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Operational Guidance for Students and Parents During the Coronavirus Pandemic

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Purpose:

- To establish clear guidelines for all students and parents working in the academy during the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic
- To ensure the health, safety and welfare of all staff and students
- To reduce the risk of infection from Coronavirus and promote the positive health, safety and well-being for all staff and students through the consistent implementation of this operational guidance

Policies and other related documents:

This Operational Guidance has been written in accordance with the following key documents:

- Health and Safety Policy
- Infection Control Policy
- First Aid Policy
- Coronavirus Risk Assessment

Symptoms of Coronavirus Infection

The main symptoms of Coronavirus infection are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means that you've noticed that you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal
- **all of the following three symptoms** - headache, sore throat, runny nose

Changes to Covid Control Measures (England)

- From 19 July 2021, it is no longer required for people to wear face coverings or to observe social distancing in public places
- From 16 August 2021, it will no longer be necessary for contacts of someone who has tested positive to self-isolate.

What to do if your child has symptoms/test positive

- If your child shows any of the above symptoms or tests positive using an LFD test, you should notify the school immediately and book a PCR test. Until the results are received, your child should self-isolate.
- If the PCR test is negative, your child can return to school. If it is positive, they should follow the directions given by NHS Test and Trace and self-isolate.

Tracing of Close Contacts

- We will no longer be undertaking close contact tracing - this will be done by NHS Test and Trace
- We will support NHS Test and Trace in the identification of close contacts if requested to do so
- Anyone who tests positive for Covid-19 following a PCR test will be legally required to self-isolate
- Students who are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive case will not be required to self-isolate. Instead, they will be advised to take a PCR test

Changes to Standard Operating Procedures

With the above in mind, the school will operate in a manner which we would consider to be much more 'normal' and the following will now apply:

- Attendance by all students is compulsory
- The wearing of face masks by students and staff is no longer required
- Bubbles will no longer operate in school and students will be able to move around the school for their full range of lessons
- After-school clubs may take place, without the requirement for bubbles
- Educational trips and visits will resume, although not residential and overseas
- Visitors may be invited to the school, including parents
- We will continue to provide each year group with a specific area to assemble at the start of the day and for lunch and break facilities. Year 7 and 8 will assemble on the Year 7 playground. Year 9,10 and 11 will assemble in their designated areas on the upper school playground.

Ongoing Safety Measures

In order to reduce the risk of another outbreak of Covid and to minimise risk to students and staff, all students should:

- Continue to follow sensible and well-established hygiene practices to minimise the risk of transmitting Covid:
 - ◆ avoid contact with people who show symptoms of Coronavirus infection both in and out of the academy
 - ◆ maintain good personal hand hygiene, washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
 - ◆ use hand sanitiser regularly
 - ◆ catch coughs and sneezes in a tissue and dispose of the tissue in a bin
- Respect the KEEP LEFT system in place throughout the academy

In order to reduce the risk of another outbreak of Covid and to minimise risk to students and staff, the following will apply:

- We will encourage all staff and students to use LFD tests to regularly self-test for Covid
- Where a student or member of staff tests positive, they should isolate for 10 days - contacts will not need to
- Enhanced cleaning of the school site will continue
- In the event of an 'outbreak' of Covid in school, a contingency plan exists which may bring a return of class bubbles and limited movement of students around the school
- Parent Consultation Evenings will continue to take place via our online platform
- Continue to reduce risk of transmission in enclosed spaces by requiring students and staff to wear face coverings on school minibuses

Changes to this SOP

In the event that the Government guidance for school settings changes before the start of term, I will adjust and reissue this document at that time.