

Roskear Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Reference: COVID Precautions

I am writing with a friendly reminder regarding some of the precautions the school put in place upon our return in September and to inform you of some new ones which will come into effect from Thursday (5th November).

Previously, we had asked that if parents/carers should wish to talk with the class teacher/adult, they refrain from doing this on the door (in person) but rather either message using eSchools or contact the office and ask for the teacher to phone you when they are free from teaching. I know this has been hard, as we have always been a school that has an 'open door' approach but at this time, we have to do things differently.

KS2 (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6)

In KS2 we ask that parents/carers do not approach the classroom door but encourage the children to enter independently. If you wish to speak to an adult then call the office if it is urgent and you require a call back before 3.30pm or, alternatively, message the teacher using eSchools and they will pick up your message later in the day.

The last thing we want is for parents/carers to feel that teachers are being rude but I have instructed the staff, for their safety and that of each bubble and every child, to refrain from and discourage talking at the class door at the start or end of the day.

Play equipment after school - not in use

As you know, we run 'bubbles' within school, which means that children in other bubbles do not come into direct contact during the day with children from other bubbles. This measure is there to help safeguard the children. I have noticed however a small minority of parents who are still allowing, despite having already been asked not to, their children to mix and play together after school on the school equipment.

I kindly ask that you **do not do this** as it potentially undoes all the separation work we do in school to avoid crossing bubbles. We will be taping the equipment again at the start and end of the day to remind everyone that these areas may not be used at this time. I know it is challenging but COVID lives on equipment and so in school we are careful to not share equipment between bubbles however by parents/carers allowing their child on the equipment they are doing just that. Changes from Thursday 5th November – Wearing Masks

Foundation Stage and KS1 (Year 1 and 2)

In Foundation Stage and KS1 (Year 1 and 2) we know that this contact is even more vital as the children are so young and as such, where there is 'close handover' we are now asking that PARENTS/CARERS wear a mask when approaching the class door. Our members of staff will also be wearing masks when they come to the door. We will be asking all parents/carers (if personal medical conditions allow) to wear masks from Thursday (5th November) please.

I know that times are harder for us all and like you we are keen for life to get back to normal but until then we need to all do our best to help keep everyone as safe as possible.

I thank you for your continued support.

Take care and stay safe.

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