



# ROBERT MELLORS PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that the past couple of weeks have gone well for you and your families while the children have been at home. We have been really lucky with the weather and it is great to return to school in the sunshine today. We are excited for this term and the opportunities that it will bring. We hope that the term will be un-interrupted and that we will gradually be able to do more and more of the things that we would normally enjoy as Covid restrictions relax.

Whilst it is great to be able to go to non-essential shops, have a haircut and possibly even go to sit in the pub garden, we are very mindful of the continuing risk of a covid outbreak in our community. We want to put in every measure to ensure that people's health isn't compromised and that children do not have any further time away from school.

Our school covid risk assessment is still in place. The children are still staying in their class bubbles throughout the day, staff are maintaining social distancing measures, equipment isn't being shared unless it has been thoroughly cleaned and quarantined. We are also ensuring that the classrooms are well ventilated and that the children regularly wash and sanitise their hands.

Naturally, I ask for your continued support and cooperation with measures that we have in place regarding the start and end of the school day.

Please only arrive at school at the designated time for your child's drop-off or pick-up. It is noticeable that there are some early arrivals each day. I also ask that you please wear a face covering while you are on site unless you are exempt.

Our one-way system will remain in place for the foreseeable future – again an important measure to keep you, your children and the staff safe.

You may wish to take regular lateral flow tests. These are the same that school staff and secondary school students are carrying out. If you want to order these tests to use at home, please follow the link below to order them. You will just need to fill in some basic details and the test kits will be delivered to your address.

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

As always, if there is anything that you wish to discuss with myself or your child's class teacher, please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

Best wishes

Mrs Essex

