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COVID-19 Health & Safety Guidelines For Students

Illness

1. Students should stay at home if they are unwell with a new, continuous cough, and/or high temperature, loss or change to their taste or smell or feel generally unwell.
2. If a student displays Covid symptoms whilst on site they must be collected from College by a parent or carer as soon as possible.
3. If there is a delay in the parent or carer being able to collect the student, or if a student feels very unwell whilst at College, they should go to the medical room (NK127) entering through the back of Northbrook building at the Freeman end, where they will be assisted.
4. If a student displays Covid symptoms they should arrange for a PCR test.
5. Students should inform the College of their absence if they are awaiting the results of a PCR test or if they receive a positive PCR test result.
6. Those in contact with a positive case are no longer required to self-isolate regardless of age or immunisation status.

Isolation

1. Isolation is no longer a legal requirement, but the College will refuse a student’s attendance if we believe it necessary to protect others.
2. If a student has Covid symptoms or tests positive for Covid they are advised to stay at home and follow the NHS guidance about return to College. They should avoid contact with anyone who is in an at-risk group.
3. At the time of writing, the NHS guidance for those who have a positive Covid result is to stay at home for at least five days. Do an LFD test daily from day five and, once they have two negative tests on consecutive days, they can return to College if they feel well.

Covid-19 Vaccination

1. Students are actively encouraged to book their vaccination appointments as soon as possible

Access to the Site

1. Students must have their ID with them at all times and use it to access buildings, presenting their card but not touching the sensor
Hygiene

1. On arriving at College, students must wash their hands or use hand sanitiser at the earliest opportunity.
2. On leaving College site students should wash their hands or use hand sanitiser.
3. Hand sanitiser will be provided on site but students are encouraged to bring their own with them as well to ensure frequent use.
4. Students should use hand sanitiser on entering a classroom including after a break in the middle of a lesson.
5. Students must assist in the cleaning of their work area at the end of the lesson under the direction of their teacher.
6. Students are responsible for cleaning their work area in any study space before leaving. Cleaning equipment will be provided.
7. Students are not expected to wear a face covering in any areas of the College but may be asked to do so by a member of staff in a situation in which they are working in close proximity. In these situations, students are expected to do so except for those who are exempt from wearing a face cover for example because of a physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability.
8. Students should wash their hands frequently whilst on site including before and after eating.
9. Students should follow government guidance on washing hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap.
10. Students should thoroughly dry their hands ideally with disposable paper towels.
11. Students should follow the ‘Catch it, bin it, kill it’ guidance for coughs and sneezes.

Outbreak Management Plan

If the number of positive cases amongst the College community increases such that the local health protection team advise that the situation constitutes an ‘outbreak’, the College will follow the advice of PHE and may re-introduce measures which could include:

- Restricted access to the site only for specific educational reasons and not for ‘social’ activity
- Reintroduction of face coverings
- The introduction of year group specific social and eating areas
- A limit to the food available in the refectory such that ‘grab and go’ only food is available
- Limits to visitors or parents on the College site, performances or trips
- Reintroduction of at-home LFD testing

Any situation in which a student is found to be in breach of these health and safety guidelines will be taken very seriously and may be dealt with as a disciplinary matter.