

PORTISHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Learning and achieving together

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Social Distancing On-Site

Dear Parents and Carers

Please ensure that you are socially distancing at drop off and pick up, including socially distancing from staff. This is an essential part of the government strategy to keep communities safe.

If you need to speak to a teacher please make an appointment with them via the school office. This is so that conversations remain private for you. The school will not be meeting with any parents in the building as a response to the evolving COVID-19 situation.

We recognise that due to the limits of our school site and the variation in behaviour amongst our community that social distancing is causing some anxiety. In light of this, recognising that we cannot make the space bigger and that we are reliant on all adults respecting and co-operating with the guidance, we are introducing a further measure to reduce the risk to us all.

The school cannot police or enforce this as all of our staff with the exception of Mr Riordan are working with your children or preparing for them to start the school day. We are completely reliant on you working with us to keep each other feeling safe.

From Monday 14th September we are requesting all parents wear a face covering when on the school site.

If everybody works together, is mindful of their pace and spatial awareness as they move through the school site and wait if necessary, this will help keep everyone feeling safe.

Mr Riordan has shared this with all children from Y1-6 in assembly today and the school fully supports the new government campaign 'Hands, Face, Space'. You will see new posters around the school site today.

Please avoid congregating around the school entrances, particularly at the front of the school next to the two roads. Many parents are making good use of the grassed area near Parish Wharf and EYFS and KS1 families should make full use of the playground and field to space out and stay safe.

If you need to come to the welcome area please phone the office in advance and make an appointment. Only one person should enter at a time and please wear a face covering in this area.

In order to further assist with social distancing please arrive punctually at drop off and pick up and try not to arrive earlier than your start time wherever possible.

We recognise that these are challenging times and that some of you will be feeling anxious. We are really grateful to everybody who is doing their best to follow the guidance and work with the school to keep our community safe. We will continue to evolve our practice as the situation changes.

Thank you for your co-operation and support.

Kind Regards
Richard Riordan
Headteacher