



# Monkton Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we come to end of the first full week at school I thought it would be a good idea to give you some up to date information regarding how we are endeavouring to keep your children and the whole school community safe whilst we are at school.

1. We are continuing to encourage you to contact us by phone or email wherever possible. Face to face meetings will be held in classrooms or the hall. If meetings must take place in the meeting room, we will ask you and staff to wear masks throughout the meeting.
2. If you need to visit school to pick something up or drop items off, please do not come into the building. I will greet you at the door.
3. We continue to keep all rooms and classrooms well ventilated at all times by keeping all doors open within the main body of the school and opening all classroom windows every day. We have the ability to purge classrooms by creating a "wind tunnel" effect by opening and shutting various large external doors. This is done approximately 4-5 times if needed.
4. The whole school is cleaned thoroughly by our Site staff on a daily basis ensuring all surfaces in classrooms, general areas and washrooms are cleaned. High touch surfaces are also cleaned at the end of the day. The Teaching Assistants and I continue to clean all high touch areas across the whole school at least twice during the course of the school day.
5. All staff continue to ensure that children use hand sanitiser, soap and water and the snuffle stations located in all classrooms. The school is fully stocked with cleaning products, sanitiser, soap, tissues and PPE.
6. Staff continue to Lateral Flow Test twice a week.
7. We are continuing with our staggered start and finish times, together with the on-way system at the beginning and end of the day.
8. Lunch times (including lunch playtimes) are split into upper and lower school sessions.

We will continue to keep the doors and windows open throughout the winter months. Please ensure that your children are dressed in layers so that they can keep warm within the classroom. The children may wear red fleeces over their school jumpers/sweatshirts. These can be purchased from any supplier and do not have to have the school logo on them.

The government will be issuing all schools with CO2 monitors for use in classrooms. The rollout of these has already started with Special Educational Needs schools and units receiving their allocations first. We will let you know when we have received our quota.

Please remember school is no place for ill children. Your child should remain at home until they are feeling better. During the Pandemic please do not send your child to school if they are at all unwell – especially if they have following symptoms: **Runny Nose, Headache, Sneezing, Sore throat, Loss of Smell** as 40% of Covid-19 cases do not have the classic symptoms.

I continue to monitor what the World Health Organisation, Public Health England and the Zoe Covid-19 Study are reporting to ensure that our school emulates the latest advice from the epidemiologists across the world. This ensures that we continually update our practices to ensure the safest environment for the whole school community. This has served us well during the last 18 months; ensuring that our children were able to attend school as much as possible with no pod/class closures. This was and only possible with your support, vigilance and cooperation and we thank you all for your continued support.

Please visit our website to access our Risk Assessment (this is a live document that is periodically updated to reflect the latest changes to policy or our regime).

Kind Regards,

F. A. Webb (Mrs)  
Business Manager

