

## **Covid Handbook for Parents and Students (April 18<sup>th</sup> 2022)**

### **Context**

All national Covid restrictions have now been discontinued and free testing is no longer being provided. Cheshire East Public Health advice has also been altered to reflect these changes.

At the same time, we are conscious of the fact that many parents will still have LFD tests at home. As such, we will need to be able to respond sensibly when confirmed positive results are reported to us over the next few months.

### **Dress Code**

Normal dress code and uniform expectations will apply as normal.

### **Equipment**

Equipment can still be shared between groups but we will try to reduce this when it is easy to do so. Exercise books can still be collected and returned in the normal fashion.

### **Face Coverings**

Students will no longer need to wear face masks in school, unless they wish to do so.

### **Social Distancing**

This will not be required anywhere on site, for staff or students.

### **LFD Testing**

There is no requirement to complete routine LFD testing.

Parents are advised to use any remaining LFD tests in their possession if their son/daughter is unwell with Covid symptoms.

### **Cleaning Routines**

We will return to normal cleaning routines around the school site.

Cleaning equipment will be available in every classroom.

## **Ventilation**

We will keep windows and doors open as much as possible during the day, although the fire doors in the corridors will need to remain shut.

## **Dining Hall and Holding Areas**

The dining hall will remain in full use.

## **Teaching Rooms**

All students can follow their timetabled rooming in the normal fashion.

## **School Day Timings**

School days timings will remain unchanged.

## **Extracurricular Clubs**

Extracurricular clubs for specific year groups can return to normal, including those that involve mixed age groups.

Sports fixtures or other events that include other schools will **also return to normal**.

## **Movement Around School**

We will keep the internal one-way system in place in all areas of the school, except the Performing Arts Block and the Sixth Form Centre.

We will operate two different approaches to the start of lessons:

### Model 1

Students will be asked to line up outside the classroom until their teacher arrives.

### Model 2

Students will be allowed to enter the classroom as soon as they arrive at the classroom so that they do not have to queue in the corridor.

Individual teachers will let their groups know which approach they intend to adopt for their classroom.

## **Behaviour**

Normal behaviour expectations will apply in full.

## Health Monitoring (Students)

As LFD tests are no longer being provided nationally, we are entering a period when some students will know that they have Covid (i.e. from an LFD test that they have at home) and others will not be sure if they are positive or not. We will manage these two groups as described below:

### Students with Covid Symptoms (but unable to get an LFD test)

If a student is ill with Covid symptoms, they should remain at home and distance themselves from others as much as possible. They can return to school if they feel well enough to do so **and** no longer have a high temperature. There is no longer any required isolation period for positive Covid cases.

Parents should report such absences to us as a normal illness (i.e. this does not have to be reported to our covid email address). Please note that we will not be providing access to online lessons for absences of this nature.

### Confirmed Positive LFD Test Result

In these circumstances, parents should keep their child off school for at least five days. Students can return to school on Day 6 if they no longer have a high temperature and they feel well enough to do so.

Parents should report confirmed positive cases to us by emailing [covid@fallibroome.org.uk](mailto:covid@fallibroome.org.uk) so that we can continue to maintain our central records of these cases.

We will continue to provide links to online lessons for confirmed positive cases of this nature.

If a student appears to have Covid symptoms and seems to be clearly unwell during the school day, our pastoral team may need to get in touch with you to ask you to take them home.

## Fire Alarm

In the event of a fire alarm, we will organise our evacuation procedures in the normal fashion.

## Toilets (Students)

Students will be allowed to use the toilets in the normal fashion. We will not replace the corridor doors to the toilets so that these areas can be easily monitored by staff.

Students will be discouraged from taking a toilet break during a lesson (unless they have a toilet pass).

## Assemblies

We will return to our normal assembly routines.

## **Visitors**

Adult visitors will be allowed to come into school.

## **Open Evenings / Large Events**

We will allow large scale evening events to go ahead.

## **Staff Shortages**

If these problems become severe, we may need to ask a year group to work from home for a period of time so that the teachers in that year group can be redeployed to cover for absent colleagues. **As we have managed to avoid such a scenario so far this year, we are optimistic that this will not be necessary this term.**

## **Assessment, Marking and The Presentation of Student Work**

Staff will be able to collect and mark exercise books in the normal fashion.

## **Communicating with Parents**

Parents will be able to come into school for an appointment

We will continue to deliver all parents' evenings online.

## **Summary**

We will monitor these issues very closely in the months ahead and will respond to any emerging trends as advised by Public Health.