

# PANDEMIC PLANS FOR TERM 3

Information for parents

**UPDATED GUIDANCE FOR JANUARY 2022**

## **WE EXPECT SCHOOL TO BE OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN FROM 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

Unless your child is unwell, or has been advised to isolate, we expect everyone to attend school on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**. If the government announces any last minute changes, we will of course let you know immediately.

We will have the following controls in place to minimise the risk of transmission of the virus:

- Handwashing and sanitising as we have done for the last year, on arrival, before eating and after playtimes.
- Windows open to ensure adequate ventilation – we now have CO2 monitors in all classrooms, and to date we have not experienced dangerous levels of CO2, indicating that our ventilation measures are sufficient.
- No whole school gatherings indoors – assemblies are limited to two year groups at a time in the Hall. The rest of the school will join assemblies in their classrooms via Teams.
- Enhanced cleaning, including high-touch areas at lunchtimes.
- 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.
- Adults will wear face coverings in the corridors and other shared indoor spaces. Teachers will not have to wear face coverings while teaching the class, and children will not be required to wear face coverings at all. If they do so, their choice will be respected and they will not be discriminated against.
- Staff will avoid face to face meetings in large groups. When meeting in small groups they will wear face coverings and keep the space well ventilated.
- Staff will conduct lateral flow tests twice weekly and will not attend school if they get a positive result, following the latest public health guidelines.
- No unnecessary visitors in school – this means, on the whole, that meetings with parents will be held online. If face to face meetings are required, strict measures will be enforced regarding the wearing of face coverings. Where possible, meetings will be held outside.

Breakfast Club, Shine and Schools Out after school clubs will be available. Details of how to book these are all on our [Before And After School](#) page on the website.

Because of the high numbers of infections currently being reported, we are expecting to have higher than usual levels of pupil and staff absence this term. Therefore, there may be some disruption to routines.

## SEND THEM TO SCHOOL OR KEEP THEM AT HOME?

The current NHS advice is:

- If you have any recognised symptoms of covid, stay at home and organise a PCR test as soon as possible.
- **Positive cases:** Isolate for 10 days after the first day of symptoms or the day you tested positive if you did not have symptoms. From day 6, you may do daily LFD tests, and if you are negative on 2 consecutive days you may end your isolation early, [subject to NHS advice](#).
- **Contacts with no symptoms:** If you are fully vaxed or under 18, you do not need to isolate. However, you are **strongly advised** to take daily LFD tests for 7 days. If negative there is no need to isolate.

If your child is identified as a close contact of someone who tests positive, you will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace. School may also contact you, and you may be contacted directly by parents of your child's friends or classmates. **The advice given by Test and Trace must be followed.**

If you are advised to test your child, even if they have no symptoms, we strongly recommend that you do this.

<b>My child has symptoms</b> 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.	<b>Keep them at home</b> until they feel better.  If you do LFD tests and they are negative, send them back to school when they are well enough.  If you do LFD tests and they are positive, assume that they have Covid, arrange a PCR test to follow up and follow NHS advice on isolation.
<b>My child has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive</b> , but they have no symptoms themselves.	Do daily LFD tests for 7 days. As long as you get negative results, you may <b>send them to school</b> .
<b>My child has symptoms, or they have been contact traced, but we cannot get hold of any LFD test kits.</b>	<b>Keep them at home until you can obtain a test.</b> Book a PCR test at the earliest opportunity: PCR test kits can be delivered to your home, or you will be able to get an appointment at a walk-in or drive-through centre. You may have to travel some distance if local appointments are not available.
<b>A member of the child's household has been contact traced</b> , but they haven't got covid.	<b>Send them to school.</b> A contact of a contact does not have to isolate.

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. We appreciate that it may be inconvenient, but we cannot afford to take unnecessary risks.

## ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

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.** Parents are asked not to linger, and to minimise close contact with other families.

**We ask parents to wear face coverings on site**, although this is not currently a government requirement. We recognise that this is widely seen to be a sensible and considerate safety precaution.

To avoid congestion at the gates, Year 6 and Year 4 will continue to enter through the gate by the cycle park. Year 5 and Year 3 will continue to enter through the gate by the willow tree.

## TIMETABLE

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
- Schools Out after-school care ends at 5:50

## UNIFORM

**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.

## LUNCHES

Children may order school lunches as usual, or may bring their own packed lunch. We will be offering a filled baguette option in addition to the usual choices of meat or non-meat hot meals. Mondays are meat-free.

All meals will be eaten in the Hall or Dining Hall. Each year group will be called separately. Children will be allowed to sit with friends.

## STATIONERY

Children are reminded not to share their stationery. **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 encourage children not to bring large bags to school.** They need only bring a snack, a water bottle, a reading book, their reading record and a packed lunch (if required).