

As you may be aware, the Government, via the Department for Education has now issued new COVID-19 guidance for schools effective from Monday 19th July 2021, in line with the wider removal of COVID-19 restrictions throughout the country from that same date. We wanted to write today to provide you with an update on what this means for your child/children.

Attendance is now mandatory for all compulsory school age children. Here are some of the things we thought you would find helpful to know:

Does my child need to isolate?

From Monday 16th August, **children under the age of 18 years old are no longer required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case, this includes household members who test positive.** They will only need to self-isolate if they have COVID-19 symptoms or a positive COVID-19 test result themselves, obtained through either a PCR or Lateral Flow Test.

As previously, we would request that students do not attend school if they are showing symptoms of COVID-19. We can also confirm that self-isolating students will still have access to remote learning opportunities while self-isolating.

Pupils who have symptoms in school, however mild will be sent home to have a PCR test, siblings will not be sent home unless they have symptoms.

Pupils who are required by legislation to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine.

As usual, parents should plan their holidays within school breaks and avoid seeking permission to take their child out of school during term time.

Families should also consider that their child may need to self-isolate following trips overseas that require a period of quarantine.

Pupils who are clinically extremely vulnerable when shielding is advised

Clinically extremely vulnerable people are no longer advised to shield.

All clinically extremely vulnerable pupils should attend school unless they are one of the very small number of children and young people under paediatric or specialist care who are advised not to attend.

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

Pupils, staff, and other adults should follow public health advice on when to self-isolate and what to do.

- ♦ They should not come into school if they have symptoms.
- ♦ Have a positive test result.
- ♦ Or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing COVID-19 e.g if they are required to quarantine when returning to the country.

If your child is going to be absent please call the school on **each day of your child's absence by 9am**. Please call 0121 327 0594 and leave a message on the absence line. Include the child's full name, class and reason for their absence. Please tell us, where possible the nature of the illness. "Sick" or "unwell" does not provide us with enough information to be able to authorise an absence therefore the absence could remain unauthorised on your child's record.



Bee on time! 🕒

School timings

Morning

Gates open at 8:30 am

School doors open at
8:45 am

School doors close at
8:55 am



If your child arrives after these times then they are late and must go to the main office where they will be signed in on the register.

This is so we know that they are present in the building and accounted for in the event of an emergency.

Afternoon

Gates open at
3:30 pm

All children finish school at
3:30 pm

If you have any queries or would like to speak to someone regarding attendance or pastoral then please contact the school on 0121 327 0594 and speak to one of our members of the pastoral team.