



# Bryn Offa Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

One of the difficulties during the Covid-19 restrictions has been the complexity of the rules we have to follow and the frequency with which they have changed. Some of these rules now have even become law with heavy fines for non-compliance. However, it is not only the letter of the law that I write to you about, but also the spirit of the law.

There are really only two main factors in relation to the transmission of the virus, and that is the airborne transmission risk from being less than two metres from someone else and the risk from a contaminated surface.

The nature of the school site and the unpredictability of children make social distancing difficult. In cases where it is difficult to socially distance the guidelines allow us to request the use of face coverings so from **Monday 5<sup>th</sup>** October I would like to request that all adults and children over 11 years old wear face coverings on the school site when dropping off or collecting from school. Parents with a medical exemption from using a face covering will still be expected to maintain social distancing at all times.

We are also still seeing younger children who are not supervised adequately and who are being allowed to touch play equipment and other surfaces. All these things are increasing the risk that we will see positive infections in school, which is what we are working really hard to avoid. Please ensure that if you have to bring younger children with you when dropping off or collecting, that they do not touch any surfaces that may be touched by children in school or staff. Wherever possible, just one person should be on site collecting each child.

If we do have a positive case in one of the children or staff we will have to close one or more bubbles for a period of **two weeks**. If there has been a breakdown in the separation of the bubbles, it is likely that **more than one bubble** will go down for a **full two weeks**. The children should not be in contact with others outside their bubble or family on the school site, and we would ask parents to consider keeping the bubble intact during evenings and weekends as well.

I'm sure there isn't a single parent who would want a situation where school is closed to whole classes for a fortnight at a time. Please help support us with all our safety measures, and we will ensure we stay open as long as possible and keep you and your families safe.

Yours sincerely

Mr Thompson