



# Coleham Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Today sees the start of a 4 week national lockdown in England. As I am sure you already know, schools will be remaining open for the duration of the lockdown. It remains very important for children and young people to attend school to support their wellbeing and education and to help those of you who are working, either at home or away from home. We are continuing to implement a range of protective measures to make Coleham as safe as it possibly can be.

The government have produced some guidance for schools, which can be viewed by clicking on the link below. The main points for you all to note are as follows:

1. All extra-curricular clubs are cancelled for the rest of this term;
2. Wrap around care (breakfast and after school club) will continue, as normal, to help support working parents/carers;
3. Visitors to school are not allowed unless the visit is "absolutely necessary." Therefore, it will not be possible to run face to face meetings with teachers for the time being. Can we also ask you to please avoid coming into the school office to drop items off unless absolutely necessary. We will always provide drinking water, children may wear their uniform for PE and we have spare Forest School Kits. If you have a concern or query, please phone or email us;
4. Most children originally identified as clinically extremely vulnerable no longer need to follow original shielding advice. Please speak to your child's GP or specialist clinician if you feel your child may still be classed as clinically extremely vulnerable to confirm that it is safe for them to continue coming to school.
5. Children who live with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable, but who are not clinically extremely vulnerable themselves, should still attend education or childcare.

Please click on the following link to access the government guidance:

[https://www.gov.uk/guidance/education-and-childcare-settings-new-national-restrictions-from-5-november-2020?utm\\_source=4%20November%202020%20C19&utm\\_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm\\_campaign=DfE%20C19](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/education-and-childcare-settings-new-national-restrictions-from-5-november-2020?utm_source=4%20November%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19)

### **Face masks and social distancing**

We are very grateful to you for continuing to wear face masks while on our school site. Please ensure that you adhere to the 2m rule when dropping off/collecting your children and when speaking to staff to keep our school community as safe as possible.

### **Start and end of the day**

We have noticed a number of our Key Stage 2 children arriving too early for school. As we are trying to avoid having children waiting around for too long, please can I remind you that Key Stage 1 children start school at 8:40 and should arrive no earlier than 8:30am and Key Stage 2 children start school at 8:50am and should arrive no earlier than 8:40am (unless they have arrived with a sibling).

At the end of the day, please ensure that you wait in the correct spot. If you are unsure, please refer to Mr. Larkham's letter, which was sent out over half term and is on our website. If you are waiting for older children to come out of school and you have younger siblings or KS 1 children with you, please ensure that they stay close to you and do not play with other children in order to limit mixing across classes. Children are also not allowed to play on the play equipment at the end of the day for hygiene reasons. Please leave the site as quickly and safely as possible.

If you have any questions or queries regarding the restrictions for the lockdown, please do contact the school office. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,



Claire Jones  
Head teacher