

PORTISHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Learning and achieving together

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support and partnership during term 5. It is hard to believe that we are getting ever closer to the end of another school year, and what a strange one it has been. Like most people my age, I feel really lucky to have been vaccinated and firmly believe that having worked so hard for so long to improve things, we really are very close to getting our full range of freedoms back.

School Covid 19 Risk Assessment

With that in mind I am pleased to share that from Monday there will be no requirement to wear face coverings in any outside areas on the school site.

We will be monitoring social distancing and if parents cannot follow this guidance we will have no choice but to reintroduce the requirement to wear face coverings. Please be mindful of this, particularly the last drop off bubble.

Staff working within a bubble will also no longer need to wear face coverings.

There are some cases where face coverings will still need to be worn inside the school building, the main examples are below:

- Staff who cross bubbles where 2m social distancing cannot be maintained.
- Staff working across more than one setting/school.
- All staff in any area where social distancing cannot be maintained.
- Visitors to the school building, **including anyone coming to the school office.**

For full details of all changes affecting schools in England and our updated risk assessment, please see the new risk assessment updated on the school website and the DFE guidance for schools.

It goes without saying that having come so far, we must all continue to remain vigilant and follow the updated guidance, at work and in our personal lives so that we can continue this positive trajectory.

Mental Health Week

Mental health has never been more important. This applies to us as adults and to our children. You can find a host of information and links offering help and support on the wellbeing pages of our website. If you are concerned about your child please contact the school office. We have a wealth of professional and personal experience and your concerns will be treated with the utmost empathy and confidentiality. **It is ok to not be ok.**

This weekend why not watch your favourite family film, or film you enjoyed as a child. You could create a playlist of favourite music from when you were younger to share with your children - turn the volume up loud and have a kitchen disco/singalong. You may also wish to get outside and experience the beauty and serenity of Mother Nature.

Class Photos

Our photographer will be coming in to school on Thursday the 20th of May to take class photos.

Anti-Bullying

On Friday the 21st of May we are holding a non-uniform day with the theme of **“expressing yourself”** to promote our anti-bullying culture and ethos. Classes will review the anti-bullying charter and the definition of bullying in our policies. Each child will write a positive message on blue ribbon which we are going to hang outside in the playground on a tree, as a symbol of our commitment to kindness and respect.

Key Dates and Upcoming Events

- Thursday 20th May - Class Photos
- Friday 21st May - Non-Uniform Day for Anti-Bullying Week
- Friday 28th May - Y2 WOW Day – Mini Madagascar / Last Day of Term
- Monday 7th June - INSET Day
- Tuesday 8th June - Start of Term 6

Kind Regards,

Richard Riordan

Headteacher