



# Menston Primary School

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Welcome back!

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Dear Parents & Carers,

I am writing to you firstly to say welcome back to all of our returning families and a warm welcome to all of our new families.

It has been absolutely wonderful to see the children coming into school every day with big smiles on their faces. Understandably, a few children have felt a little wobbly as they settle back in, but you can rest assured these children are very well cared for and soon settle into their daily routines.

I think it is sensible to let you know that we have had a small number of children and one staff member test positive for COVID-19 since school opened last week and I want to take this opportunity to remind you of national guidance.

Unvaccinated children and fully vaccinated adults are now **no longer required to self-isolate** if they are a close contact of someone with Covid-19, including if they live in the same household or mix with them at school. Identifying close contacts in education settings is no longer the responsibility of schools but is now the responsibility of NHS Test and Trace. Identified close contacts will be informed by NHS Test and Trace that they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. The government strongly encourages all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.

We will continue to monitor cases and it is important that if your child does test positive via Lateral Flow Device (LFD) or PCR test that you inform us as soon as possible by telephoning the school office. We continue to work closely with our Public Health partners at Bradford Council and will implement any outbreak management strategies in line with their advice should we need to do so.

I also need to remind you of our drop-off and collection windows, as we have had several children arriving late over the past few mornings. Our gates and doors **open at 08:45** and **close at 8:55** in the morning. **It is really important that children arrive at school by 8:55** so that we can register them and get our first lessons started promptly. Collection times are 3:15 to 3:25pm.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us via the school office or the year group emails if we can help you with anything at all.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs M Wilson  
Headteacher