

# Guidance for parents and pupils to support returning to school: COVID-19

**To help keep you, your child and everyone else safe, the following measures have been put into place.**

*If your child is bringing their own lunch please make sure they can open all items by themselves. Have a practise at home first.*

*Apart from FS2, lunch will be eaten in the classrooms. When eating your lunch in the classroom, you will need to stay at your desk.*

*If your child requires a school lunch you must go onto ParentPay to book this*

*Bring your own, labelled water bottle, already full with water.*

*Your own pencils and resources will be given to you, you do not need to bring in any from home.*

*You will be able to play outside with your friends in your year group but you must try really hard not to touch your friends and not to share any of your snacks with them.*

*Desks will be forward facing (this is different for FS2), and you need to stay at your desk at all times, unless told otherwise by a grown-up in school.*

*Movement around the school is restricted and you must ask your grown-up before moving away from your desk.*

*Some adults will have their own marked off space, which you are to stay out of. This is to help keep them safe.*

*Ensure you regularly and carefully wash your hands, for 20 seconds, following the signs. You must wash your hands whenever you are asked to do so. We will also be using hand gel which you must rub all over your hands when you put it on.*

*At break and lunch times you will have a zone to play in with your year group. You must stay in your zone.*

*Any adults who are dropping you off or picking you up from school will not be able to come into school with you, you will have to be super grown up and come in by yourself. You will have a special drop off and pick up point for your year group.*

*If you need to see a grown-up in school on your own, or if you are hurt, they may sometimes wear a mask and have gloves on. This is ok and it is to keep you both safe.*

*Bring in labelled coats and shoes that you can easily do up yourselves. Grown-ups in school will not always be able to help you.*

*Only 1 child at a time will be allowed to go to the toilet. Toilets will have a sign on to show you which one you can use, if you're not sure an adult in school can help show you.*

*School may feel a little different to normal, and your grown-up in school will talk to you about this when you come back.*

*To start with you will not be able to bring your bike or scooter to school.*



## **Parents/Carers**

- 🌍 Specific areas have been given to each year group for drop off and pick up points. Please respect other parents, staff and children when entering the site and remain socially distanced.
- 🌍 If you arrive at school after 8.45a.m. you must walk your child round to the school's main entrance as all other doors will be shut at 8.45a.m.
- 🌍 Parents must supervise their own children, keeping them with them at all times. Any school equipment such as the castle, benches, adventure zone must not be used before and after school. The gates will not be opened early and children will not be able to play/hang around before or after school.
- 🌍 Parents should arrange for only one adult to bring their child to school.
- 🌍 You must pick your child up on time at the end of the school day, we cannot guarantee social distancing if you are late to pick your child up and this could have further consequences.
- 🌍 Where possible communication should continue to be through phone or email.
- 🌍 Please talk to your children about what returning to school means for them. If you or they have any anxieties, please let us know and we will talk to them about this.
- 🌍 If your child has a temperature, new or persistent cough or any other symptoms that may be associated with COVID-19, DO NOT send them to school. If we ring you to ask you to collect your child as they are displaying symptoms you must collect them immediately and take them and family members to be tested. You must inform the school of the results before your child will be allowed back into school.

## **Ready to Return Checklist:**

- 🌍 Check which entrance/exit your child should be taken to and collected from
- 🌍 Read through the school's social distancing measures and discuss with your children
- 🌍 Have a clearly labelled water bottle and packed lunch box
- 🌍 Practise with younger children using all their pots and wrappers that will be in their lunchboxes
- 🌍 Have coats and shoes that they can dress themselves. Help your child practise being independent
- 🌍 Update the teacher on anything important that has changed since lockdown began. This can be done via email to the school: [admin@ferndale.swindon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ferndale.swindon.sch.uk)
- 🌍 Talk to your children around how they feel about returning to school
- 🌍 Make the return to school as positive as possible try to not to pass any of your anxieties on to your child