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IMPORTANT COVID INFORMATION

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The ongoing coronavirus pandemic continues to impact on our daily lives both at home and at school. We are keen to help prevent the spread of this disease and are working hard to keep your children safe in school.

These are the 'headlines' of the current situation and protective measures in place:

- School receives regular updates from the Department for Education (DfE) and Notts County Council (NCC).
- All schools must have a covid risk assessment and an outbreak management plan, which will be activated when the school is told to do so by Public Health England (PHE).
- In the event of a school or local outbreak, we will work closely with PHE, the DfE and NCC to ensure we do what we can to help prevent the transmission of covid. This may be re-introducing stricter protective measures for a temporary period.
- Any significant changes to our covid protective measures will be shared with parents via email. It is extremely important that we have up-to-date contact details.

'BUBBLES'

Children are no longer required to stay in separate 'bubbles' meaning that worship and lunchtimes can be together. However, schools must continue to think about limiting potential contact and transmission, particularly through the use of ventilation and space.

FACE-MASKS

The legal requirement to wear face coverings has been removed. However, **there is an expectation they are worn in enclosed crowded spaces where you may come into contact with people you don't normally meet.** The school therefore reserves the right to ask that face coverings are worn if this is felt necessary (e.g. for meetings and events in school).

Please note that NCC are advising school staff to avoid shaking hands with each other, with parents/carers and with visitors. Please respect the fact that many people are still trying to maintain social distancing, despite the lifting of national restrictions.

CLOSE CONTACTS

Close contact tracing is now being done by the NHS Test & Trace team. Children and fully vaccinated adults do not have to self-isolate if they have been a close contact. However, they do need to have a PCR test (not a lateral flow).

HAND & RESPIRATORY HYGIENE

Frequent and thorough hand cleaning should now be embedded, both at home and at school. We will continue to ensure that pupils clean their hands regularly with soap and running water (for 20 seconds). This continues to be important at these key times:

- Before leaving home
- On arrival at school
- After using the toilet
- After breaks / sporting activities
- When changing rooms
- Before food preparation
- Before and after eating any food (inc. snacks)
- Before leaving school

We will also reinforce messages to:

- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands. Wash hands immediately after doing so.
- 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' (cover cough / sneeze with tissue, throw tissue in the bin and wash hands).

CLEANING & VENTILATION

Both of these protective measures continue to be important. Our cleaner follows the NCC guidance and uses the correct products as recommended by the government for non-healthcare settings. Windows and doors will be kept open whenever it is safe a practical to do so to improve air flow around school.

SYMPTOMS

Children and adults **MUST NOT** come to school if:

- they have covid-19 symptoms,
- they have had a positive test result
- there are other reasons requiring them to stay home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19 (for example if they are required to quarantine).

If anyone in school develops COVID-19 symptoms, however mild, they must be sent home and they must follow public health advice.

Details on COVID-19 symptoms are available at:

[Symptoms of coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/)

Schools have the authority to take the decision to refuse the attendance of a pupil / parent / visitor if - in reasonable judgement - it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection.

When an individual develops COVID-19 symptoms or has a positive test

Pupils, staff and other adults must follow public health advice on when to self-isolate and what to do. Further information is available at:

[When to self-isolate and what to do - Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

If a child develops symptoms at school, they will be taken to the Meeting Room (next to the Admin Office) to await collection by a member of their family or household. If it is safe to do so, they will be left on their own while staff contact their parents. A window will be opened for fresh air ventilation. Staff will need to wear appropriate PPE if close contact is necessary.

It is **extremely important** that we can contact parents quickly on these occasions. This can be a distressing situation, especially for younger children, and parents need to come to collect their child as soon as possible so that we can get any affected areas cleaned.

The household (including siblings) should follow the stay at home guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection:

[Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Staff and pupils with a positive LFD test result should self-isolate in line with the stay at home guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection. They will also need to get a free PCR test to check if they have COVID-19. Whilst awaiting the PCR result, the individual should continue to self-isolate. More information is available from:

[Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

We hope that by working together - both within school and within the wider local community - we can continue to protect each other from coronavirus.

Thank you for your ongoing support through this challenging time.