



## Keeping Safe at Tree Tops - Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is the school doing to keep everyone safe?**

We are following all government guidelines.

Extra cleaning is taking place throughout the day. Risk assessments are reviewed and updated every week.

Only essential visitors are allowed into the school and they are expected to wear a mask, use our sanitiser on entrance and adhere to social distancing measures.

Staff meetings take place online or in a large, ventilated area where staff can easily socially distance.

### **What is school like for the children now?**

The school is divided into 4 'bubbles' (Nursery and Reception, Year 1&2, Year 3&4 and Year 5 &6) Children and staff remain in their bubbles for the whole day, including all break times and lunchtimes. They do not mix with children and staff from the other bubbles at any time. The staggered entry and exit times support this.

School assemblies are carried out in bubbles or online.

Children do not share resources; they each have their own pack to use.

Children are being guided to wash their hands frequently throughout the day.

All classrooms are ventilated. Apart from in the early years, classroom tables are arranged to ensure that the children sit facing forwards.

### **How can we as parents help to keep everyone safe?**

Parents/carers can help by maintaining a social distance and wearing a mask when they drop off and when they collect their child and making sure that, where possible, only one person is carrying out the drop off and pick up, to help us limit the number of people by the gates.

Parents/carers can also help by following government guidelines out of school and keeping their family safe by not visiting other households and by remaining in their own family bubbles.

### **Who makes the rules? Who decides whether the children have to come to school?**

School leaders have to follow government guidelines and rules. They do not make the rules for their own schools.

### **What happens if there is a confirmed covid case in school?**



If a staff member or pupil receives a positive result from a covid test, the school will be informed by the Government Department of Health.

The school will close the relevant bubble for the recommended time. Children will be provided with home learning to complete for each day.

The rest of the school will remain open as usual. If you have children in bubbles that are not closed, they must still attend school.

If the affected person is a pupil, the family will be told that their siblings will need to be off school to isolate.

### **What happens if a parent or close family member of a pupil is confirmed with covid?**

All members of the individual's household must isolate. The individual must follow all guidelines given to them personally.

The school will be unaffected and remain open as usual.

### **Can I choose to keep my child off school during this lockdown?**

No. Children must attend school. Rules are not the same as the first lockdown. Penalties could be issued by the local authority for poor attendance.

### **What do I need to do if I'm worried?**

Don't listen to rumours or gossip. Get the facts and ask for guidance if you need it.

1. Please feel free to contact us at school. We will always try to help with any questions or queries. Email us on [contactus@treetopsprimaryacademy.org.uk](mailto:contactus@treetopsprimaryacademy.org.uk) or message us on Facebook.
2. Call 111 for medical advice.
3. Check official websites online for advice e.g. [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) or [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

**Thank you for helping us to keep everyone safe and healthy**

