



St. Catherine's
RC Primary School

COVID-19: Update and Reminders

Friday 18th September 2020

During the first two weeks of this term procedures have been reviewed and updated, as required. This is an overview of current arrangements and expectations.

Reminders about access to school

- ◆ Ensure you maintain an appropriate social distance of 2 metres around the school and church site.
- ◆ Make sure that you keep socially distant from staff—at least 2 metres.
- ◆ Line up in your group line at the beginning and end of the day but make sure you leave plenty of distance between your family and others.
- ◆ Only one parent is able to access the playground to drop off or collect a child.
- ◆ The drop off and collection times have been arranged so most parents do not need to queue twice. For example, if you have a child in Year 1 or 2 (pick up at 3pm) and another in Key Stage 2 (pick up at 3.10pm), come just before 3.10pm and you can pick up both children together.
- ◆ Leave the playground promptly so other parents can be allowed in.
- ◆ Do not engage staff in prolonged conversations at the beginning or end of the school day and always keep 2m distance. Please email the school office if you need to contact a member of staff.



Keeping everyone safe...

Updates:

- ◆ Be aware that there will be vulnerable and anxious parents and grandparents around you waiting to drop off or collect children. Please keep your distance and be aware of others.
- ◆ The exit arrows have been extended to show the route to take when leaving the site. This goes out of the car park entrance so the families do not cross the lines of parents waiting in line to access the playground. Please do not move forward from one arrow or line to the next until the person in front has moved on.
- ◆ Once you have collected your child, make sure you keep them with you and don't allow them run in between other parents queuing.
- ◆ Leave the school and parish site promptly and please do not stop to engage in conversation with other families. The area outside St. Catherine's Church is busy and it is very important that this doesn't become a gathering point. This is in line with the enhanced rules in place in Manchester.



How can you stop COVID-19 (coronavirus) spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser

You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks & sport activities



Before cooking & eating



SCHOOL ETC.
On arrival at any childcare or educational setting



After using the toilet



Before leaving home



Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools

Our procedure if a child presents with symptoms

All our actions are in line with guidance provided Public Health England, the Greater Manchester Contract Tracing Hub and the Local Authority.

Coronavirus cases are increasing across Manchester. Therefore, if you think you or your child, or any member of your household has symptoms of the virus you must stay at home and book a test.

Symptoms of the virus are:

- ◇ High temperature
- ◇ A new continuous cough
- ◇ Loss of the sense of smell or taste



If a child develops any of these symptoms whilst in school:

They will be moved to an isolation area until parents collect them and arrange for a test to be taken. From this point, as a test has not yet been taken, the child will need to self-isolate for 10 days and members of their household must self-isolate for 14 days.

The parents of children in their year group bubble will receive a letter informing them of a suspected case. At this point, other parents do not need to take any action as Department for Education guidance says that all other children should continue to attend school.

Once the test result is confirmed:

- ⇒ **If the test result is negative and the child is no longer displaying symptoms, they can return to school.**
- ⇒ **If the test result is negative but the child is still displaying symptoms, they must continue to isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms.**
- ⇒ **If the test is positive, school will work in partnership with the Greater Manchester Contact Tracing Hub and Public Health England and contact parents accordingly.**

In the event of a positive case in school, this will involve sending those who have been in close contact with the confirmed case home to self-isolate for 14 days, in line with Government guidance. This could include an entire year group or more.

Schools have precise and detailed guidance in place which will be followed in order to keep everyone safe and reduce the risk of having to send multiple year groups home.

Please see the attached leaflet for further detailed guidance.

CORONAVIRUS CASES ARE INCREASING ACROSS MANCHESTER

We can help to stop this by:



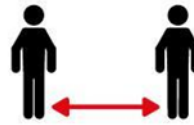
Washing hands often



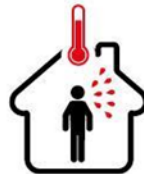
Wearing face coverings



Wiping down surfaces
(handles, doors etc)



Keeping distance
from other people



Staying at home if you think you have the virus (*signs are high temperature, or a new and continuous cough, or loss of smell and taste*) and booking a test.

You can get a test and find out how long to stay home by ringing **119** or logging on to [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)