

Hands; Face; Space

New National Guidance from 5th November 2020

Temple Grove Opening Safely During Autumn 2

Firstly, we would like to thank you all for keeping us so safe and following our protective measures during the first half of the autumn term. This has meant that all your children at Temple Grove have had a really good start to their new school year and are now in full flow with their new learning. We will continue with our strong set of prevention measures, such as enhanced cleaning, good hand and respiratory hygiene and the use of bubbles to maintain a safe and secure environment in which to learn.

On Saturday night, the government announced new national guidance to reduce the increasing spread of COVID19, which will begin on Thursday 5th November (see link below for said guidance). <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november>. It has been recognised how important it is to keep schools open for children's wellbeing and learning. Temple Grove will remain open to all pupils and our dedicated school staff will continue to work tirelessly to ensure that we do so safely. Your continued help with following the guidelines will ensure that our bubbles stay open:

- Wash your hands regularly for 20 seconds and sanitise before entering the Temple Grove site
- Wear a face covering outdoors when dropping off or collecting your children, in indoor settings where social distancing may be difficult, and if you visit our Reception area
- Stay at home where possible, minimising time spent outside your home and, when around other people, ensure that you are two metres apart from anyone not in your household or support bubble (space)
- You must not meet socially indoors with family or friends unless they are part of your household
- Please keep strictly to the social distancing markings around the school site, the staggered start/finish times and keep your children with your family so that bubbles do not mix
- If your child or someone in your household is showing coronavirus symptoms, do not attend school and let the office know immediately.

Ventilation and Colder Weather:

As winter approaches, we will need to keep our preventative ventilation of classrooms in place whilst also having our heating on for comfortable temperatures. Full ventilation will take place every break and lunch and windows will be open to ventilate the rest of the time; therefore, if your child is susceptible to the cold, we encourage children to wear vests, thermal under-warmers, tights, fleeces and warm jackets.

Remote Learning Offer:

If a bubble does have to close, or a child is required to self-isolate, we will continue to deliver our remote learning offer on the DOJO platform <https://www.classdojo.com/> (in years 1 to 6) and on Tapestry (in Early Years). This offer mirrors the high quality teaching and learning that takes place in the classroom. If your child is feeling well but self-isolating, then attendance online is statutory and they must log on to register by 9am so that they don't fall behind in their learning.

Our remote learning plan for Temple Grove is attached with clear guidelines for parents, children and staff. Information on how to use our remote learning platform is also on our website and we have dedicated staff to help if required.

Devices:

If you do not have a device for online learning or access to Wi-Fi, please let the school office know so that we may be able to support.

Safeguarding:

In the event that you have concerns about a child's safety and/or wellbeing, please refer any concerns to Mrs Sprigmore (lsprigmore@templegroveacademy.com); your concerns will then be addressed by our safeguarding team at Temple Grove. Alternately, you can speak directly to children's services at on 03000 41 11 11 or email social.services@kent.gov.uk . If you are concerned about the safety or welfare of an adult please contact adult services on 03000 41 11 11. If you feel that your concerns are immediate or an emergency please call 999.

Breakfast Club:

At this point in time, breakfast club will continue to run unless we receive updated guidance to tell us otherwise.

Remembrance Service, Stars of the week, Nativities and Christmas Services:

These will continue to take place over the course of this academic year so that all children will have the opportunity to celebrate these important experiences. We are currently looking at how to make Christmas special for us all, children and parents.

Thank you once again for sharing this commitment to your children's education, safety and wellbeing.

Yours sincerely,



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