



Covid-19 Guidance Sep 2021



We want to thank Parents/Carers/Pupils and Staff for their ongoing patience with the changes in school operations. We will continue to accommodate any recommendations from Public Health regarding a Covid-19 outbreak, and understand that operations are subject to change in line with local and national guidance.

Displaying Symptoms of Covid-19

If you have any of the following symptoms you must self isolate and arrange a PCR test as soon as possible:

- A new, continuous cough (3 or more episodes within 24 hours)
- A high temperature
- You have lost/had a change to your sense of taste and or smell.

Lateral flow tests are to be used for testing and identifying asymptomatic cases. If you or anyone in your household are displaying Covid-19 symptoms you should arrange a PCR test to confirm your result. LFD test cannot be accepted as an alternative to a PCR test if symptoms of Covid-19 are present. Children will be sent home if they are displaying symptoms.



We wanted to update parents with the changes we have made in school following the changes in guidance in managing COVID-19.

Everyday operations changes

- We will no longer be using Bubbles as they are no longer required.
- We will no longer be staggering drop off and collection times. Please ensure children are at school for 08:40am and collected at 3:20pm.
- We are delighted to be able to host assemblies all together again.
- Our lunch time catering provisions are able to resume as normal. We are very excited to be able to serve lunch to all the children in the dinner hall.

Contact Tracing.

Contact tracing is no longer required by schools i.e. if there is a positive case it will be managed through NHS Test and Trace who will work with the positive case and / or parent rather than through schools.

Schools may however be contacted by Test and Trace if they need support in identifying who the close contacts are.

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with Covid-19, or are a close contact of someone with Covid-19 if any of the following apply: -

- They are fully vaccinated
- They are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- They have taken part in or are currently part of an approved Covid -19 vaccine trial.
- They are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons.

Staff and children who do not need to self-isolate (based on the above) should continue to attend school as normal.

Face Masks

Face coverings are no longer a requirement for pupils, staff and visitors. It is recommended face coverings are worn in enclosed and crowded spaces including public and dedicated transport. If there is a substantial increase in the number of positive cases within school, it may be recommended for face coverings to be reintroduced on an interim basis. Staff and Children can wear a face mask at their own discretion.

We would also strongly encourage parents/carers to continue wearing face masks when entering the school playground as a precautionary measure.