



## Beckingham Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As most of you are now aware, on Saturday evening the Prime Minister informed the nation that, as of Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> December, masks will once more be mandatory in retail and on public transport. On Sunday evening, the Department for Education then emailed all schools with the changes they would like to see take place in schools. This will mean that I plan for us to refer back to the school's Covid-19 Outbreak Management Plan to instil mitigation procedures at Beckingham.

Firstly, all staff, visitors and professionals will need to wear a mask when they are in communal areas - Children will not be required to wear a mask at any point. Teachers will not be required to wear a mask while teaching, however if they choose to I will support their personal decision. I will be limiting the amount of un-necessary visitors into school and any visitors to school will be asked to show proof of a negative LFD result on the morning of their visit.

A number of minor changes will be reintroduced in school. Our children are now comfortable with these and are used to our measures, so they shouldn't be overly concerned at all.

We will continue to ensure good hand hygiene in school and the team continue to be aware of symptoms in order to reduce the transmission of Covid-19. As ever, I look to you as adults for your support with these specific issues and ask you to continue to be aware of the symptoms associated with C-19. Please remember that in children the typical symptoms of a cough, temperature or loss of smell and taste are not always the first signs and that we often see sickness and headaches as a more common first symptom.

As in many other organisations, we may have staff member/s off with the virus and children too. Please may I request that you keep any unwell children home and ensure that they are promptly tested to safeguard the remaining pupils and staff in school.

As advised, most of our measures apply only when indoors. Our playtimes, PE, lunch times and our outdoor Christmas fayre are all likely to remain as planned and at this stage I have no plans, unless the situation worsens, to return to bubbles. With regard to the school's Christmas productions, I will closely monitor the Covid situation/DfE guidance and will review this in a few weeks' time. At this stage, I will look to forgo any assemblies in school until Christmas. We will continue to have our weekly Star of the Week assembly, but this will be celebrated in class and as a school.

All measures are designed to limit any spread and offer our community a degree of cautious protection. Consequently, we hope to ensure that our children receive continuity and that we deliver our curriculum uninterrupted. It's far better that we remain perhaps a little cautious than to see larger swathes of children missing learning opportunities due to illness or isolation.

I thank you for your continued support to ensure we all get to spend a very, Merry Christmas with those we love.

Yours sincerely

Mr. P. Phillips  
Head Teacher

