



Great Bardfield Primary School

Child's name _____ Class _____

Covid-19 HOME-SCHOOL-CHILD AGREEMENT 2020

School Vision Statement

We strive to achieve excellence in everything we do by creating an environment, which is dynamic, inclusive and collaborative, enabling our children to reach their full potential.

Introduction

Since 23rd March 2020 our school has remained open but only to children of key workers and vulnerable children, whilst parents and carers have been asked to manage their child's learning remotely, with the guidance and support of their child's class teacher. In reviewing this arrangement and with regard to DfE and Local Authority guidance, it is now time to begin the phased return of children to Great Bardfield Primary School in a way that is measured, reduces risks and is guided by the direction of the Government and Local Authority. Please be assured that in planning to welcome back pupils into our school, their safety and that of all of our staff, has been our key priority.

Changes for a phased return from 1 June 2020

We will continue to offer places to the priority groups ie: vulnerable children and children of key workers, as we have been doing since 23rd March 2020, but we are now also able to welcome back children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6.

What the school leaders will do (headteacher, senior leaders and governors):

We have carried out a detailed and rigorous risk assessment for a phased return of children. The health and safety of your child is everyone's first priority. We will act in accordance with current government guidance on hygiene (including cleaning) and safe distancing.

The following protective measures are in place:

- access to soap and hot water for frequent washing of hands
- conveniently located hand sanitiser stations
- lidded bins for the safe disposal of used tissues and hand towels
- disposable tissues are available to implement the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach in each classroom

- teaching groups will be isolated from other groups of children as far as possible while they are in school.
- children will have lessons outside as much as possible
- staff will wear face coverings
- children will have a daily, non-invasive temperature check on arrival at school
- UIFSM and FSM children will be offered a packed lunch to minimise the risk of cross contamination in the dining hall, which will be eaten in the classroom or weather permitting, outside

We may need to change our decisions, based on evolving government guidance, as the current situation develops or based on our school context and updates to the risk assessment. The Headteacher, Governors and Senior Leaders will review the Risk Assessment and guidance at least weekly and make any necessary changes. If there is a significant change in school or classroom organisation, the school will review and potentially revise how policies are implemented across the school at this time.

As a school we will:

- continue to follow our safeguarding policies and procedures and take action where concerns are identified
- support children with their emotional health and wellbeing
- work through the hierarchy of measures for implementing protective measures for all which are:
 - avoiding contact with anyone with symptoms
 - frequent hand cleaning and good respiratory hygiene practices
 - regular cleaning of settings
 - minimising contact and mixing
- contact parents/carers and ask them to collect their child should they become unwell
- make decisions about what children will learn (both in school and remotely) and help children to adapt to new school routines and restrictions
- inform parents/carers of developments or changes in provision in as timely a way as possible
- keep in regular contact with parents/carers and ensure they are kept up to date with any changes to the school's provision
- inform parents/carers and children of any modifications that will need to be made to the school's behaviour management policy during this phase of re-opening. This revision will include re-affirming our expectations and any sanctions we will be making if the expectations are not being met.

Where there are pupils with education, health and care (EHC) plans, we will work with the local authority and other external partners to make reasonable endeavours to provide all or some of the provision written in an EHC plan. This may mean that the provision for a child may temporarily differ from what is set out in their EHC plan. This will be reviewed on a monthly basis.

What parents/carers need to do to support your children and the school:

- Work with us to help bring your children back to school. Please communicate regularly with us if you choose to keep your child at home at any time during this phase of re-opening by contacting us on either Seesaw or Tapestry or by contacting the school office at admin@greatbardfield.essex.sch.uk
- It is essential that you inform the school if your child or anyone in your household develops COVID-19 symptoms. **Do not send your child in to school if they have any symptoms of the virus.** Please follow government advice regarding isolating measures to reduce the risk of transmission.
- If we suspect that your child has Covid-19 we will isolate your child in an office and an adult will monitor them through a window-offering reassurance. We will contact you and you must come **immediately** to collect your child.
- If your child is sent home with suspected Covid-19 symptoms you must get your child tested for Covid-19. They will not be allowed to return to school until the school is provided with evidence that the child has been tested and that this test is negative for Covid-19.
- Ensure that we have the most accurate information should there be a need to contact you in an emergency. Please keep mobile phones switched on **at all times**.
- Ensure that the school holds the most up to date medical information for your child and that if your child has a cough, which is not a symptom of Covid-19, that we know about this eg: your child may have asthma.
- Understand that these are challenging times and accept circumstances for providing education in school may vary and change quickly. Your child may not be taught by their usual teacher because of smaller class sizes and staff availability each day.
- Follow all hygiene regulations put in place by school leaders. We ask that parents do not come on to school premises at this time.
- You must carefully follow all the instructions for the staggered dropping off and collection of children for everyone's safety. It is paramount that you are on time at pick up and drop off. If this is regularly not the case it will not be possible to have your child in school.
- You must also follow the distancing arrangements in place for dropping off and collecting children at the start and end of the day. Please follow the 2m queuing system which will be in place outside school.
- If your child is in Reception or Year 1 they are entitled to a free packed lunch which can be ordered in the usual way. The menu has been sent to parents and is available on our website. If your child has Free School Meals they are also entitled to a packed lunch which should be ordered by your child at morning registration.
- Ensure that you have read and understand the guidance for parents document in advance of 1st June and ensure that your child comes to school prepared for their first day back.
- Talk to your child about what school will be like and the differences they will see so that they are not anxious on the first day. Also watch the videos that teachers will post on Tapestry and Seesaw to reassure your child.
- Recognise the need for and support the school with the adaptations and modifications which we have made to the school's behaviour management policy. If we believe that a pupil is deliberately not following the school guidance or is behaving in a way which is compromising the safety of other pupils or adults it may

be decided with parents, that Home Schooling is a better option for your child at this time.

- If for any reason your child is unable to attend school, please notify the school through the usual procedure.
- If you have any concerns about your child/ren or they are displaying symptoms of stress or anxiety, please contact your child's class teacher using Tapestry or Seesaw or by emailing the school office at admin@greatbardfield.essex.sch.uk
- If your child has an EHC plan, please be aware that we may not be able to offer the full range of provision outlined in the plan. We will contact you directly to inform you of the reasonable endeavours we have put in place to provide appropriate support for your child

What children need to do:

- **Children must tell an adult if they feel unwell.**
- Children need to follow any altered routines for arrival, leaving from school and moving around during the school day.
- Children must follow the school's rules on handwashing and using sanitiser, including the use of allocated toilets.
- They must meet the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' expectations.
- Children should follow the rules about sharing equipment and other items-this will be explained to your child on the first day back.
- Children must follow adult instructions on who they can socialise with in class, at breaktimes and lunchtimes and where they can play.
- Children must not share food or drink with others.
- Children must follow the school's rules and expectations to keep them safe both when in school and when working online and using remote learning.

Above all, all children should demonstrate their usual respectful behaviour towards each other and adults. They should try their best to ensure the health and safety of others by following the teacher's instructions to avoid unnecessary contact.

Mrs A Kerrell
Headteacher

Mrs J Tillotson
Chair of Governors

Date _____

Signed Parent _____

Signed Child _____

(If the child is in Reception or Year 1-you may sign on behalf of your child)