



Fierté Multi Academy Trust

## Ankermoor Primary Academy

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Headteacher: Mr Simon Russell



Dear Parents/Carers,

1<sup>st</sup> September 2021

### Re: School opening on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

We hope you are well and spent lots of the summer making memories after such a difficult 18 months.

Within this letter is information about your child's return to school on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. This academic year, in line with government guidance, we will be adjusting our processes to ensure that normal routines can resume (as best as we can) whilst still staying safe.

#### Where are we now as a country and as an educational establishment?

The government continues to manage the risk of serious illness from the spread of the virus. Step 4 marked a new phase in the government's response to the pandemic, moving away from stringent restrictions on everyone's day-to-day lives, towards advising people on how to protect themselves and others, alongside targeted interventions to reduce risk. As COVID-19 becomes a virus that we learn to live with, there is now an imperative to reduce the disruption to children and young people's education - particularly given that the direct clinical risks to children are extremely low, and every adult has been offered a first vaccine and the opportunity for 2 doses by mid-September.

Our priority is to deliver face-to-face, high-quality education to all children. The evidence is clear that being out of education causes significant harm to educational attainment, life chances, mental and physical health.

The following control measures will be implemented in all schools to create an inherently safer environment:

1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

(Please read the [full Risk Assessment](#) for more details. Please also be aware that if there is an outbreak or substantial increase in the number of positive cases then the [school's contingency plan](#) will be adopted and advice taken from the health protection team).

#### Drop off and pick up times

The government no longer recommends that it is necessary to keep children in consistent groups ('bubbles'). This means that bubbles will not be used in school from the autumn term.

As well as enabling flexibility in curriculum delivery, this means that assemblies can resume, and we no longer need to make alternative arrangements to avoid mixing at lunch. On drop and pick up times, the following will take place:



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Year	Staffing	Entrance	Exit
Year 6	Mrs Porter	8:40am – 8:50am – Children will arrive in school and parents to drop off at the side gate. Children will then walk down independently and the daily mile will commence.	3:20pm – All children will be lined up on the playground by 3:20pm. The side gate will be opened for parents at 3:15pm and then the children will be released to come to you after the KS2 gate is opened at 3:20pm. You will then leave via the main double gates.
Year 5	Mrs Price		
Year 3/4	Mr FitzPatrick / Mrs Walk		
Year 2	Mrs Cannon		
Year 1	Mrs Walton		
Year R	Mrs Davies	8:40am – 8:50am – Children will enter through the side gate independently and then children will enter through the Reception gate.	3:20pm – All children will leave school via Reception gate and side gate at 3:20pm. Note: Reception children will be collected first if siblings are in Year 1 - Year 6.

\*N.B There may be instances where other staff across school will dismiss children due to cover needs.

### Tracing close contacts and isolation

Anyone with COVID-19 [symptoms](#) or a positive test result should stay at home and self-isolate immediately. Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19, should arrange to have a PCR test as soon as possible.

**From 16<sup>th</sup> August, if someone you live with has symptoms of COVID-19, or has tested positive for COVID-19, you will not need to self-isolate if any of the following apply:**

- you're fully vaccinated – this means 14 days have passed since your final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine given by the NHS
- **you're under 18 years, 6 months old**
- you're taking part or have taken part in a COVID-19 vaccine trial
- you're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

We very much look forward to welcoming you all on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September and know your children will be very excited about the return.

If you have any further questions, comments or suggestions please do not hesitate to contact us at [office@ankermoor.org](mailto:office@ankermoor.org) or 01827 213780.

Kind regards,

Mr. Simon Russell and Team Ankermoor



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