

A summary of the key changes to the St Nicholas School Covid-19 Risk Assessment (17/5/2021)

The National Lockdown restrictions began to be released according to the UK Government's Road Map/Spring Plan (February 2021). The Lockdown Easing Steps 1 (8 March and 29 March), 2 (24 April) and 3 (17 May 2021) successfully took place and the next stage (4) may begin on 21 June 2021.

1. Daily staff and student temperature will still take place this term, but from June 2021 these will move to those people feeling/appearing unwell.
2. The School Lateral Flow Test site will be closed at the end of Term 5, with all twice weekly tests taking place at home - these will be supplied from the school stock of tests. As per DFE guidance those staff / students who may return a positive LF test (at home or school) will need to seek a confirmatory PCR test.
3. Lateral Flow Tests and all PPE will be stored in the school archive, and/or the training centre, and be distributed to classes once per week, as required.
4. Due to the new phase of the easing of lockdown, staff may now enter a different bubble, within their key stage/area, to assist with class cover, if required in an emergency/essential situation e.g. to help with feeding, cover absence and/or provide a lifeguard for the class next door.
5. The Reception and Owl Playground areas can now merge as they are well-supervised, part of a larger corridor bubble and the pupils and staff will be out of doors. Enhanced hygiene measures will need to take place at the end of each break time.
6. The Training Centre will remain out of use during term 6 except for essential/internal training and the storage of LF tests.
7. The breakfast club will be re-established from June 2021.
8. Specialist subject teaching will be reintroduced to class bubble groups on the main site in term 6, specific hygiene mitigations will be planned. If satellite groups are to receive a service, the teacher would need to be based there all day to reduce the movement of people between sites across the week. *All staff have had C-19vaccination.* Group Active Education sessions will re-start in term 6 in the gym and OT room, and 1-1 sessions will continue all taking place with enhanced social distancing and hygiene regimes. Literacy and numeracy withdrawal groups will be reactivated from term 6, with a suitable risk assessment and mitigations in the sunflower room. *MOVE teaching groups and SHINE classes will continue to be suspended for the remainder of the year.*

Outdoor interventions are taking place – Forest School continues to take place and now the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme groups have now been re-introduced, including residential activities.

9. Swimming in the public pools will not take place during term 6. The use of the school hydro pool has been expanded to include some leisure swims for classes and the re-introduction of the *Water Babies* external lettings.
10. Class groups will make visits into town. If pupils are accessing community facilities the teachers will planning supervision ratios into small groups, with the rule of 6 will be observed, where safe and reasonably practicable - according to the specific off-site activity risk analysis.

Class groups can now start visiting outdoor open venues as these are the safest way to access the community (e.g. public parks, beaches, play areas) where appropriate, the those involved can keep their distance from the public appropriately (allowing people to pass at a safe distance) and lunches/refreshments eaten on (picnic) benches or on the ground - observing the rule of 6. KS3 pupils may make curriculum visits to museums and heritage sites; groups will try to observe the rule of 6. KS4/5 pupils may now begin to access local

shops and community facilities in small groups on independent living skills activities, they will observe the rule of 6.

School groups will not be allowed to have access to public transport for the foreseeable future; whole class groups now can make community visits using school-managed vehicles with the mitigations being the use of face coverings (for those who are not exempt), enhanced cleaning regimes and all windows being open for increased ventilation. Social distancing will NOT need to be observed on the vehicle.

11. Face Coverings for staff, and pupils who are not exempt, will now be optional within classrooms; they will continue to be needed on school transport vehicles and are optional for pupils / required for staff in communal areas.
12. Parental and pupil transition visits will begin, with face masks used by all non-exempt parties, during the school day. Essential visits to the school will now take place during the school day, including some meetings with parents/other agencies.
13. STLS staff will now begin making school visits, those involved will be provided with an adequate supply of lateral flow tests to be processed before sessions, as per the STLS Risk Assessment.
14. Primary and secondary sports day events will be introduced in term 6, but these will be outside. *The Sports Day activities for High Needs pupils will include appropriate indoor activities.*
15. Volunteers and visiting curriculum specialists may start working in the school from Term 6. These will be with discrete and consistent groups – with enhanced mitigations for those involved. Sessions may take place outside if appropriate.
16. Assemblies will continue to be virtual until the end of the year. There will be in-person celebrations for those pupils moving from Primary into Secondary and for KS4/5 leavers in the sports hall.
17. Students will continue to be seated in the fashion that leads to most socially distant/safe arrangement.
18. Parents evening consultations will remain virtual or via telephone during the COVID-19 restrictions.
19. Lunchtime arrangement changes:
 - Main School – Primary pupils will eat in the dinner hall from now on, with the exception of Meerkat and Orangutan classes, in the first setting. Those in Secondary, with the exception of Knox class who will use the Food Tech room at 12.30 pm have a school-provided meal will return to eating in the school Dining Hall (or Food Tech room, if appropriate from Monday 17 May 2021).
Groups will arrive at the hall in staggered fashion and (this term) will immediately be seated with students' meals collected for them/cutlery and plates stacked / tables and chairs cleaned after use, by supervising staff. Pupils who can safely do so (in one or two queues), will start to collect their own meals and take their own plates & cutlery up, at the end of their lunch.
 - Spires Academy – pupils will start to have their break and lunch times (including meals) in the Heart Space.
 - Canterbury Academy Secondary School – those having a school meal will eat the school hall as per the host school staggered arrival plan, those with a packed lunch will continue to eat in their classes, back at the block.
 - It is hoped that the Chartham school plans will develop to allow the satellite classes to have access to an increased play area, providing the school pupils begin to access the school field. Mealtime arrangements will stay the same.
 - All other groups will continue follow their existing lunch arrangements.