



Wallace Fields Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a wonderful break and I wish everyone a very Happy New Year. Following guidance sent to schools yesterday by the department for education (DfE), I am writing to inform you of the continued measures we have in place and our contingency plans.

It is a priority to ensure the school applies all measures rigorously to keep the school community as safe as possible and to balance this with a commitment to give our children as close to normal school experience as possible. At the time of writing all planned events this half term will go ahead with reviews of each event closer to the time. This is a delicate balance as you can understand, and I thank you for your understanding, co-operation and support. We have had a surprisingly low number of cases in school but we must be ready to act as they arise and we will keep you updated.

We are continuing to follow the guidelines laid out in our risk assessment, which is on the school website. Risk assessment in the Covid Procedures section of 'Our School'. <https://www.wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/our-school/covid-procedures#doc-collapse-236064>

The following measures will remain in place;

- Regular hand washing and sanitising
- CO2 monitors and good ventilation in all areas.
- Face coverings - staff are advised to wear face coverings in communal areas (excluding classrooms) and corridors
- All visitors are required to wear a mask, unless exempt. Primary age pupils are not required to wear a face covering.
- Twice weekly testing for staff.
- Cleaning throughout the school day.
- Contacting parents of children who were in close contact with anyone who has tested positive

COVID-19 Guidance

- If your child has symptoms you must organise a PCR test.
- Please keep your child at home if they are unwell
- Please notify the school as soon as possible if your child is showing symptoms, isolating, being tested and when test results are confirmed.

Testing Positive

- Those who test positive may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. If these two LFDs results are negative, they are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation.
- Daily testing for close contacts of COVID-19: Those who are fully vaccinated, or aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend school as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.

COVID Outbreak Management Plan

If we experience an outbreak within a class or year group, we will work with support from the local authority (Surrey) and Public Health England – who have since transferred their health protection role to the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA). We will continue to keep in close contact with families. Please see our contingency plan for additional measures and possible adjustments that we may make. Contingency Plans and Outbreak Management plans found at <https://www.wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/our-school/covid-procedures#doc-collapse-236065> in the Covid section of 'Our School'.

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Staffing

Staffing is likely to be challenging for all schools this half term. At the time of writing, we have a few staff unable to return to school this week due to having COVID. We will continue to use available staff and on occasion, some groups and class activities may be modified.

Remote education

The current requirements for remote education continue to remain in place. Please see our Remote Education Provision plan on our website under the COVID tab of 'Our school'. <https://www.wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/our-school/covid-procedures#doc-collapse-236065>

- Where individual pupils need to self-isolate or cannot attend school because parents/carers have COVID, and the majority of their peer group remains in school, remote education is provided. Your child must be well enough to work, if they are symptomatic or ill, for example if they have a temperature, they should rest and recover. Remote provision differs slightly from the approach for whole classes due to the challenges of teaching pupils simultaneously at home and in school.
- In cases where most children are receiving in-school teaching and others may be self-isolating at home, we ensure we work quickly to provide them with access to a remote education so that they do not miss any learning or potentially fall behind with their progress. The responsibility to be on time to streamed lessons and complete tasks belongs to the child and their parents. Late online attendance will not be compensated by repetition of streamed content.
- Following the confirmation of an isolation period or positive test, your child will be set work in the Google Classroom for them to complete and follow the remote provision guidelines. There are video guides on our website for logging on to the various electronic platforms. Teachers will guide pupils to the units and the homework that are in line with the school curriculum map and the usual homework expectations apply.

If you need any further guidance or advice and it is not on the website or in this communication, please contact the school office directly. We look forward to seeing you tomorrow at 8.50am. Gates open at 8.40am.

Yours

Mr Steve Lee

Headteacher

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