



 **King Edward Primary School**
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 **Headteacher:** Mrs Bridges

Monday 3rd January 2022

Start of Spring term arrangements

Dear parents / carers,

I hope you have had a lovely Christmas and I wish you all a very happy and healthy 2022.

Like you, I have been watching for any new Government guidance regarding schools opening for the Spring term. Guidance has tended to be for secondary schools regarding face coverings and testing, and little has changed for primary schools. We will continue to keep areas well ventilated, encourage handwashing and sanitising, and keep staff socially distanced as much as possible. Our Outbreak Management plan is ready to be implemented if we have a rise in cases which may result in moving back to the 'bubbles' to minimise contact between year groups, or whatever our colleagues in Public Health advise which may, as a last resort, result in bubble closures and children working at home.

- **Face coverings** – Primary children do not need to wear face coverings in school. We would ask parents/carers entering school site to wear a face covering please.
- We ask that EYFS parents continue to leave their children at the doors and do not enter the buildings.
- **Symptoms** – Please arrange a PCR test for any child displaying COVID symptoms and do not bring them to school until the result is back. Work will be provided for your child to complete if they are well enough.
- **Hand washing** before coming to school and on arriving back home is advised
- We would encourage adults to take regular lateral flow tests before entering school site if possible

Keeping schools open is a high priority of the Government and we all agree with this vision. The main issue which schools will face will be staffing with the increasing transmission rates. Staff use lateral flow tests twice a week and if positive, take a PCR to confirm and will have to isolate for up to 10 days. This applied to me before Christmas and was incredibly frustrating not to be allowed in school, but these are the rules. There are currently 5 members of staff who will be isolating this week. The Secretary of State has asked headteachers to be flexible with staffing and use support staff, supply staff and by putting classes together.

If we need to make any further changes I will let you know. We are hoping for a smooth start to the term and we look forward to welcoming back King Eds Kids and families.

Yours sincerely

Sue Bridges
Headteacher

