

Burscough Priory Academy Guidance on Social Distancing

In recent days there has been an understandable escalation in the need to follow strict social distancing measures. Strict compliance to social distancing measures can help reduce transmission and enable our National Health Service to better cope with what will be more challenging weeks ahead.

Here are the basics that we must all follow from Monday 23rd March.

Reducing cross-contamination will save lives.



Stay Home

- Students should not be in school unless they fall into the agreed critical worker or vulnerable group category. Staff must be vigilant with this.
- Parents should keep their children at home if they see any signs of illness consistent with symptoms of COVID-19, particularly fever, cough, or shortness of breath.
- Staff, unless on an agreed rota or asked to come into school should also be staying at home and be working, if well enough, as directed.



Wash Your Hands

- All students on entering school should wash their hands in the toilets before entering the canteen.
- Students entering the building for lessons, break, lunch and the end of day meeting should also always wash their hands in the toilets.
- Staff should also be washing their hands on a regular basis.
- Students will be reminded across the day not to touch their faces or each other.
- Students are not required to wear school uniform but parents will be asked to ensure that students attending each day wear newly laundered clothes to further reduce the risk of further spreading the virus.



Keep Your Distance

- All staff must ensure that irrespective of the size of the group, students must be kept 2 metres apart. This will require staff supervising this in the canteen, within classrooms and during unstructured times outside.
- Staff must also model this behaviour with their colleagues at all times.
- Staff briefings will continue to take place in the staff room if fewer than 15 staff. If more than this, briefings will take place in the theatre.



Keep Surfaces Clean

- Areas of the school not needed will be locked.
- Classrooms in use will be rotated and will be 'deep cleaned' at the end of each day.
- There will be daily cleaning of door handles and other high-touch surfaces in common areas.



Staff or Students Displaying Symptoms

- Students will be asked collectively at the start of each day if they are feeling unwell with a new cough or high temperature. Staff will also monitor this across the school day.
- Any student presenting with symptoms will be isolated, contact made with parent/s and then sent home.
- Staff presenting with symptoms will also be sent home to self-isolate and contact the NHS.



Visitors

- All visitors including contractors, parents and wider agency support staff before signing in will be asked to sanitise their hands with the available dispenser at reception.
- Anyone then invited into school must observe strict social isolating guidance and remain 2 metres apart from anyone they might come into close contact with.