



## Keep Pield Heath School Safe

**We all want our colleagues, friends, families, students, and their families to be safe and healthy. We all have a vital role in maintaining a safe environment to ensure we all keep healthy and students receive a full and enriched face to face education.**

On the 4 April the Government withdrew and replaced operational guidance for schools as regards to managing Covid 19 in education and healthcare settings.

What does this mean?

### Testing and responding to cases

- Asymptomatic testing is no longer expected in schools.
- PCR tests are no longer available free of charge. A link to private providers can be found on: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/list-of-private-providers-of-coronavirus-testing/list-of-private-providers-of-coronavirus-testing>
- The legal requirement to self-isolate has been removed.
- Those with a positive test result will be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people:
  - Staff for 5 days
  - Children and young people for 3 days
- Staff and pupils are advised to contact school if they have a high temperature and feel unwell.
- If you no longer have a high temperature you can return to school if you feel well enough to do so.

### When children and young people with symptoms should stay at home and when they can return to education

- Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting.
- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can.
- All children and young people with respiratory symptoms should be encouraged to cover their mouth and nose with a disposable tissue when coughing and/or sneezing and to wash their hands after using or disposing of tissues.

### Remote Education

- Remote education should still be provided to CYP unable to attend in-person if:
  - Individual pupils have an infectious illness, but are well enough to continue learning
  - School needs to close in order to follow guidance from local or central government

### Actions to reduce the spread of respiratory infections, including COVID-19

#### Vaccination

- Vaccinations are effective at preventing serious illness from COVID-19, flu and other diseases. There is guidance available on the [vaccines that are available through the NHS](#). We encourage all staff to be vaccinated for their own health and to reduce the impact

#### Let fresh air in

- Keep classrooms well ventilated in occupied spaces to reduce the concentration of respiratory particles, lowering the risk of airborne transmission of respiratory viruses.

### Maintain a clean workplace

- Keeping workplaces clean reduces the risk of infection. It's especially important to clean surfaces that people touch a lot.
- Staff are supported to maintain a clean working area with anti-bac wipes provided and hand sanitiser

### Student Transport: Arrival and Departure

- Keep a safe distance from your colleagues when waiting for students to arrive or depart.

- Arrival times remain the same. **Parents and LA's have been asked to report to Reception if they arrive after 9am when the gates will be closed.**
- **No students should leave prior to 3.15pm Mon-Thursday and 2.15pm. LA's have been informed that students will not leave their classes prior to this and no bus will leave the school site prior to this time, unless with prior permission from the school office.**

### Classrooms and Educational Areas

- Classrooms must be kept well ventilated using natural ventilation, windows and doors kept open where possible
- Classrooms and learning environments must be organised and clutter free, all areas wiped after each session/lesson. Equipment used by staff and students must be cleaned regularly and not shared with others

### Supporting Students at break and lunchtimes

- Staff must continue to keep a safe distance from each other and positively engage with students
- When entering or exiting the play areas, this includes the soft play and sensory room, antibacterial gel must be used, at the earliest opportunity both student and staff must wash their hands
- Student lunches must be collected in VBC Common Room and eaten in classrooms

### Staff Breaks, Lunchtimes and Transitioning around the site

- Staff will continue to observe reasonable safe distancing from each other when walking through the school to allocated rooms
- Regular and thorough hand washing before and after eating, after coughing and sneezing, hands must be dried thoroughly
- Staff must continue to have staggered break and lunch times to minimise contact with others outside of their class groups
- Staff must have staggered lunch breaks to minimise contact with others
- No more than 15 members of staff in the staffroom at any one time. Refrain from sitting with colleagues not in your class group
- No more than 20 members of staff in the school dining room or VBC Common Room at any one time. Limit close interactions with staff outside of your class group.
- Safe distancing must be adhered to when using the staffroom, dining room and The Well.
- Do not over crowd any area of the staffroom, dining room, VBC Common Room or The Well. Be aware of your surroundings, and keep yourself and others safe

### Meetings

- All meetings must be held in well ventilated areas, windows must be open. Staff must safely distance themselves from each other and sit in class groupings limiting contact with staff outside of their own groups.
- All areas used must be wiped down with antibacterial wipes upon arrival and again when the meeting has finished

### Resource and working areas

- Staff working areas (offices and resource/meeting rooms) must be kept ventilated at all times, surfaces kept clutter free and any resources locked/put away when not being used.
- Wipe down your work area with antibacterial wipes upon arrival and again when you have finished

### Keeping yourself Safe at home and in the wider community

- Keep up to date with the National UK Government Guidelines
- Avoid crowds where possible



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