

# GLENDALE INFANT SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is lovely to welcome your children back for the start of the new school year and to have some return to some sort of normality.

We will continue to work with the Local Authority and Public Health, to ensure we continue to do all that we can to stem the spread of Covid. You are probably already aware of many of the changes that have been brought in since July.

## **GOOD PRACTICE ADVICE**

We are encouraging parents/carers to wear a face covering at drop off and collection times, as the playground and pathways will be busy.

We would also encourage all family members to do the twice-weekly Lateral Flow tests at home, this will help to identify anybody who does not have symptoms.

The advice is, if somebody has any ONE of the main symptoms: a new, continuous cough and/or a high temperature and/or a change to/loss of taste or smell.

We will continue to limit the number of adults inside the school building and continue to hold meetings virtually, for the time being, as far as possible. If you are entering the school building for a pre-planned meeting the expectation is that you will wear a face covering in public areas eg. corridors.

We will send out a diary dates letter, with our full list of events for the academic year. These will however be subject to change or cancellation at short notice, dependent on local and national advice/guidance.

## **REPORTING A CHILD'S POSITIVE TEST RESULT AND ISOLATION**

The responsibility of track and trace has been removed from schools; however we are in the best place to identify potential close contacts. We would therefore ask that you do also report to us a positive test result, should your child have one. We no longer need to close bubbles, but will inform and advise parents to get a PCR test for their child, should they be deemed to be a close contact. If the PCR test is negative, your child can continue to attend school and you are advised to continue with twice-weekly Lateral Flow tests. This advice is the same for children if a member of the household tests positive.

We really hope that we will be able to have families joining in with face-to-face events this year. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please do speak to a member of staff. If you wish to have a private conversation with the class teacher or other staff member, then you can always phone and they can organise to ring you back or if you are collecting your child at the end of the school day, speak to you when all the other parents have left.

Kind regards,



Louise Hopkins (Headteacher)