

# Ipsley CE RSA Academy's September return to school guidance

Please read this guide through carefully with your child. We will also provide you with a printed copy if your child returns to school. It explains lots of the ways that we will be keeping pupils and staff safe during our phased return.

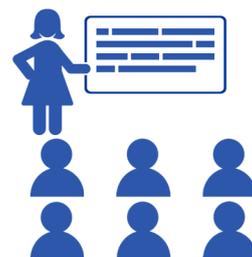
## How will we keep pupils and staff safe as we return to school?

- Following positive feedback from parents and carers last year, we have decided to carry on with some of the changes we made last year.
- Pupils will no longer need to arrive to school at different times. They should all arrive in time for 8.30 to begin the school day, and will leave at 3.15.
- Pupils should no longer wear face coverings in classrooms but may choose to wear these around the school site if they wish.
- Pupils in KS3 are encouraged to participate in our LFD testing programme twice per week. Please contact the school to register for this. Tests can be ordered online for children in KS2 if you wish.



## What will happen in lessons?

- Across the school day, we will be asking all staff and pupils to continue to clean their hands much more than usual.
- Classrooms will be ventilated to ensure that there is a flow of air throughout the school day.
- Pupils will remain in consistent classes. This means that the pupils in each group will be the same for all of their lessons.
- Pupils will come to school wearing their PE kit on PE days (twice a week). This means that they won't need to get changed during the school day.
- Pupils will continue to use the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach to reduce any risk of illness spreading.
- Pupils should bring their own equipment to school every day.
- There will be extra cleaning taking place across the school day, especially of touch points in classrooms such as door handles.



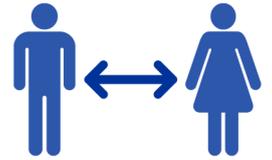
## What will happen during the rest of the school day?

- Pupils will eat their lunch in separate year groups.
- Pupils will move around the school following one way systems.
- Pupils will only have assemblies with their own year group.
- There will be extra cleaning taking place around the school across the school day, especially of touch points such as door handles.
- There will be extra hand sanitiser points around the school site so that pupils can regularly clean their hands.
- Pupils can choose to wear face coverings in communal areas if they wish.



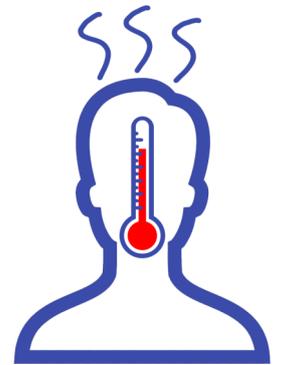
## What about parents, carers and visitors?

- Parents and carers should not come onto the school site unless they have a pre-arranged appointment or need to drop something off at reception (for example, a forgotten lunchbox).
- Parents, carers and visitors will be asked to clean their hands on arrival, and should not come to site if they have any symptoms or a confirmed case of coronavirus.
- Some social distancing measures will remain in place when parents, carers and visitors are in school.
- Parents should not congregate immediately outside the school gates so that all pupils can make a safe and orderly exit from the school at the end of the day.



## When should my child isolate?

- Your child should isolate if they develop symptoms of coronavirus. This includes a temperature above 37.8 degrees, a dry and persistent cough or a change to/loss of their sense of taste or smell. You should book them a PCR test as soon as possible. Pupils will be able to access learning from home.
- Your child should isolate if they receive a positive coronavirus test result. NHS Test and Trace will tell you how long your child needs to isolate for. If this result came from an LFD test, pupils should then take a PCR test to confirm the result. Pupils will be able to access learning from home.
- Your child does not need to isolate if they have been near somebody with coronavirus or if anybody else in your household develops coronavirus, unless they develop any symptoms. They should come to school as normal, but we would strongly advise that they take a PCR test outside of school hours to confirm that they are negative. Pupils may also choose to take an LFD test before coming to school in these circumstances. These can be ordered online.



## How can my child access learning from home?

- If your child is required to isolate, but is well enough to engage with learning, then we will provide learning from home for them.
- Learning from home will take place on Teams. You should contact the school as soon as you know that your child is going to need to isolate so that we can ensure that you have access.
- Pupils can message their teachers during the school day on ePraise for support. Remember, though, that teachers are usually working with pupils during the school day so many not be able to respond straight away!
- We may be able to provide a laptop for your child if they do not have access to one at home.
- If you are eligible for free school meals and would like a food hamper for your child while they are isolating, contact the school office.