

### **Covid communication 3**

23/9/20

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your on-going support in helping Frome Vale to be a safe and enjoyable place to be. Here are a few updates on procedures:

1. You will have noticed we have opened the big gate to the road at 8.40am to help the flow of people in and out. Please feel free to use this. We will ensure that this is supervised so that a limited number of cars come through at this time by prior arrangement.
2. From this point forward, we are asking that if your child has been off with symptoms and is ready to return after a negative result or 10-14 day isolation, that you do the following:
  - Email to notify us of the negative result
  - Return to the school via the front door so that the office can check the details we hold
3. We are aiming to use the outdoor space as much as possible during this time and therefore kindly remind you to provide your child with a coat. Even if it appears fine, it is important that they are prepared for changes in the weather. We take the children outdoors in light rain and cold weather.
4. We have been working on our distance learning strategy and thank you for your feedback on this. Please read the details below:

### **Distance Learning**

Frome Vale will offer a 3 phased approach, depending on the number of children who are absent due to Covid symptoms.

#### **Phase 1 – up to 30% of the class absent**

- The staff at the FVA will check with you have access to meaningful technology such as an ipad or laptop.
- If you have not, we will provide a ‘ready to go pack’ which will contain a timetable, a purple exercise book, printed packs of work appropriate to the age group. This will either be sent home with the child or delivered to the child’s house. In some circumstances we may be able to loan you a laptop.
- If you do have technology, there will be work on the [CLF.uk/shl](http://CLF.uk/shl) page. This will have 2 weeks’ worth of work in each year group. The content of this work will build on work already covered in class. This will be refreshed regularly to ensure that the work builds on what is covered in class.
- The FVA Wordpress page has a dedicated ‘Covid Absence’ page for each class which provides links to work for each year group, including the CLF learning platform.
- We will call you every few days as a wellbeing ‘check in’ and to check on any work the child has been able to do.

### **Phase 2 - 30% - full class**

In this phase, the expectation would be to put the teaching materials on Word Press being taught in class at the same time. The links to this will be on the 'Covid Absence' page specific to year group. This ensures that the work will be progressive. The same differentiation opportunities will be available in these materials.

Our aim in the next few weeks is to have in place an area for recorded lessons (should phase 2 happen) so that you can see exactly what was taught. These will be available via Microsoft Teams. Each child has been set up with their own email address and password in order them to access this. Parents and carers will need to monitor this. You will receive a separate email notifying you of this email account and link.

The materials will be:

Reading

Writing

Maths

One wider curriculum subject.

We will call you every few days as a wellbeing 'check in' and to check on any work the child has been able to do.

### **Phase 3 – whole class are in quarantine**

In this phase, we will return to the arrangements we had during the full lockdown plus live learning sessions, again using Teams. Further information will be sent to you should this situation occur.

Subjects covered:

Reading

Writing

Maths

Science

History/ geography

We will call you every few days as a wellbeing 'check in' and to check on any work the child has been able to do.

### **Sending work back**

If your child is off for longer and 3 days, and is well enough to do work, then please send the work back to school using the emails below or the purple book you were given

R	Send via Tapestry
1	<a href="mailto:year1@fva.clf.uk">year1@fva.clf.uk</a>
2	<a href="mailto:year2@fva.clf.uk">year2@fva.clf.uk</a>
3	<a href="mailto:year3@fva.clf.uk">year3@fva.clf.uk</a>
4	<a href="mailto:year4@fva.clf.uk">year4@fva.clf.uk</a>
5	<a href="mailto:year5@fva.clf.uk">year5@fva.clf.uk</a>
6	<a href="mailto:year6@fva.clf.uk">year6@fva.clf.uk</a>

**Reminder: If your child shows following symptoms:**

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature). A normal temperature is 36.5 -37 degrees centigrade.
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Please **do not** bring them to school. Please let the school know, saying they have Covid 19 symptoms. **Everyone** in the same family will need to self- isolate.

If your child shows these symptoms in school, we will call you to pick them and their sibling/siblings up immediately. Your child will be isolated until this happens.

**Next steps:**

1. Book a test on the NHS website
2. Wait for result before talking to us about a return to school.

**Test result:**

- If the test is negative (your child does not have Covid 19) and they feel well, **talk with us** about a return to school.
- If the test is negative but they feel unwell, your child must stay at home until they feel better.
- If the test is positive (showing your child has Covid 19), inform the school **immediately** as the school will need to take appropriate action.

**Colds and upset tummies:**

- If your child has an upset stomach (sickness and diarrhoea), please do not bring them into school for 48 hours after the last symptom is shown.
- If your child has a cold, but you feel they are well enough to come to school **and they do not present any of the symptoms above**, they are able to attend.

Best wishes



Dr. Saunders

A quick guide to Covid 19 guidance around attending school can be found here [Quick Guide](#)