

Parent Information – January 2021

Covid-19



Information for Parents

Dear Parents/carers,

This pack will provide you with information on our operating procedure from January 2021.

Should you wish to ask any questions, please email the school on admin@mpsplymouth.net

As always, keeping everyone safe is our priority at school. To help keep everyone in school as safe as possible, please read the following information:

- We are operating in year group bubbles. Children will be based within a class in their current year group and will be taught by a member of that year group's team wherever possible. The current protocols for keeping year group bubbles separate will remain in place.
- Breakfast club will be operating in the same way as it has been in the autumn term. If you haven't used breakfast club before and would like to, please email admin@mpsplymouth.net
- If you provide a packed lunch from home, it is important that your child is able to independently open packages, peel their fruit and open lids etc. An adult in school will not be able to do this.
- If your child is entitled to benefit-related free school meals or are in Foundation, Year 1 or Year 2, they can continue to receive free school meals.
- Paid for school meals will be available, but the menu may be limited at times– more information on this to follow.
- Children to wear their school uniform to school. Children will continue to have PE on their designated day so please can children continue to wear their PE kit on their PE day – these are the same days as the autumn term.
- Please provide a bottle of drink (water) every day for your child.
- Your child does not need to bring in any items from home – these include pencil cases, toys and bags.
- If you wish to contact a member of staff, please use class email address or phone/email the office. Do not come to the school doors or office with your query. This is so that we can keep the number of people within the building at a minimum.

Keeping safe

Keeping as safe as possible continues to be a priority. We will continue to follow the hands, face and space guidance in school. In order to help keep everyone as safe as possible, please continue with the following:

What to do if...	Action needed...	Return to school...
...my child has COVID-19 symptoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High temperature • New continuous cough • Loss or change to sense of smell and taste 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your child must not attend school, report this absence by calling 01752216160 • Whole household must self-isolate for 10 days • Book a test for your child • Inform school immediately about test results 	...when your child's test comes back negative.
...my child tests positive for COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your child must not attend school, report this absence by calling 01752216160 • Your child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms) • Inform school immediately about test results • Whole household self-isolates for 10 days from the day when symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms) – even if someone tests negative during those 10 days. 	...after 10 days isolation, when your child feels better and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours. Your child can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.
... my child tests negative for COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact the school and discuss when your child can return. 	...the negative test has been received and your child is feeling well.
...my child is ill with symptoms not linked to COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow usual absence procedures by calling 01752216160 	...when well enough. If due to sickness/diarrhoea, 48 hours after the last bout.
...somebody in my household has COVID-19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your child must not attend school, report this absence by calling 01752216160 • Household member with symptoms should book a test • Whole household must self-isolate for 10 days while waiting for test result • Inform school immediately about test results 	...when household members' test is negative, and your child does not have COVID-19 symptoms. Or, once the 10 days self-isolation period has ended.
...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your child must not attend school, report this absence by calling 01752216160 • Whole household self-isolates for 10 days from the day when symptoms started (or from day of test if no 	...when your child has completed 10 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 10 days

	symptoms) – even if someone tests negative during those 10 days.	
...NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms of confirmed COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your child must not attend school Your child self-isolates for 10 days (as advised by NHS test and Trace) – even if they test negative during those 10 days Rest of household do not need to self-isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' too 	...when your child has completed 10 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 10 days
...we/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not take unauthorised leave in term time Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel Provide information to school as per attendance policy <p>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your child should not attend school Whole household self-isolates for 10-days – even if they test negative during those 10 days 	...when the quarantine period of 10 days has been completed for the child, even if the test negative during the 10 days
...we have received advice from a medical/official source that my child must resume shielding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your child should not attend school Contact school as advised by attendance officer/pastoral team Your child should shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again. 	...when school/other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again
...My child's bubble is closed due to a COVID-19 outbreak in school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your child must not attend school Your child self-isolates for 10 days (as advised by Local Health Protection team). 	...when your child has completed 10 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 10 days

Drop off and pick up

During this time, please make sure you wear a face covering; unless you are exempt, and practice 2m social distancing. The following times for the drop off and collection of your child/children. If in the autumn term you had discussed changing the times with a member of staff, stick to the time that suited you best.

A-G Surname	8:30 start	15:00 finish
H-Q Surname	8:40 start	15:10 finish
R-Z Surname	8:50 start	15:20 finish

Please arrive at the time that correlates with your child's surname and not before - the school gates will be open from 8:20 each morning and 14:50 each afternoon. Children from Years 5 and 6 have the option to walk home without an adult but we will need consent for this to take place – if you require a letter, please contact the office on admin@mpsplymouth.net

Primary School Map of Entrances and Exits



Please note the colour of the access points on the map. For example, if your child's bubble is based in 1M, you would note the colour of the 1M classroom box and then the entrance/exit box. This matches the gate you should enter and exit.

