



# ROBERT MELLORS PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are really starting to get in to the swing of the Autumn Term now and the children (and staff) are much more used to the new measures and routines we have in place. We are so impressed with the way the maturity and enthusiasm they have shown since their return to school.

Thank you for your continued support at the beginning and end of the day. Please continue to stick to the allocated timing at the beginning and the end of the day and keep your distance from others. Please move away from the school site as soon as you have dropped-off or picked up your child.

We have been receiving some phone calls from some of our neighbours regarding **parking on Bentwell Avenue**. This is frustrating and upsetting for both the residents and the school office staff who take the calls – which shouldn't be part of their working day. If you have no other option than to drive to school, please be considerate when parking and do not block driveways. You might consider parking a little way from school and walking a short distance for the last part of the journey.

## **Remote Learning – important information for all parents**

As you will be aware, there are some schools in Nottinghamshire who have had to close classes due to a child or staff member having a positive Covid test. Children and adults are required to self-isolate for a period of 14 days in these cases.

During any isolation period, we will be expecting children to continue with their work at home which will be matched to what they would be doing in school. Teachers will plan and provide daily tasks so that the children don't miss out on important learning.

We have spent a considerable amount of time researching different options which will make this learning as easy as possible to access. We have surveyed the children in school and it is apparent that nearly all of the children have access to technology at home which will allow them to do this learning.

Learning activities will be provided through the Seesaw app which parents of children in Foundation Stage and Year 1 & 2 already have. We will be rolling this out for the rest of the school.

Using Seesaw means that we will be able to provide you with links to websites, games, YouTube clips which will 'teach' the children and it will enable us to provide feedback and support with the learning.

If your child is in Y3 – Y6, you will soon receive an invite for this app. Seesaw works on every device type! The Seesaw Class and Family apps are available on **iOS, Android, and Kindle Fire devices**. You can also use Seesaw on the web using a **computer** or **Chromebook** on Chrome, Firefox, or Edge browser. We ask that you download and enable Seesaw as soon as possible so that we are prepared if your child has to isolate.



If your child is unable to access learning via the app, we will provide alternative options.

If your child is in Y3 – 6, Seesaw will **only** be used for remote learning purposes. We will continue to use the school text message service for other communication.

If your child is in Foundation Stage or Year 1&2, the teachers will continue to communicate messages to you through Seesaw **as well as** providing remote learning.

### **Parents' Evenings**

Unfortunately, we will be unable to hold our normal parents' evenings in school this term. Instead, we will be offering you the chance to book a telephone consultation with your child's class teacher if you wish. We will be sending out a booking slip for you to complete to arrange an appointment.

Please see attached a 'What to do' guide regarding COVID-19 which offer some very useful guidance.

As always, if there is anything at all that you wish to ask, please contact me or your child's class teacher via the school office.

Best regards

Mrs Essex



## COVID-19 A useful guide

What to do if...	- Action Needed	Return to school when...
...my child has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us</b></li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household</li> <li>- Get a test</li> <li>- <b>Inform the school immediately about the test result</b></li> </ul>	...the test comes back negative <b>or</b> a period of 10 days has passed since the symptoms started, and the child feels well.
...my child tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school.</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us.</b></li> <li>- <b>Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 10 days).</b></li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household.</li> </ul>	...10 days have passed since symptoms began, even if they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell. <i>(These symptoms can last for several weeks.)</i> <b>AND</b> the child feels well.
...my child tests negative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us.</b></li> <li>- Discuss when your child can come back (same day/next day).</li> </ul>	...the test comes back negative.
...my child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school.</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us.</b></li> <li>- Ring on each day of illness.</li> </ul>	...after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea (as per attendance policy)
...someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school.</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us.</b></li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household.</li> <li>- Household member to get a test.</li> <li>- <b>Inform school immediately about test result.</b></li> </ul>	...the test comes back negative.
...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school.</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us.</b></li> <li>- <b>Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days).</b></li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household.</li> </ul>	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school.</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us.</b></li> <li>- <b>Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days).</b></li> </ul>	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified a household member (other than my child) as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>The household member must self-isolate for 14 days.</b></li> <li>- Child(ren) can continue to attend school.</li> </ul>	...child can continue to attend school
... a sibling attending another school has been sent home to self-isolate due to there being a positive case in their school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Sibling must self-isolate for 14 days.</b></li> <li>- RMPA child(ren) can continue to attend.</li> </ul>	...child can continue to attend school

