

# PORTISHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to school. We hope you had an enjoyable break.

## Risk Assessment and Covid 19 Update

Our newest risk assessment has been shared with staff and is on the school website should you wish to read it. This formalises the changes that we shared with you on Friday, following the government announcement about changes that are in place for England.

- Pupils and staff are still advised to isolate and get a PCR test if they have any of the main three Covid symptoms.
- Pupils and staff can still LFD test from day 5 and return to school once they've tested negative on two consecutive days, if they no longer have a temperature and feel well enough.
- Otherwise they can return after 10 days, again, if they no longer have a temperature and feel well enough.
- No requirement to take LFD tests if you are a close contact.
- Staff will no longer be taking weekly asymptomatic LFD screening.

Please see the link below to the NHS guidance on when to self-isolate.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

The link below also gives guidance if you become aware of being a close contact of someone with Covid 19.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts>

In school we will continue to reduce the risk by:

- Children, staff and visitors will continue to maintain excellent hand hygiene including hand sanitizing on entry to the building, at lunchtimes, playtimes etc.
- Enhanced cleaning of toilets, and the school building during the school day.
- The school building and classrooms will continue to be well ventilated.
- CO2 monitors in place.
- The school will continue to monitor case numbers and share changes in numbers with the health protection team – this could result in further measures being reintroduced including asymptomatic testing for staff.

- Key stage assemblies will be reintroduced in 2 weeks and whole school assemblies will remain online until the end of term (keeping more learning time free).
- Volunteers for trips will be reintroduced and we will take a view on wider use of volunteers in school later in the term.
- Performances can restart and we will share details of these as we plan them.

## Ukraine

At school we have children and families from the Ukraine and Russia. We recognise that the war is a result of the actions of a government and doesn't reflect the wider will of the people. Our dialogue in school will be age appropriate and led by the needs of classes and individual pupils. In assembly today, we touched on the news and reminded children that they are safe here in the UK.

It is likely that in the near future we will engage in activities with the school community to support the humanitarian relief required following this human tragedy.

- **Advice for parents with a worried child**

1. Start by finding out what they know.
2. Validate their feelings.
3. Let them know that they are safe.
4. Keep things age appropriate.
5. Keep the conversation going by coming back to it as they need to.

We look forward to the new term and the freedoms that these new changes offer as we take another step forward.

First day back and it was fabulous to see our EYFS children dressed up as heroes for their Wow Day. Poppy the school dog also visited.

We have had some refurbishment work done to the building and site during the break and were lucky that the adverse weather did not impact on our site.

Kind Regards

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