

Returning to School

Before we get to the guidelines, it is important to note that school attendance is mandatory for their educational progress, their wellbeing and wider development.

See: www.gov.uk for further information

Attendance

This means that it is your legal duty as a foster carer to send your children to school (if they are of compulsory school age) to school regularly. Schools and Local Authorities have a range of legal powers to enforce attendance if a child or young person misses school without a valid reason.

COVID19 GUIDELINES BACK TO SCHOOL



We know that heading back to school may be a little nerve-wracking, not just the children, but also for their carers.

Therefore, at Family First Fostering, we have put together this educative newsletter to guide and support you through this process.

This newsletter will provide you with useful, bitesize, easy-to-follow tips to promote safety for yourself and the children in your care, as they return to school.



DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF:

- If your child is showing signs of COVID19 symptoms
- Someone in the household is showing symptoms



Face Coverings



Public Health England does not recommend the use of face coverings in nurseries, schools and colleges.

However, **children over the age of 11** are required to wear face coverings on all public transport.



Handwashing

Children will be encouraged at school to wash their hands more regularly throughout the day (20 seconds rule). As a foster parent, please encourage this behaviour also at home with your children. Young people should get in the habit of washing their hands as soon as they return from school every day.

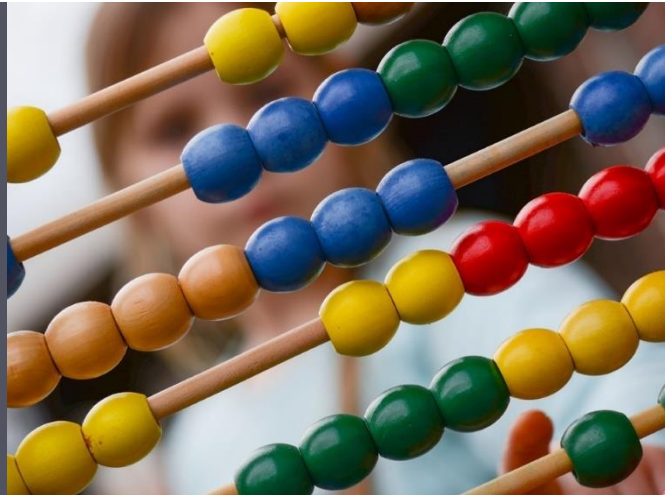


You can encourage cleanliness by placing hand sanitizers and young people-friendly wipes around the



Catch it, bin it, kill it

The CBK approach returns; carers should encourage their young people to cough and sneeze into their elbow or a tissue and dispose of it immediately. Again, emphasis has been placed on washing hands upon arrival of any setting, before and after eating and after sneezing or coughing.



Clothes-washing

Fortunately, the Government have advised that clothes washing does not need to be done any more frequently than it already would have been done.



Contact us:

If you have any concerns or worries concerning safety of your foster child in this time, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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