

Head of School Mr J Lewis

29<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

## **COVID Update April 2022**

As we learn to live safely with coronavirus (COVID-19) there are general actions promoted by the government that we can all take to help reduce the risk of catching COVID-19 and passing it on to others. These actions will also help to reduce the spread of other respiratory infections, such as flu, which can spread easily and may cause serious illness in some people. These are:

- Get vaccinated.
- Let fresh air in if meeting others indoors.
- Practise good hygiene:
  - wash your hands
  - o cover your coughs and sneezes
  - clean your surroundings frequently
- Wear a face covering or a face mask.
- If you have symptoms of a respiratory infection, such as COVID-19, and you have a high temperature or do not feel well enough to attend work, you are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.

The safety of our children and staff is at the forefront of our thinking and we will continue with the following protocols as part of our regular practise:

- Frequent and thorough hand cleaning should now be regular practice. Students must clean their hands regularly. This can be done with soap and water or hand sanitiser.
- The 'Catch it, bin it, kill it' approach continues to be very important.
- Regular cleaning of areas and equipment will be undertaken with a particular focus on frequently touched surfaces.
- Teaching/working environment will be kept well ventilated and comfortable with at least one window open and internal classroom doors will remain open.
- We recommend all school staff and eligible children take up the offer of a vaccine.

The current advice for children and young people with COVID symptoms is as follows:

- Children with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting.
- Children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend.



• If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test, if they can. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower.

As always, if you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us <a href="mailto:enquiries@wellfieldacademy.org">enquiries@wellfieldacademy.org</a> .

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Lewis

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