

Putnoe Primary School

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'The Headteacher, Staff and Governors at Putnoe Primary School aim to help all pupils enjoy and achieve. We strive for academic excellence while seeking to provide a balance between academic subjects and the aesthetic, practical, musical and physical activities.

We believe all pupils should have the opportunity to develop those life skills that will raise self-confidence and self-esteem and contribute to their role as responsible citizens.'

Mission statement

Preparation for September 2021

17/06/2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

To support your child's transition in September, please read the information below. Hopefully, it will begin to answer some of the most frequent questions we have had in the last few weeks.

Restrictions and Preventative Measures

As I'm sure you are aware, the government took the decision to delay the relaxation of restrictions in place across England. The next review point is the 19th July.

We have taken the decision to maintain our current safety measures when the children return in September. The reason for this is the uncertainty about the decisions that may be taken on the 19th July, just days before we break up for the summer holiday.

We would rather keep our current measures in place until children have returned safely rather than trying to make last minute changes at the end of the summer holiday when school is closed. This careful approach to all aspects of the guidance has consistently kept our infection rates lower than many other similar schools.

Some of the key measures that we will continue to use include:

- ✓ Masks worn by visitors in school and on the playground at drop-off and pick-up times. We will, of course, still allow visitors on site if medical exemptions are present.
- ✓ Staggered drop-off and pick-up times
- ✓ PE kit to be worn on a PE day
- ✓ Regular hand-washing and sanitising
- ✓ Continuation of our existing class bubbles

Our hope is that, after the first few weeks, infection rates and hospitalisation will have reduced significantly across the country resulting in a gradual relaxation of our protective measures. We take great pride in looking after your children and supporting the health of our local community – we hope we can count on your continued support.

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Uniform

When COVID first took hold, many factories closed. Some of these factories were organisations responsible for manufacturing school uniform and accessories. As a result, we saw delays of 3-4 months for some items e.g. fleeces.

Supply has now returned to normal with most items now available within a 2 week period. We do keep a stock of some frequently ordered items in school.

We have made the decision to continue to ask children to wear their PE kit to school on a PE day. This reduces lost time when changing, significantly reduces occasions where PE kit is lost or mislaid and avoids children having to use shared changing facilities (which increases safety).

In September, there is an expectation that all children will wear the correct uniform so please allow enough time for your order to arrive. A few key areas of our uniform policy that I'd like to draw your attention to are:

- ✓ Footwear – black shoes should be worn – pupils are not permitted to wear boots or trainers
- ✓ PE kit – in colder weather, a purple school fleece and/or plain black tracksuit trousers may be worn in addition to the purple t-shirt and black shorts

Our full uniform policy can be found here:

<https://www.putnoeprimaryschool.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=841>

Laptops and Digital Devices

In the last 18 months, we have loaned a huge number of digital devices to families. Even though children have been back in school for quite some time, we have allowed most children to continue to use these devices to support their learning.

The licences linked to each device (most came via applications to the DfE) are due to expire this summer so we need to collect these devices back in before the end of term. The school office will inform you when your child's device is expected back in school. We must have a 100% return in order to set the devices up for 2021-22.

COVID Vaccines

COVID-19 vaccination appointments are available to anyone aged 18 and over who is registered with a Bedford Borough GP and/or a Bedford Borough resident.

Appointments can be booked online via the [Bedford Borough Community Vaccination System](#) or by calling 01234 718077.

For the latest information regarding COVID vaccinations, please use the following link for the Bedford Borough Council website: [COVID-19 vaccination programme - Bedford Borough Council](#)

Kind regards,

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