

Keeping Attending Students Safe from Covid 19

We have a duty of care under our legal responsibility of 'loco-parentis'. This means that we have to do what a parent is reasonably expected to do in order to keep students safe. In these times, your parents are being given extra government advice and expectation to keep you safe. We have a legal and moral responsibility to ensure that we meet the same standards and expectations. The latest research is that the virus can survive on card for 1-3 hours but on hard surfaces for up to 72 hours, so all our actions must take this into consideration. **If you do not follow this guidance, thus enabling us to comply to the law, we will not continue to offer you the opportunity to attend.**

1. You will NOT be allowed to stay if you have a cough OR high temperature. You must be isolating for 14 days if you have either of these symptoms. If you still feel generally well but are isolating at home then please continue the google classrooms.
2. You must not be nearer than 2m to another student or a teacher – imagine a tall person laying down (ie James) and that is the distance. Do not huddle together at breaks to look at tech or play games for example. If your teacher asks you to stand in a different area whilst she collects your work or checks your PC, then you must comply. Do not wait in groups by the door to be let in – stand apart.
3. The virus can survive on hard surfaces for up to 72 hours. You must now take off your shoes at the door. You must use the wipe provided to clean your phone or tech before you hand it in.
4. Some staff, who will need to close that 2m distance, may be wearing masks – this is for all our protection and you do not need to be worried if you see this
5. You have already noticed that staff are constantly wiping and disinfecting. We have organised the onsite rota to allow for enough staff to do this, as this also helps to keep you safe – do not be worried or concerned.
6. If you bring hard surfaces into the school they will need to be wiped as we are keeping the school a virus potential free environment- this includes things like cans of drink
7. You must comply with regular hand washing
8. We are working towards being able to provide you with a hot meal after Easter. If we are able to move to this, we will be serving it in cardboard disposable plates and cutlery that has been 'isolated' for at least 3 hours. We know some of you will find this hard from a sensory perspective, but again this is to keep you safe.
9. If we go for walks, which are so important for mental health, you can chat to friends, but each of you stay on either side of the pathway – maintaining your distance.

Message for parents: The online school, well-being phone calls and other measures will continue every week day throughout this crisis. If you are using these services your child **must register by logging on in the morning** – please do not put our staff at risk by needing to carry out an unnecessary staff visit to your home because you have not called in to say they are not registering today due to illness; social contact puts you at risk too. We have a need to keep families safe – please pick up the phone if you recognise the school number and encourage your young person to talk to us, as well as us talking to you. These are unprecedented times for everyone. If you are worried or stressed please talk it through with us, if you are facing financial difficulty and need essentials then tell us, if the home environment is becoming a risk due to anxiety of the young people or rising anger from them then please let us know. If your own mental health is suffering, talk to us. We will do all we can ourselves and at the very least will sign post other sources of support. We want everyone to come out of this extraordinary event happy and healthy.