

# Home School Agreement

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## **Covid 19 appendix**

### **Covid-19 Home/School Agreement**

You will need to agree to this by responding via email before your child returns to school.

#### **School**

The school will do its best to:

- Provide an environment which has been risk assessed in response to the COVID-19 infection and make this assessment available to parents/carers;
- Adhere to the social distancing rules as set out by the government as much as we reasonably can, both in and out of school;
- Provide a curriculum that meets the needs of your child's well-being, mental health and academic needs;
- Contact parents/carers if their child displays symptoms of COVID-19;
- Inform you if staff or children in your child's 'bubble' show symptoms of COVID-19 or is confirmed as having COVID-19 as in Managing a suspected case policy;
- Continue our clear and consistent approach to rewards and sanctions for children as set out in the Behaviour Policy as well as the expectations outlined in this agreement;
- Communicate between home and school through notices, newsletters, text, email and the school website.

#### **Parent/Carer**

To help my child at school, I know and understand that:

- School has put in measures to mitigate risks, however I know that they cannot eliminate risks of my child contracting COVID-19;
- If my child, or anyone in my household, shows symptoms of COVID-19, I will inform school immediately and not send them to school. We will self-isolate for 14 days as a family and I will get them tested and let the school know the outcome as soon as possible via telephone;
- If my child, or another child in the 'bubble', shows symptoms of COVID-19 at school, I will have to leave work / what I am doing to collect my child from school immediately;
- When dropping my child off and picking them up, I will adhere to the 2 metre social distancing rules;
- The school office is closed and I am not allowed into school so all communication will be via phone or email;
- I will be on time when dropping off and picking up;
- If I am late dropping off my child they will not be able to attend school that day;

- If I am late picking up my child, I will have to wait until all other children in all bubbles have been collected;
- I will ensure that only one parent/carer will drop off and pick up immediately outside the gate;
- My child will not bring any items into school with them other than a named water bottle and packed lunch if required;
- My child may have their temperature taken on arrival and during the day if they feel or present as being unwell;
- If my child has a condition that means they are excessively coughing/sneezing I will not send them in;
- I will remind my child about social distancing rules but accept they are difficult to follow and I understand that my child may not always achieve this successfully;
- I will teach my child how to wash their hands properly;
- I will remind my child about the importance of “Catch it”, “Bin it” and “Kill it” for coughing and sneezing;
- I will not be allowed into the school without a pre- arranged appointment;
- I need to support all staff in their efforts to create an ‘as safe as possible’ environment;
- I will read all letters/messages/emails that are sent home;
- I will provide up to date emergency contacts details (email, mobiles and other emergency contacts);
- If my child persistently breaches the measures that have been put in place by the school to mitigate the risks of COVID-19 e.g. threatens the integrity of the bubble system or repeatedly ignores social distancing, health and safety instructions, he/she will be sent home as per behavior policy. They will only return to school when an individual risk assessment has been completed and they can safely adhere to these rules;
- I understand that if my child is unwell at school, she/he will be immediately isolated from other children and staff;
- I will explain to my child that if they are ill, they will be isolated in the hall, will be expected to wear a mask and staff will have to wear PPE. This is to help prepare them should this situation arise;
- If I change my mind about sending my child to school at this time due to a change in circumstances or my level of concern over the risk of COVID-19 infection, I will inform the school immediately and not send them to school.

### **Child**

I will do my best to:

- Follow the social distancing rules around all areas of the school and in the playground
- Tell an adult if I feel unwell
- Not bring things into school from home, or take things home from school
- Only use the equipment provided to me by school
- Only mix with the children in my ‘bubble’
- Only enter and exit the school building from the designated gate I have been given
- When coughing and sneezing use “Catch it”, “Bin it” and “Kill it”
- Wash hands regularly– use soap and water for 20 seconds/ hand sanitiser
- Behave well at all times to keep myself and others safe
- Follow Stay on Green at all times
- Keep safe by following instructions from my teachers

### **Additional Notes During COVID -19 Crises**

- All children are encouraged to wear school uniform. Where items are too small these should be replaced with sensible alternatives like plain tracksuit bottoms and t-shirts (e.g. school PE kit and school jumper)
- Children must wear comfortable shoes that they can fasten independently as we will use the outdoors as much as possible. If your child cannot tie their own laces / fasten buckles they must not wear these shoes.
- Clothes worn need to be washed daily as per government guidance.
- Children are not to wear facemasks or use hand sanitiser from home, in school
- There will be no breakfast club and afterschool clubs until further notice
- Please refer to schools full risk assessment on the school website for further details.

**Please note that children cannot return to school until we have a record that you and your child agree to all of the above.**

Please cut and paste the following into an email and send to  
admin-office@st-marys.hackney.sch.uk

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I [parent/carer's name] have read this document and agree to all of the contents.

I have shared the relevant section with my child [child's name].

Date [ ]