

Frequently Asked Questions

1 - Will my child be in a bubble?

Yes. All children will be within a bubble, which is their class. Adults will normally only work across one group and children will have shared resources e.g. bathrooms and PE equipment for their bubble. This provides an extra layer of protection for staff and pupils.

2 - What can my child bring to school with them?

We do not want children to have anything in school apart from a **named** coat if it is cold/wet, pencil case as directed, their **named** packed lunch and **named** water bottle, healthy snack and a named backpack. Children should wear a PE kit to school on their two PE days.

3 - Can I make an appointment to speak to a member of staff in the school building?

We are not currently allowing non-essential visitors to the school, however if you need to speak with the class teacher you can arrange a meeting, phone call or email the teacher directly. If we do invite you in for a meeting, please wear a facemask. Please also complete our track and trace. When talking to the teacher at the door, please ensure you give them space.

4 - My child develops symptoms of Covid at school, what will happen?

If your child displays any symptoms in school, they will be isolated in the old staff room and you will be asked to collect them immediately. The rest of their class bubble may also be asked to go home and self-isolate following the advice given from the Public Health Team. If your child or a family member shows symptoms, children must stay at home to self-isolate and be tested for COVID-19.

5 - A child or member of staff has a confirmed case of Covid, what happens next?

We will contact Public Health South West. The current guidance shows that pupils and staff in their bubble and those who have had close contact will need to go home and self-isolate for 14 days. Anyone with symptoms should get tested immediately. The school will ensure thorough cleaning of spaces used. At this stage we are totally guided by health professionals.

6 - If the school has a Covid outbreak, what happens next?

If two or more children or staff from the same group contract Covid 19, then the same steps as above will take place. In addition the school will receive additional support from the Health Protection Team and guidance from Public Health South West.

7 - How often will my child be able to wash their hands?

Soap dispensers, sinks and paper towels are available in every classroom as well as the toilet and children will be encouraged to wash their hands upon arrival to school, before and after play and before and after lunch as well as after any visit to the toilet. There will be hand sanitiser in every classroom to help with handwashing too.

8 - Does my child have to use alcohol based hand gel?

No, if you do not wish for your child to use hand gel please contact us to let us know. Please also speak with your child so that they are clear that they should always use soap and water instead. However, they CANNOT bring their own hand gel into school as we have risk assessments and COSHH details for all hand gel on site. If you no longer wish your child to use hand gel in school, please let us know so we can respect your wishes.

9 - Will CCI be testing pupil's temperature upon arrival?

No. We will continue to ask parents and pupils whether they have symptoms of Covid 19 including whether they have a temperature. We will only check a pupil's temperature if they feel unwell during the day. We will use a non-contact thermometer to help us understand if they are symptomatic. This also helps us advise parents accurately as to how their child is.

10 - My child has symptoms of a cold e.g. runny nose and sneezes, will they be sent home?

No. We understand that coughs and colds are normal. We will only ask for children to self-isolate and/or be tested if they have a persistent cough, high temperature or change to their sense of taste or smell. Vomiting and diarrhea continues to mean that a child must stay at home for two days but this is not about our COVID policy, it is about standard medical protocol.

11 - Schools have now received testing kits- will CCI test my child?

No. We will never perform a test on a child. We may recommend that you arrange for your child to be tested and have a few testing kits that can be used at home for parents who need them, but we have been advised that this is only where the family does not have access to the internet to order it themselves.

12 - I have heard that children with symptoms can be detained at school- is that correct?

No, this is a false rumour circulating social media. We will never keep a child at school without your permission. If we are worried that your child has symptoms then you will be contacted in the first instance. Please ensure that your contact details are up to date. Safeguarding children continues to be our highest priority.

13 - Will the school ask my child to wear a mask? Will staff wear a mask?

Currently the guidance states that children in primary schools do not need to wear a mask. Some of our staff as well as visitors to the school may wear a mask and/or a visor. We are trying to limit the number of visitors to site to protect children and staff.