



Fierté Multi Academy Trust

Ankermoor Primary Academy

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Re: Ankermoor children returning to school - 5th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you to confirm arrangements for your child's return to school at the start of the spring term, following the Department for Education announcement made last week.

As you know, we have worked incredibly hard, and will continue to do so, to put measures in place to ensure your child is kept safe and well. We are extremely proud of the way our children, parents and staff have adapted and coped through the pandemic to date and we thank you for that.

However, the country is currently experiencing a considerable high growth in the rate of Covid-19 therefore the highest level of local restrictions are now in place - Tier 4.

What does tier 4 mean?

- People in tier 4 areas must stay at home and not meet up with other households.
- Non-essential shops, hairdressers, and leisure and entertainment venues must close, with a new "stay at home" message introduced.
- People who need to travel for education or childcare are exempt, and exercise is unlimited. Where people cannot work from home, they will still be able to travel to work.
- Households are not allowed to mix, but one person is allowed to meet with one other person outside in a public space. Support bubbles and those meeting for childcare are exempt.

In addition to the above, we must also ask that you and your family continue to follow all current Government Covid guidance as listed in our risk assessment, especially:

Social Distancing

At the start of term, we introduced staggered entry and exit to ensure that we follow social distancing guidance but also ensure education is still of priority. It is essential that we stick to these timings as some children are arriving on site before their entry time, meaning that bubbles are mixing. We must also stress to parents the importance of following the Tier 4 measures. Please drop and go or pick up and go.



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This is to help prevent the spread of the virus. If parents require a meeting or discussion with a staff member, please do not hesitate to email or ring the school to set this up. A message can also be given to a staff member on the gate but this must be brief and at a distance.

Face coverings

The guidance stipulates that it is not appropriate for children to wear face coverings in primary schools but this does not stop adults wearing face coverings when dropping off or picking up children. If this is something that you wish to do, it would help to prevent the spread of the virus.

We appreciate the start of the 2020/21 school year has been difficult for many, and many of your children will have been looking forward to returning to school after the Christmas break. They may, like you, feel anxious or worried by the present situation. However, it is vital that we come together to support each other so that we can ensure a safe return to school. We can look forward to more positive times ahead and are always here to support you.

Thank you for your continued support.

Take care - let's do this together!

Simon Russell
Headteacher



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