



Friday 26th February 2021

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

On Tuesday I wrote to inform you that from Monday 8th March all children will be returning to school. The Government Guidance for the reopening of schools is available at [Schools coronavirus \(COVID-19\) operational guidance \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/schools-coronavirus-covid-19-operational-guidance)

As in September, schools are required to put in place a 'system of controls' to limit the risk of transmission of COVID-19. The table below is taken directly from the guidance document. Below the table is an explanation of how this will be managed in school.

Prevention

You must always:

- 1) Minimise contact with individuals who are required to self-isolate by ensuring they do not attend the school.
- 2) Ensure face coverings are used in recommended circumstances.
- 3) Ensure everyone is advised to clean their hands thoroughly and more often than usual.
- 4) Ensure good respiratory hygiene for everyone by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
- 5) Maintain enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents.
- 6) Consider how to minimise contact across the site and maintain social distancing wherever possible.
- 7) Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.

In specific circumstances:

- 8) Ensure individuals wear the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) where necessary.
- 9) Promote and engage in asymptomatic testing, where available.

Response to any infection

You must always:

- 10) Promote and engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.
- 11) Manage and report confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community.
- 12) Contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice.

1) Minimise contact with individuals who are required to self-isolate by ensuring they do not attend the school.

All staff and pupils must follow self-isolation guidance (Please see point 10 for further details).

2) Ensure face coverings are used in recommended circumstances.

In Primary Schools, face coverings must be worn by staff when moving around the school site. Some staff will choose to wear a face covering in the classroom but this is not compulsory. Children do not need to wear a face covering in school.

3) Ensure everyone is advised to clean their hands thoroughly and more often than usual.

Every class has a timetable for handwashing throughout the day. Children wash their hands: on arrival to school; after break time and lunch time; before eating; after using the toilet and before they leave school at the end of the day. Children are also taught to wash their hands if they cough or sneeze. Please practise hand washing technique with your child before they return to school.

4) Ensure good respiratory hygiene for everyone by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.

All children will have a taught lesson on the first day back to school and will regularly revisit for the remainder of the school year.

5) Maintain enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents.

The school will continue to employ an additional daytime cleaner for cleaning of frequently touched surfaces and toilets. Staff regularly clean frequently touched surfaces throughout the day and all shared resources are cleaned between use e.g. PE equipment will continue to be cleaned between classes.

6) Consider how to minimise contact across the site and maintain social distancing wherever possible.

We will continue to have each class as a 'bubble' as we did in the autumn term.

As in September, we will not encourage social distancing between children in their own classes. Children will be able to play and work together within their bubbles. Children in Jupiter, Saturn, Neptune and Pluto will continue to be seated in rows, side by side, as recommended in the guidance but younger children will work in table groups as is normal practice.

The staff working in Key Stage 2 will maintain social distance where possible but there will be times that staff need to support children with their learning or provide emotional support when the social distance will not be maintained.

Saturn, Neptune and Pluto will use the Junior playground at the same time but will be encouraged to play with children from their own bubble. Mars and Jupiter will also use the Junior playground at the same time but will be encouraged to play with children from their own bubble. This is necessary to ensure that pupils get a reasonable lunchtime break and have adequate space to socialise with their peers.

We will continue to have a staggered start and end of the day and an earlier finishing time on Friday afternoons. Please check the timings and exit points for your child's class. The details for this are on the school website [171220-School-Day-Timings.pdf \(stjohnnevangelist.co.uk\)](https://stjohnnevangelist.co.uk/171220-School-Day-Timings.pdf)

Parents must queue in a socially distanced line at the end of the day to collect children and should wear a face covering. When your child has been collected you should leave the area promptly and not talk with school staff or other parents at the school gates.

Children will continue to eat lunch in their classrooms / the playground in their own bubbles and will not use the school hall for lunches.

All staff in the school will maintain two metre distance with other staff members where possible and the movement of staff across bubbles will be minimised as much as possible.

There will continue to be no assemblies or parents on site (unless a socially distanced appointment has been arranged which needs to take place in person).

- 7) Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.

We will continue to keep doors and windows open during the day. The heating in the school is turned on and children can wear trousers or thermal vests / socks. If it is cold, the higher windows will be left ajar so there is still natural air flow but the classroom is still warm enough for the children to learn comfortably.

8) Ensure individuals wear the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) where necessary.

Staff will wear full PPE as stated on pages 22 and 23 of the guidance - for intimate care needs or when a child displays COVID-19 symptoms.

9) Promote and engage in asymptomatic testing, where available.

All staff in school have access to lateral flow test devices which they use twice a week to detect asymptomatic cases of coronavirus. Primary age children will not be provided with lateral flow tests.

10) Promote and engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.

All staff, parents and pupils must:

book a test if they or their child has symptoms - the main symptoms are:

- a high temperature
- a new continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

self-isolate immediately and not come to school if:

- they develop symptoms
- they have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)
- anyone in their household or support or childcare bubble develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)
- they are required to do so having recently travelled from certain other countries (If you arrive in England from anywhere outside the UK, Ireland, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man you will must [quarantine](#) for 10 days).
- they have been advised to isolate by NHS test and trace or the PHE local health protection team, which is a legal obligation
- provide details of anyone they have been in close contact with, if they test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test and Trace

All parents must ensure that children are not in school when they have had contact with an individual with COVID-19 symptoms. Not following this guidance puts the whole school community at increased risk and increases the likelihood that we would need to close a class bubble.

11) Manage and report confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community.

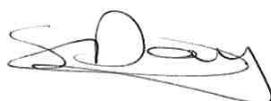
The school will continue to notify parents if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 in their child's bubble and they need to isolate for 10 days.

12) Contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice.

The school will continue to fully engage with the Islington Public Health team following all reported cases of COVID-19 in the school community.

If you have any queries related to the measures that the school will have in place this term, please email the school office.

Best wishes,



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