

Changes to Covid restrictions and Protective measures

The Stonehenge School

September 2021

Mixing pupils, bubbles and classrooms

- Pupils no longer need to be in bubbles
- All pupils can go to all areas where food is available to purchase food at breaks and lunch (although we will have 'ballgame zones' – see end slide)
- Year groups can mix for House, parliament and extra-curricular purposes
- Tables no longer need to be in rows in classrooms
- Teachers can circulate within classrooms
- TAs can sit next to pupils

Tracing close contacts and isolation

- Close contacts are no longer traced by the school
- Process taken over by NHS Test and Trace
- Rules to self-isolation have changed to:

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
 - they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
 - they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
 - they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons
- **Close contacts can therefore continue to attend school, but are advised to get a PCR test and wear face masks on public transport**

Face coverings

- No longer advised in school
- Face masks still recommended on public and school transport
- Continue to be part of personal choice to wear them - No pupil or student should be denied education on the grounds of whether they are, or are not, wearing a face covering.

Contingency plan

- We have created a contingency plan that prepares us for an outbreak, or if extra measures become necessary again
- Extra restrictions may also be imposed by local government
- Threshold is for 5 cases who are in close contact at one time

Control measures within risk assessment

You should:

- 1 Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
- 2 Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
- 3 Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
- 4 Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

1. Ensure good hygiene

- Staff and pupils need to continue to wash hands or use hand sanitiser regularly.
- This will continue to be available around the school
- Please promote with pupils at start of day, breaks and lunch
- Promote 'catch it, bin it, kill it' – tissues in classrooms and visible posters to promote to posters
- **Parents to be asked to provide hand sanitiser and packets of disposable tissues for pupils**

2. Maintain cleaning regimes

- Additional cleaning continues to be in place – particularly high touch areas
- Buckets of wipes provided to all classrooms.
- Anti-viral spray and blue roll also available

3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated

- Opening external windows and internal doors improves ventilation
- Fire doors should not be propped open
- CO2 monitors expected from DfE
- Some rooms have had additional monitors added
- Ventilation should be balanced with keeping a comfortable temperature
- Air purifiers being trialled by DfE
- **Coats should not be worn in classrooms** by pupils

Follow public health guidance

- Positive individuals to self-isolate
- Anyone with symptoms continue to be sent home however mild their symptoms
- Room 60 still in use as medical overspill until pupils collected
- 2 lateral tests given on return to school
- Staff and pupils to test at home until end of September when guidance will be reviewed
- **Positive lateral flow tests still need to be followed by a PCR**

Remote education

- We are still expected to provide education to anyone legitimately not in school where the absence is related to Covid-19 (eg, the child may be positive but not poorly and can complete work).
- FSM meals should still be provided to any at home
- Work will **not** be provided for pupils who are absent for other reasons; that is, where an absence is not authorised by the school

Other logistical questions

- Year 7 lunch starts at 1pm every day
- Year 11 break starts at 10:50am every day
- Ball games zones are:
 - Year 7 ONLY to be in lower (other years should not go down to mix with them)
 - Year 8 and 9 ball games to be played in middle field and tennis courts
 - Year 10 and 11 ball games to be played on MUGA and Upper field
- Pupils not playing ball games may be in all other areas of the school at lunch time
- Must eat in designated eating spaces (no eating in corridors or classrooms etc)
- Library can be open
- SEN social time breakout and HW club can mix years
- Pupils to attend school in full uniform
- PE changing facilities will be in place so **PE kit not to be worn to school**