

Home School Agreement – Covid-19 Addendum

Introduction

During times of hardship, it is of utmost importance our school community works together to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our children. This Home School Agreement Addendum provides an update to our existing Home School Agreement and highlights some new commitments we expect parents to make whilst also summarising the additional action the school will make during this period.

This addendum applies during the period of the school's phased reopening and continued operation until all additional national measures for hygiene and distancing are lifted. Our existing Home School Agreement continues to apply throughout this period.

Our Home School Agreement and this addendum applies to all pupils currently attending Meadow Park Academy school, including those for whom the attendance is temporary due to Covid-19.

Parents agree to:

- Abide by government guidance as it evolves, including following the rules on social distancing.
- Follow the new pick up and drop off rules set by the school. This includes:
 - Arriving on time and only at the times specified for your child
 - Socially distancing at the school gates and on the journey to and from school: please stay at least 2 metres away from others (please phone if you need to speak to staff)
 - Only one parent/carer at pick up/drop off - if possible, please leave other children at home
- Not send your child into school if he/she is unwell or presents symptoms of Covid-19, including dry cough, sore throat, lack of taste and smell, high temperature, shortage of breath.
- Pick your child up from school as soon as possible if you are informed your child is unwell or presenting any Covid-19 symptoms.
- Ensure your child attends school in freshly washed clothes each day of attendance – this should be school uniform.
- Ensure you and your child (and any other child you need to bring with you) washes their hands properly before attending school.
- Communicate with the school about the attendance of your child on a timely basis.
- Ensure that if you are traveling to school on public transport that you are taking necessary precautions such as wearing gloves and covering mouths etc.

The school has:

- Carried out a detailed Covid-19 Risk Assessment which we will keep under review as matters progress.
- Carried out detailed planning and organisation for the wider reopening, with detailed consideration of government guidance.
- Introduced an enhanced cleaning schedule and introduced new hygiene and hand washing procedures for all staff and pupils.
- Reviewed and updated our Safeguarding procedures.
- Limited class sizes to 10 or less (excluding Keyworker group)
- Planned to increase our use of outside space for teaching and learning.
- Staggered lunch and break times to reduce contact between groups of children and staff.

- Introduced staff to all new rules and procedures and introduced social distancing measures for school staff as well as children. We also carried out a specific employee risk assessment.
- Created a dedicated separate room for anyone with Covid-19 symptoms and put in place detailed procedures for anyone who falls unwell whilst at school.
- Ordered Personal Protective Equipment to be ready for the limited times for when it will need to be used, for example when a person falls unwell with Covid-19 symptoms.
- Organised classrooms so that children can be socially distanced and do not have to share resources
- Ensured that each 'Bubble has their own tissues, hand gel and cleaning products for frequent use throughout the day.

The above list highlights some of the most relevant protective measures we have taken in order make the school as safe a space as possible to care for your children during this time, this list is not exhaustive and the measures taken will continue to adapt and evolve as matters progress.