wellbeing, including:  
[MindEd](#) - a free educational resource on children and young people's mental health

[Every Mind Matters](#) - an online tool and email journey to support everyone in taking action to look after their mental health and wellbeing

[Bereavement UK](#) and the [Childhood Bereavement Network](#) - information and resources to support bereaved pupils, schools and staff

PHE's [advice and guidance for parents and professionals on supporting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing](#) includes key actions you can take to support your child. It also emphasises the importance of children continuing to remain fit and active and, wherever possible, having the recommended 60 minutes of daily physical activity. Youth Sport Trust and [Sport England](#) have advice and support on helping children and young people stay physically active.

### Support for children and young people

Get free, confidential support at any time by:

texting SHOUT to 85258

calling Childline on 0800 1111

calling the Mix on 0808 808 4994

Find help online through:

[Young Minds](#) - information on coronavirus (COVID-19) and mental health

[Think Ninja](#) - a free app for 10 to 18 year olds to help build resilience and stay well

[Every Mind Matters](#) - building resilience and supporting good mental health in young people aged 10 to 16

PHE has also launched new [e-learning which can help parents and carers](#) to support their children and young people in emergency or crisis situations.

Barnardo's [See, Hear, Respond service](#), provides support to children, young people and their families who are not currently seeing a social worker or other agency, and who are struggling to cope with the emotional impacts of coronavirus (COVID-19). Use the See, Hear, Respond self-referral webpage or Freephone 0800 151 7015.

## Actions you should take on return to school

Do not send your child to their nursery, childminder, school or college if:  
they are showing one or more [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms](#)  
someone in their household is showing symptoms  
someone in their support bubble has symptoms and they have been in close contact with them since the symptoms started or during the 48 hours before they started

they or someone in their household has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)

they are required to [quarantine having recently visited a red list travel ban country](#)

[Book a test](#) if you or your child develop symptoms. Inform your nursery, childminder, school or college of the results.

If the test is positive, follow guidance for [households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#), and engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.

Other household members (including any siblings) should self-isolate from the day your child's symptoms started (or the day they took a test if they did not have symptoms), and the next 10 full days.

If your child or someone in your household has tested positive while not experiencing symptoms but develops symptoms during the isolation period, they should restart the 10 day isolation period from the day they developed symptoms. Your child does not need a test if they: have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell, but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

are advised to self-isolate because they have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), for example, another pupil in their class, but are not showing symptoms themselves.

**Please help schools to create the safest possible environment by following this advice and the wider public health advice and guidance.**

We ask that parents wear masks whilst waiting at the gates and adhere to social distancing guidelines.



On return to school, pupils should wear school uniform and bring only essential items into school. **They should bring their lunchbox with them in the morning.**

Any loaned devices should be return to school on Monday so they can be cleaned and cleared ready for further use.



## UNICEF Rights of the Child

### Article 28: (right to education)

Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free and different forms of secondary education must be available to every child. Discipline in schools must respect children's dignity and their rights. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.



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## **An overview of what we are doing to limit risk of infection in school :**

Following all Government, PHE and Trust guidance.

Modelling and promoting social distancing.

Timetabling and supporting when necessary, handwashing throughout the day.

Following PHE advice on Covid symptoms and Test & Trace.

Making isolation rooms available & access to PPE.

Staggering entrances and start & finish times.

Staggering lunch and break times with separate play areas for classes.

Keeping pupils in class bubbles.

Enhanced cleaning in all areas including the lunch hall, used resources and throughout the day in frequently used areas such as door handles and toilets.

Asking for pupils to bring only essentials into school. Dinner money should be handed to a member of staff on gate duty, in a an envelope. Lunch boxes should be sent in with the child in the morning. We cannot accommodate people bringing them through the morning.

Teaching pupils about hygiene and health matters.

Ensuring supplies of tissues, paper towels, hand-wash and sanitizer are kept fully stocked in classrooms and around school.

Arranging classroom furniture to face in one direction so pupils are not face to face. Providing individual stationary for pupils.

Ensuring good ventilation by keeping classroom doors and windows open.

Providing clear signage around school to promote 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' message.

Staff wearing mask around school except for in classrooms. No staff gathering- meetings via Teams.

Staff participating in twice weekly Lateral Flow Device Testing and reporting results to Test and Trace as well as school.

Limiting visitors on site. Parents will not be allowed on site without an appointment.

We know we can count on our families to support us in the effort to keep everyone safe and school open , by following the Government guidelines and social distancing measures.

For further information, see our full risk assessment on the website.

# COVID-19 is still with us

## Advice for parents



If your child has symptoms, OR

If anyone in your child's household shows symptoms...



cough / temperature / loss  
of taste or smell



- ✓ Do inform school immediately
- ✗ Do not send your child to school
- ✓ Do get a test as soon as possible
- ✓ Do follow government guidelines regarding isolation

If your child shows symptoms whilst they are at school...



cough / temperature / loss  
of taste or smell



- Your child will be isolated immediately
- School will contact you to ask that you collect your child
- ✓ Do get a test as soon as possible
- ✓ Do follow government guidelines regarding isolation

For up-to-date information on COVID-19 please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

### Belongings

- ✓ Keep belongings to a minimum
- ✓ Follow school guidance on what your child can bring to school

### At School

- ✓ Follow social distancing rules at all times
- ✓ Follow all school guidance



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