

LIVING WITH COVID

Information for parents and staff

UPDATED GUIDANCE FOR TERM 4 2022

CHANGES TO PANDEMIC RESTRICTIONS FROM 24TH FEBRUARY 2022

Unless your child is unwell, or has been advised to isolate, we expect everyone to be back in school from Monday 28th February.

Although the government has lifted many of the restrictions that have been in place for the last two years, we will still have the following controls in place to minimise the risk of transmission of the virus:

- Handwashing and sanitising on arrival, before eating and after playtimes.
- Windows open to ensure adequate ventilation – we have CO2 monitors in all classrooms, and to date we have not experienced dangerous levels of CO2, indicating that our ventilation measures are sufficient.
- Enhanced cleaning, including high-touch areas at lunchtimes.
- Children or staff with symptoms of covid-19 must stay at home and follow the latest guidance.
- If children exhibit symptoms of covid-19 in school, we will contact parents or carers and ask for them to be taken home. We will advise them to seek a PCR test, following the current guidance.
- Lesson plans will be uploaded to Teams by Monday morning every week for the benefit of children who are isolating and well enough to participate at home.
- Face coverings are not required in the school, but anyone who chooses to wear one will be respected and they will not be discriminated against.
- Some members of staff and students are classified as “clinically extremely vulnerable”, and we ask everyone to respect additional measures that are put in place to protect them. This may include asking individuals to wear face coverings in their presence.
- We have provided every child with their own stationery and a pencil case to put it in. If they need anything replaced, they need to ask their teacher.

We are reviewing our policy on whole school gatherings indoors and aim to resume whole school assemblies in the Hall, subject to consultation with staff and pupils.

We intend to reintroduce performances and open events to enable parents to come into school. We are starting with our Open Books mornings at the beginning of Term 4, and we aim to hold our first live Music Evenings since 2019 at the end of Term 4, subject to ongoing risk assessment and consultation.

SEND THEM TO SCHOOL OR KEEP THEM AT HOME?

The current advice is:

My child has symptoms which could be covid – omicron often looks like a common cold, and does not necessarily involve a high temperature or loss of smell and taste.	Keep them at home until they feel better. Order a PCR test. Keep them at home and avoid contact with others until you get the result. If the test result is positive, follow the guidance and keep them at home until Day 6 at the earliest. Do not send them back to school if they have a high temperature, even after Day 10. If the result is negative, keep them at home until they feel well enough to return. Do not send them back to school if they have a high temperature.
My child has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive , but they have no symptoms themselves.	Send them to school. Avoid close contact with anyone who is clinically extremely vulnerable. Avoid crowded places, and consider wearing a face covering.

If we observe signs of a child being unwell in school, we are likely to contact parents and ask for the child to be taken home. We ask parents to support us by collecting children as soon as possible.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE – NO CHANGE

We would like everyone to access the school site via the pedestrian gate on Park Grove, or for those with siblings in the infant school via the gate on Henleaze Park. Please avoid using the vehicle gates into the infant or junior car parks if possible.

Parents and carers will be asked to remain outside the green fence. **We will open the green gates at 8:45 in the morning and 3:25 in the afternoon.**

TIMETABLE – NO CHANGE

All classes will begin registration at **8:50am** and all classes will come out at **3:25pm**.

- Breakfast club is available at the infant school from 8:00
- Clubs start at 3:25
- Shine activity clubs end at 4:45, Choir ends at 4:20, Orchestra ends at 4:30
- Schools Out after-school care ends at 5:50

UNIFORM – NO CHANGE

Children are asked to wear their PE kit to school on PE days to avoid the need for another bag and for changing. PE kit consists of black shorts and a plain or HJS branded t-shirt in their team colour. They may wear a sweatshirt or jogging bottoms on top if it is cold, and on PE days, “skins” would be an acceptable alternative to keep warm.