** St. Bede’s COVID-19 Visitor Protocol **

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| **Essential Visitors** | General visits to school should be cancelled during school hours to minimise the exposure of our children. Except for issues which are significant in nature, parents should meet with teachers either through a pre-arranged online meeting, via email, or over the phone.* The school will only allow essential visitors on site for:
	+ School regular maintenance and emergencies
	+ For teaching and learning reasons
	+ Training that must be undertaken in person
	+ Safeguarding reasons
	+ Health and safety reasons
* All visits will be at the school’s discretion.
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| **Covid-19 Symptoms** | * If visitors have any one of the following symptoms they **must not** visit school:
* a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
* a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
* a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal
* If visitors have any of these symptoms they must go home and arrange for a test.
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| **Health Conditions** | * Visitors who are **clinically extremely vulnerable** to coronavirus should work from home if they can.
* If they must visit, they **must** take precautions by washing their hands regularly, avoiding touching their face and keeping 2 metres away from persons in school.
* We would expect that the employer has undertaken an individual risk assessment in these circumstances.
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| **Arranging the Visit** | * **Visitors must make an appointment to visit school.** An exception may be made if it is for essential work for a Child Protection or Child in Need case.
* Visitors without an appointment may be asked to leave and make an appointment for a later date.
* The visitor and school will agree a time and date for the visit.
* Where possible this will be undertaken when there are no pupils in school and avoiding dropping off and picking up times.
* Visitors will be made aware of these protocol which will be displayed on the school website.
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| **Arrival** | * Visitors must arrive at agreed time (please contact the office if you are unable to do this)
* Report directly to the school reception office unless other prior arrangements have been made.
* Record your arrival on the school’s visitor book.
* In the event that the visit involves close contact\* with anyone else on site, and that person develops symptoms and tests positive then contact details will need to be provided to the Public Health England for their Test and Trace system.
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| **Hand Hygiene** | * Use hand sanitiser provided on entry to school.
* Wash hands after visiting the toilet and at regular intervals.
* Use hand sanitiser when leaving the building.
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| **Social Distancing****C:\Users\btobin\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.MSO\5698968A.tmp** | * Visitors should observe social distancing whilst on the school premises wherever possible. That is:
	+ Meet as few persons as possible in school.
	+ Meet outside if possible.
	+ Maintaining social distance throughout the visit wherever possible. (This won’t be possible for certain support professionals)
	+ Any face to face meetings should be as short as possible.
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| **Site Visit** | * Items should not be shared during the visit if possible. If not possible, good hand hygiene should be observed.
* Minimise any touching of school fixtures, fittings and other contents.
* Visit as few rooms as possible. If unaccompanied you may be asked to report which rooms you have visited so that touch points may be cleaned afterwards.
* If working with pupils, visit the minimum number of group “bubbles” necessary.
* Follow any one-way pedestrian systems that are in place.
* Observe any rooms restricted to visitors – e.g. staff room. Visitors may be allocated certain toilets.
* Windows and doors should be kept open during the visit but this may not always be possible / practicable.
* Face masks should be worn by visitors who are not working with pupils, but they are not a substitute for maintaining the required social distance.
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| **Fire Evacuation**Fire Exit Right Sign | Raymac Signs | * In the event of the fire alarm activation, the evacuation will be undertaken as normal, with the exception that there will be social distancing at the assembly point.
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| **Becoming Symptomatic in school** | * Any visitor on site who exhibits symptoms of Covid-19 will be isolated and be asked to leave site.
* If you start to feel unwell whilst you are at school please let a member of staff know.
* If you develop symptoms up to 14 days after being in our school please call school to inform us so we are able to act in line with risk assessments and track and trace.
* You are encouraged to be tested if you have symptoms.
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| **Leaving School Site** | * Visitors should go straight to the office once they have finished their visit where they will need to sign out.
* Visitors should remember to use hand sanitiser on leaving the school.
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| **\* Close contact within a school environment definition:*** Direct close contacts - face to face contact with a case for **any length of time, within 1 metre**, including being coughed on, a face to face conversation, or unprotected physical contact (skin to skin).
* Proximity contacts - extended close contact (**within 1-2 metres** for more than **15 minutes**) with an infected individual.
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