

Special Provision Partnership



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Dear parents and carers

We are pleased to share details of the measures we will take to keep our school as safe as possible when all pupils return to face-to-face education on Monday 8th March. These safety measures have been established in line with government guidance to create a safer environment for pupils and staff and substantially reduce the risk of transmission.

Systems of control

We will continue to implement a system of controls. These controls are detailed in our risk assessment.

To prevent transmission of Coronavirus we will:

- Minimise contact with individuals who are required to self-isolate by ensuring they do not attend the school.
- Ensure face coverings are used in recommended circumstances.
- Ensure everyone is advised to clean their hands thoroughly and more often than usual.
- Ensure good respiratory hygiene for everyone by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
- Maintain enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents.
- Consider how to minimise contact across the site and maintain social distancing wherever possible.
- Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
- Ensure individuals wear the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) where necessary.
- Promote and engage in asymptomatic testing, where available.

In response to any infection we will:

- Promote and engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.
- Manage and report confirmed cases of coronavirus amongst the school community.
- Contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice.

What does this mean for children?

For children this means that school will continue to look slightly different. Children will still work in bubbles, which means they will not necessarily see their friends in other classrooms. Movement around the school will be limited and some areas will remain closed. In the upper school staff will be wearing facemasks where they cannot socially distance and we are asking all children in year 7 and above to wear a facemask where they are able. If your child is able to wear a face covering please provide them with one. Staff in lower school will wear a face covering where necessary.

What if my child develops symptoms?

If your child develops symptoms at any time they must still immediately self-isolate, and book a test by calling 119 or visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

What if my child tests positive?

If your child receives a positive test, they will need to self-isolate for 10 days following Government guidelines.

What if a close contact at school tests positive?

At present a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 must also self isolate for 10 days.

Online learning

We will continue to provide remote learning opportunities for pupils who are self-isolating due to a positive test and those who are Clinically Extremely Vulnerable. There is more advice on self-isolation and home learning on Gov.uk.

Lateral Flow Testing

We are pleased to inform you that from Monday 15th March we are able to provide home test kits for secondary aged children. These quicker tests help detect those who are carrying the Covid-19 virus but may not have any symptoms. Some children are already accessing these tests onsite.

If you have a child in year 7 or above, your home test kits will be delivered by school transport between 1st and 12th March. They will be sent with instructions as children will need supervision and/or assistance to swab correctly. The booklet in each kit can be accessed [here](#). An easy read version of the booklet can be accessed [here](#). Videos about the process can be accessed [here](#). If you have any additional questions the pastoral team are happy to help.

From Monday 15th March we ask that you support your child to take a test on Monday and Thursday morning before they attend school. If the result is positive, you should keep your child at home and inform us as soon as possible. If you receive your kit early and would like to start home testing from the 8th, please do.

Up to one third of people who have coronavirus have no symptoms so by supporting them take the test you are helping to save lives and help keep our school open and as safe as possible.

School Transport

We have shared our plans with school transport who will collect your child at the usual time on Monday 8th March.

Thank you for your time and attention with these matters. We are immensely grateful for your continued support and can't wait to see everybody soon.

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Very best wishes

Sarah

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Wilson'.

Sarah Wilson
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