

## The Park College Living with COVID 19 Risk Assessment and Contingency Plan April 2022

During the COVID 19 pandemic, The Park College is following advice issued by the DfE. Guidance is issued frequently and changes are made as required.

As of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022, guidance has changed dramatically. Specific advice for all SEND settings and college settings has been withdrawn. *Living with COVID* has meant the withdrawal of free testing and the requirements to isolate have ended.

Vaccines, Ventilation and Good Hygiene are key strategies in all contexts.

Vaccines remain a key defence in staying well while *Living with COVID* and all staff and students are encouraged to have their vaccines. Students can access the vaccine via their GP.

### Minimising transmission and risk of COVID outbreak

Good ventilation continues to be very important. Windows to be partially open to allow good ventilation in all rooms.

Staff may choose to wear face coverings while in the building including when teaching students

Staff should store their face covering safely and ensure it is changed when required.

Students may choose to wear face coverings. Those that do will need explicit teaching on safe usage of face coverings including handling, storage and disposal of coverings.

Independent travellers will also require explicit teaching of safe face covering usage if they are travelling on public transport. Students using public transport for a trip will require explicit instruction prior to the trip and this should be included in the trip risk assessment

All students are exempt from face covering mandates.

### Student becoming unwell

Symptoms of COVID-19 can include:

- a high temperature or shivering (chills) – a high temperature means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or

If a child or young person aged 18 or under **tests positive** for COVID-19, they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for **3 days**. This starts from the day after they did the test.

“Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have symptoms of COVID-19 and they either:

<p>3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste</li> <li>• shortness of breath</li> <li>• feeling tired or exhausted</li> <li>• an aching body</li> <li>• a headache</li> <li>• a sore throat</li> <li>• a blocked or runny nose</li> <li>• loss of appetite</li> <li>• diarrhoea</li> <li>• feeling sick or being sick</li> </ul> <p>The symptoms are very similar to symptoms of other illnesses, such as colds and flu.</p> <p><a href="https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-students/">https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-students/</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have a high temperature</li> <li>• do not feel well enough to go to school, college or childcare, or do their normal activities</li> </ul> <p>They can go back to school, college or childcare when they feel better or do not have a high temperature.”</p> <p>If any student presents with a high temperature, their parent or carer will be called to collect them.</p> <p>If a student presents with any of the other symptoms, their family will be called to discuss symptoms.</p>
<p><b>Staff member becomes unwell</b></p> <p>Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) in adults can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a high temperature or shivering (chills) – a high temperature means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)</li> <li>• a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours</li> <li>• a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste</li> <li>• shortness of breath</li> <li>• feeling tired or exhausted</li> <li>• an aching body</li> <li>• a headache</li> <li>• a sore throat</li> <li>• a blocked or runny nose</li> <li>• loss of appetite</li> <li>• diarrhoea</li> <li>• feeling sick or being sick</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/main-symptoms/">https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/main-symptoms/</a></p>	<p>Staff member to immediately inform SMT</p> <p>“Try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if you have symptoms of COVID-19 and either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• you have a high temperature</li> <li>• you do not feel well enough to go to work or do your normal activities</li> </ul> <p>Take extra care to avoid close contact with anyone <a href="#">who is at higher risk of getting seriously ill from COVID-19</a>.</p> <p>You can go back to your normal activities when you feel better or do not have a high temperature.”</p> <p>If a member of staff <b>tests positive</b> for COVID 19 they should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days</li> <li>• avoiding meeting people at higher risk from COVID-19 for 10 days, especially if their immune system means they’re at higher risk of serious illness from COVID-19, even if they’ve had a COVID-19 vaccine</li> <li>• This starts from the day after you did the test.</li> </ul>

	<p>Free test kits are no longer available. Staff and families should speak with the SMT if they need support to access tests.</p>
<p><b>First Aid requiring closer than normal contact</b></p>	<p>First Aid, wherever possible, should be administered by someone in the same tutor group.</p> <p>First Aider will be allocated for break and clubs All First Aiders should take universal precautions at all times and wear a mask.</p> <p>The room/ office used for first aid will be cleaned at regular intervals throughout the college day</p> <p>The room/ office used for first aid will be open to all staff and students. Cleaning staff should be notified immediately if the first aid room is used, so that it can be cleaned before being used again. A sign can be placed on the first aid room, if the room is awaiting cleaning.</p>
<p><b>Trips/ External work experiences</b></p>	<p>Each trip/ work experience risk assessment should include specific COVID-19 safeguards</p> <p>Students will be encouraged to wear masks when travelling on public transport if they are able to do so. Hand sanitiser should be part of the offsite trip bag.</p> <p>All trips requests should continue to follow Trip Guidance</p>
<p><b>Confirmed case of COVID 19 of student or staff member</b></p>	<p>Staff and those aged over 18 are advised to isolate for 5 days. Those aged 18 and under are advised to isolate for 3 days.</p> <p>There is no longer the requirement for close contacts to be identified nor for those who are close contacts to isolate or to test for 7 days.</p>
<p><b>A suspected COVID-19 outbreak</b></p> <p>Threshold for contacting PHE for special colleges: “2 pupils, students, students and staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period”</p>	<p>College to inform South London Health Protection Team if the threshold is reached or there are concerns about onsite transmission. This is currently 2 confirmed cases.</p> <p>College will follow all advice if a local lockdown is put in place Further advice will be sought in regards to the identification of an outbreak with the removal of free, mandatory testing</p>
<p><b>Being a close contact of a household positive case</b></p>	<p>There is no longer the requirement for close contacts, including household contacts to isolate or to test.</p>

	Staff and students should not attend if unwell.
<b>Mass asymptomatic testing</b>	Free testing for those in England, including in SEND settings has been withdrawn. There is no longer the expectation that staff and students will routinely test themselves.
<b>Contingency planning:</b> <i>As part of the Living with COVID plan, it is anticipated that this planning is highly unlikely to be put in to place</i>	
<b>If a student is required to isolate due to suspected or positive COVID test</b>	Maths, English and PLP work will be sent home (posted or hand delivered) the day after the student is sent / stays home (Day 2)
<b>Limited college closure due to further lockdown advice or PHE advice</b>	Vulnerable students to continue to attend – list is regularly updated by SMT Offer full time / part time spaces to those that require depending on staffing availability Bubble timetable to be re-introduced – tutor groups may be consolidated depending in staffing availability Inform social care/early help of those vulnerable students who have been offered a space, but who are not attending – if they have a social worker Consider workforce rota if required. Maths, English and PLP work to be sent home weekly Weekly phone call from tutor to discuss progress with parent / student (as applicable) Subject leads to publish weekly links to high quality resources and to make available resources to be downloaded or sent to families Relevant lessons to be re-established on Teams / recorded sessions to be sent to families Twice weekly calls to any student on vulnerable list not attending
<b>Additional Notes</b> Special colleges to email <a href="mailto:lcrc@phe.gov.uk">lcrc@phe.gov.uk</a> and put that we are a <b>special college</b> in the subject line. The number for South London Health Protection is 0344 326 2052. All staff are welcome to make suggestions by talking to a member of the senior management team. All suggestions are very much welcomed. Any staff member may request an individual risk assessment at any time. Please inform SMT if you are vulnerable and at higher risk.	