



## **Guidance for parents on COVID-19 additional measures as of 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

St Cuthbert Mayne wishes to operate as close to normal during as we move into “living with Covid”. As a result our guidance is significantly reduced.

Whether or not your child has a negative LFT test, please continue to follow our guidance on not sending your child to school if:

1. They are unwell;
2. They have any of the symptoms of Covid (temperature above 37.8; persistent cough; loss of taste or smell).

As we learn to live safely with coronavirus (COVID-19), there are actions we can all take to help reduce the risk of catching COVID-19 and passing it on to others. These actions will also help to reduce the spread of other respiratory infections, such as flu, which can spread easily and may cause serious illness in some people.

We will continue with the focus on hygiene including:

- washing hands
- covering your mouth if coughing or sneezing
- cleaning surroundings frequently

Staff and visitors are no longer required to wear masks but are encouraged to do so if they wish.

Staff and visitors are also asked to respect social distancing while we are still at a stage where Covid is very much still in our community.

We welcome the use of lateral flow testing but are not able to require this as they are not easily available and are now charged for.

The school will follow the following guidance and adaptation to measures set out by Public Health England and the Government where appropriate.

The following provides information on the current procedures we have put in place. A full updated Risk Assessment has been carried out by the school and is regularly updated.

- We will keep a staggered end to the school day in order to avoid crowding amongst parents and carers at pick up. Drop off will be in a 10 minute window (gates will normally be opened just before 8.40am – 8.50am). Registration is at 8.55am.

- Absences due to Covid will not be classed as illness.

In the event of a significant rise in numbers the school will liaise with Public Health England and implement our Outbreak Management Plan.

### **Timing of school day**

<b>Pupils arrival time</b>	
<b>Time</b>	<b>Group</b>
8.40am – 8.50am (register 8.55)	All year groups

**Pupils will continue to enter their classrooms through external doors**

<b>Pupil end of day times</b>	
<b>Time</b>	<b>Group</b>
3.15pm	Year 3
3.15pm	Year 4
3.20pm	Year 5
3.20pm	Year 6

### **At drop off:**

- Our usual safeguarding procedures will apply – children will go to a known adult / only Year 6 children with permission to walk home alone will be allowed to.

### **Late arrivals**

**Parents / carers who arrive late and miss their drop off slot will be asked to phone the office to request a member of staff to let them in via the middle gate of the top playground.**

They will need to wait with their child until a staff member becomes available to assist the children into class.

Children should not arrive at the front entrance unless they are significantly late or returning from a medical appointment. **They must be accompanied by an adult.**

### **Pick up**

- **Parents are requested to come into the playground to collect their child.** We want to avoid children negotiating the car park on their own as this is dangerous.
- If using the path from the top gate, do not use the grass bank. *The grass bank is steep and can become very slippery and dangerous when wet and should not be used.*
- Parents of Year 6 children must notify the class teacher in writing in advance if they wish their child to leave on their own. They will exit via the top gate.

### **Other procedures and precautions**

- *Cleaning*

Staff will clean frequently used surfaces throughout the day. The school is cleaned each evening by our school cleaners. Frequently used resources will be cleaned each day throughout the day. We now use a non-toxic but highly effective spray called Pathisol (used by NHS in hospitals to fumigate) in all areas in addition to our other measures.

➤ Hygiene practice

Children and staff will wash their hands/ use hand sanitiser regularly. The hand washing regime will adhere to government guidelines. Hand washing facilities are in each classroom. The children will be reminded to 'Catch it, kill it, bin it' and place tissues in yellow foot-pedal operated bins. The bins have lids and content will be double wrapped for disposal.

➤ First aid/PPE

Children are permitted to wear masks but are not required or advised to do so.

Staff administering first aid will wear PPE when appropriate. Each member of staff has a PPE kit in a named zip wallet – this includes a mask (one use only), apron, gloves and reusable plastic shield to wear if necessary. 3-ply masks are available to all staff as necessary.

➤ Breakfast club

Breakfast club will operate as normal. Registration (for new users) and booking is essential via our online system. Breakfast Club starts at 7.55 (gates open at 7.50). Children will go straight to class from Breakfast Club at 8.45.

The gate will be open until 8.15 after which you need to phone 07526076963 to be let in by Breakfast Club staff at the middle gate.

St Cuthbert Mayne will be open to collections of after school care providers; namely The Good Shepherd. Children will wait to be collected from St Cuthbert Mayne in the assigned area.

➤ Clothing and equipment

Children need to wear school uniform to school including plimsolls. Ensure all items are clearly labelled and that fruit snacks come to school in a disposable bag. School shoes must be appropriate and consistent with our Uniform Policy which is on the school website.

Children will complete physical activities in school wearing their PE kits as usual. PE will usually be outside. Therefore, please ensure that your child has their PE kit including a school tracksuit (see you uniform policy if purchasing new). All kit must be labelled.