

September 2021/22

Pevensey and Westham CE Primary School



This plan summarises the changes to the organisation in the school in-line with the updated government guidance following the reduction in Covid-19 restrictions. The plan is subject to change at any time following review or further government guidance.

A key message from the government to schools is that:

"As COVID-19 becomes a virus that we learn to live with, there is now an imperative to reduce the disruption to children and young people's education - particularly given that the direct clinical risks to children are extremely low, and every adult has been offered a first vaccine and the opportunity for 2 doses by mid-September.

Our priority is for schools to deliver face-to-face, high-quality education to all pupils. The evidence is clear that being out of education causes significant harm to educational attainment, life chances, mental and physical health."

Summary of measures at PaWS:

- Children who test positive for Covid-19 should not attend school.
- If a pupil displays Covid-19 symptoms (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste), we will contact parents/carers to collect.
- **Close contacts, including in the same household, no longer need to isolate if they are a child below the age of 18 or an adult who is fully vaccinated.**
- Children will no longer work in class bubbles. This means that we can resume school worships and there will be increased mixing of pupils at break and lunchtimes.
- Worships will initially be led with only half the school at a time to allow additional space. This will be reviewed during the term.
- Any parents who have had a positive test or who are displaying symptoms of COVID-19, should not attend the school.
- Increased hand washing and use of hand sanitizer will remain.
- The 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach will continue to be encouraged in school to support good respiratory hygiene.
- Areas and equipment will be cleaned regularly with a particular focus on frequently touched surfaces.
- We will increase ventilation in school balancing the need to maintain a comfortable temperature.
- Face masks are no longer required however any parents, staff or visitors may wear a face covering if they wish.
- Staff in school will continue to take an LFD test twice a week until at least the end of September.
- School trips returned in the Summer term and these will continue
- PaWS Xtra breakfast and after school provision will return to running normally. [See here for more information.](#)

Clubs

We will put together our timetable for extra-curricular clubs early in the new term and send out a timetable as soon as possible.

Drop off and Collection

We emailed parents at the end of term to explain the revised systems for drop off and collection for this year. The plan prioritises the safeguarding of our pupils in handing over children to a parent/carer ensuring clear lines of sight. [A copy of the letter can be found here.](#)

Some key points:

- We return to having the single access along the pathway by the church.
- Drop will be from 8.30 with all pupils, except our new Early Years children, being dropped off at the edge of the playground. Familiar staff will be on the playground on the first day children return for younger pupils.
- At collection, children will have a marked out space on the playground to stand as a class. Parents/Carers are asked to queue in class lines. Rather than having a line of children with teachers searching for the correct adult for each child, teachers will hand over the correct children to the adult at the front of the line in a similar approach used last year. Signage will be in place so that you know where to stand.
- Additional staff will be present wearing hi-vis jackets to direct you in the new term as we get used to the new systems.
- We may well have some teething problems at the start of the year. Please be patient with us. These procedures will be reviewed early in September if needed.

Timings:

	Drop off time	Location		Collection Time	Location
Early Years	8.45	In front of old school building		3.05	In front of old school building
Years 1, 2 and 3	By 8.40	Edge of main playground		3.00	On main playground
Years 4, 5 and 6	By 8.45	Edge of main playground		3.05	On main playground

Risk Assessment:

We have revised the school risk assessment for the start of term and are ready to step measures up or down in future depending on local and national circumstances. [Our Risk Assessment can be found here.](#)

Contingency Plans:

Plans are in place to provide high quality remote provision should the need arise. [Our Remote Learning Parent guide and Contingency Plan can be found here.](#)

Further reading

DfE School's Covid-19 Operation Guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak>

Stay at home guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

NHS test and trace: what to do if you are contacted

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works#people-who-develop-symptoms-of-coronavirus>

Safe working in education, childcare and children's social care settings, including the use of personal protective equipment (PPE)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safe-working-in-education-childcare-and-childrens-social-care>

Coronavirus (COVID-19): safeguarding in schools, colleges and other providers

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-safeguarding-in-schools-colleges-and-other-providers/coronavirus-covid-19-safeguarding-in-schools-colleges-and-other-providers>

COVID-19: cleaning in non-healthcare settings

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings>

Households and bubbles of pupils, students and staff of schools, nurseries and colleges: get rapid lateral flow tests

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff?utm_source=1%20March%202021%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19