

Hygiene and safety in school

Safety in school

We appreciate that this is a very worrying time. We have put additional safety measures and cleaning in place across the site and most specifically in the areas where staff and students will be located. We are limiting movement in school using the same rooms for teaching and have implemented a one-way system and students will only be allowed to interact at a social distance with those in their pod/group. We have followed guidelines that the government has published to schools and a full risk assessment has been completed. Safety is the number one priority. For further guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings>)

PPE

The latest Government guidance is that wearing a face covering in school is not recommended. Face coverings may be beneficial for short periods indoors where there is a risk of close social contact with people you do not usually meet and where social distance cannot be maintained. This does not apply to schools and so we do not require staff or students to wear face coverings. The majority of staff in education settings will not require PPE beyond what they would normally need for their work. For further guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings>

Wash your hands, use anti-bac wipes or gel

- Remember to wash your hands as regularly as possible with hot water and soap. There will be plenty of opportunity to wash your hands throughout the day.
- Use hand sanitiser where available, please note that this is used at your own discretion and you should check for allergies before allowing your child to use this.
- Remember to catch your sneezes in a tissue. Tissues are available in every classroom and should be thrown away after use.

Social distancing

- Very simply 'social distancing' means staying away from other people in order to avoid catching or spreading the virus.
- We all need to minimise any unnecessary contact with those who do not live with us.
- Be aware of how close you are to others, always respect people's personal space
- Remember to only remain within your designated pod/group.
- Classes have been laid out in a specific way to maximise safe spacing. Chairs and tables **MUST NOT** be moved.

Cleaning

- The school will be thoroughly cleaned at regular intervals throughout the day.
- The cleaning team will be working throughout the day, around the school time timetable, to proactively clean areas before and after people have used them.
- Students should keep to the assigned areas and **MUST NOT** wander around the site
- Students **MUST NOT** share equipment