



Home School Agreement - September 2021



As our school community, follows the Step 4 government guidance, this moves away from stringent restrictions on everyone's day-to-day lives, towards advising people on how to protect themselves and others, alongside targeted interventions to reduce risk.

Our priority is to deliver face-to-face, high-quality education to all pupils. The government evidence is clear that being out of education causes significant harm to educational attainment, life chances, mental and physical health. To lessen the risk of spreading the virus, and keep everyone as safe as we can, and as many children in school learning, we need our school community to work together.

Everyone should follow our school behaviour values **"Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe"**.

We (school) will:

- Use the LA SHE Risk Assessment (published on the school website), adapting it to our school, to enable us to reduce potential risk, this includes ventilation of rooms.
- Have an Outbreak Management Plan to act when positive Covid cases rise in school.
- Do everything we can to minimise risk of transmission e.g., cleaning regimes, personal hygiene, isolate and encourage testing for those with Covid symptoms, continue to ask visitors to wear masks, ventilate rooms and encourage outdoor learning, where possible.
- Following review and reflection, continue to use and manage systems that worked well for our school during the previous Covid measures e.g., timetabling, organisation of resources.
- Ensure that our staff maintain a high level of personal hygiene and continue to socially distance, where possible. Consenting staff will take bi-weekly LFTs.
- Ensure that we contact you straight away if your child is ill, removing them from class to isolate; staff will wear personal protective equipment (PPE) at this time.
- Give regular reminders to all stakeholders regarding the school's expectations, reviews, updates and changes to any guidance, practise or policy.

You (parent/carers) will:

- Ensure that school have up to date emergency contact details for at least two appropriate adults.
- Keep at home any child who is not well, with fever and other sickness, as well as those with any Covid symptoms whilst self-isolating awaiting PCR test - NHS results.
- Inform school of absence reasons and liaise with us for any advice or support needed. This is important for safeguarding. Tel: 01242 525616 Email: admin@hestersway.gloucs.sch.uk
- If your child is ill at school, or considered to have potential Covid symptoms, please collect your child immediately. This is for the well-being of your child, as well as considering the health and safety of others at school.
- Follow the government guidance, public health procedures and school Covid risk assessment, enabling school to function and operate effectively and smoothly.
- Be aware of and considerate towards those adults, who still wish to follow more stringent measures, continue to socially distance and wear masks.
- Children wear clean uniform, undergarments and extra clothing to keep them warm due to ventilated rooms; coats, hats and gloves for outdoor play; trainers worn for daily movement.
- Make sure that your child only brings their lunchbox, bookbag and a coat, to school each day.
- Dress your child in school PE kit on PE days; only PE kit will be accepted. The school have funded the initial PE kit of the year, for each child.
- Inform and work with the school staff, to support your child with any social, emotional, mental and health needs.
- Continue to communicate and contact teachers via phone 01242 525616 or the admin@hestersway.gloucs.sch.uk email, class emails are also on Newsletter 1; please do not come into school in person unless asked to attend. We will be continuing to limit visitors in school initially, reviewing this at the end of the term.

Thank you in advance for working together with school, to ensure that everyone stays as safe as we possibly can.