



Dashwood Banbury Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you know, the government are hoping to open up step 3 of the roadmap to lift restrictions from Monday 17th May. We have made so much progress with keeping infection rates low that we will be taking a very cautious approach to any lifting of restrictions to ensure everyone remains same and well. With this in mind, I thought it pertinent to update you on the guidance that has come out.

The government guidelines remain the same for all overarching control measures set out which include:

1. Minimise **contact** with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school. The **same rules** apply as before, **please do not come on site if anyone in your household is displaying symptoms**. You must book a test for them to take (not a lateral flow test) and your whole household must isolate until the results come in.
2. Ensuring **face coverings** are used in recommended circumstances.
3. **Cleaning hands** thoroughly and more often than usual.
4. Ensuring good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
5. Continuing with **enhanced cleaning**.
6. **Minimising contact** between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible.
7. Keeping occupied spaces well **ventilated**.



What else is the same?

- **Parents** will continue to follow our **one way system and wear masks** on site as social distancing is hard in some areas of the site. The **staggered start and finish times** remain the same also.
- The **timetables**, times of the day and rules around staying in their bubbles, sitting facing the front when working at tables etc. are all the same.
- **Snacks and drinks** – you should continue to provide your child with a healthy snack and a water bottle daily.
- **Assemblies** will continue to run virtually.
- **Attendance** is **compulsory** unless pupils are being asked to self-isolate.
- **Breakfast Club** - signed up for at least the day before and places are plentiful as pupils sit on tables in their year group bubbles.
- **Homework** continues to be set on Seesaw/Tapestry and reading books are sent home regularly. Homework is based on learning in the classroom or pre learning tasks and so it is vital pupils complete this weekly.

Which zone are you in?			
Blue	Green	Yellow	Red
REST AREA ↑	GO	SLOW	STOP
sad	calm	silly/wiggly	mad
tired	ready to learn	frustrated	out of control
sick	happy	hyper	angry
bored	okay	worried	yelling/ hitting

What will be different?

- **After school club** can now take more children however we must continue to ensure we have consistent bubbles. This means we will be offering up to **26 sessions per day in Term 6** and from **3-5.50pm** (we will not start this new groups in Term 5 to ensure we keep the existing consistent bubbles in place). Those on the waiting list will be offered the places available. If you require a place and have not let us know, please call the office and we can add you to the waiting list. Please note, the same children must attend each day for the term so if you are signed up for a day, you must attend and/or pay for the day for



Talk for Writing



the whole term still. Unfortunately we still cannot accept random one off bookings into after school club due to the number of pupils mixing.

Additional information you need to know

- Aim to **walk or scoot/cycle** to school every day. If you have to travel via **public transport**, ensure you read the government's advice to stay safe: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers>
- Ensure you **follow the latest guidelines** in keeping everyone safe. From May 17th, we believe that step 3 of the roadmap will go ahead. You can find out these details at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-spring-2021/covid-19-response-spring-2021-summary>
- You can read the parental **guidance** around schools opening at: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/984850/Guidance_for_parents_and_carers_of_children_attending_out-of-school_settings_during_the_coronavirus_COVID-19_outbreak.pdf

Thank you for your continued support and patience with all the changes we have had to put in place over the period of this pandemic. We are planning sports days, transition days and other events for Term 6 which we will update you on as new guidance comes out. We are aiming for the pupils to have many experiences in Term 6 like they usually would pre-Covid, even if we have to run them slightly differently.

As always, please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns you would like to discuss with us.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Amy Rogers

Principal