

COVID-19

Guide for Parents – Summer Term 2022

April 2022

The Government's guidance is now COVID-19: Living with COVID-19. This reflects the lifting of the final restrictions and the move to living with respiratory and other infections in the community.

The new advice for educational settings is therefore:

1. Regular asymptomatic testing is no longer recommended in education and childcare settings.
2. The School will maintain a risk assessment to ensure that baseline infection prevention and control measures are in place following the Government's advice. This will include:
 - a. Enabling and supporting take up of national vaccination programmes (including COVID-19 and flu);
 - b. Ensuring occupied spaces are well-ventilated and let fresh air in;
 - c. Reinforcing good hygiene practices such as hand washing and cleaning.
3. There are many specific infectious diseases that children can suffer from and the Government has published a comprehensive document giving helpful advice on these diseases. It also provides information how long an individual should not attend a setting to reduce the transmission during the infectious stage. We note that for cases of diarrhoea and vomiting (gastroenteritis) children should not return until at least 48 hours after diarrhoea and/or vomiting have stopped and they are well enough to return. [Health protection in education and childcare settings - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-education-and-childcare-settings)
4. For respiratory infections including COVID-19, the government has advised the following:
 - a. Children with mild, respiratory symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education or childcare setting.
 - b. Anyone who is unwell and has a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, they should return to School when they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough.
 - c. Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days. Children and young people aged 18 and under with a positive COVID-19 test result should isolate for 3 days.
5. The School will seek specialist advice from the UKHSA in the event that there is a suspected case of a notifiable infectious disease, and if we are concerned and have seen:
 - a. A higher than previously experienced and/or rapidly increasing number of staff or pupil absences due to acute respiratory infection or diarrhoea and vomiting;
 - b. Evidence of severe disease due to an infection, for example if a pupil or staff member is admitted to hospital;
 - c. More than one infection circulating in the same group of students and staff for example chicken pox and scarlet fever;
 - d. An outbreak or serious or unusual illness such as whooping cough or measles.

Further Information

Face Coverings and Distancing

- There are no requirements for face coverings in school but pupils and staff who would like to continue wearing a mask are welcome to do so.
- Distancing is a good precaution to control infections which are spread over short distances but again is not a requirement.

Absences

- Please notify your child's class teacher **and** office@richardpate.co.uk if your child is unwell, so that we can monitor all infections within the School community.

Uniform

- Pupils will continue to come to school in their Games kit for PE and Games lessons (and those attending the morning tennis). On other days, pupils will be expected to wear normal School uniform (Winter or Summer until half term and then Summer after half term). Layers are advised as classrooms will be ventilated during the day.
- Some pupils may be required to change into Games kit on normal uniform days if they have after school clubs or activities. This will be limited and the changing rooms will be kept clean.
- Details of the days are below:

Year	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y3	Games Kit	Games Kit	School Uniform	School Uniform <i>Andy Tucker football</i>	Games Kit <i>Dance</i>
Y4	Games Kit	Games Kit <i>Hockey (boys)</i>	School Uniform	School Uniform or Games Kit for those doing morning tennis <i>Cricket (Girls and Boys)</i>	Games Kit <i>Dance</i>
Y5	School Uniform <i>Cricket (Girls and Boys)</i>	School Uniform <i>Multi Sports (Boys)</i> <i>Football (girls)</i>	Games Kit	Games Kit	Games Kit <i>Dance</i> <i>Athletics</i> <i>Recreational Tennis</i>
Y6	School Uniform <i>Cricket (Girls and Boys)</i>	School Uniform <i>Football (girls)</i>	Games Kit	Games Kit	Games Kit <i>Dance</i> <i>Recreational Tennis</i>

Activities in green: children to bring PE Kit, Dance uniform to change into.

Drop Off and Pick Up

Drop off and pick up times and arrangements remain unchanged.

- For drop off: Nursery pupils taken to the Nursery playground gate. Reception – Year 2 dropped off at the front of the School, and Years 3 to 6 at the bottom of the lower car park.
- For pick up - all year groups from classrooms / Nursery.

Catering

Morning snack

- Fruit and milk will continue to be delivered to each class at morning break.
- Pupils are able to bring a snack to School but we ask that it is a healthy snack.

Lunches

- The Dining Room will be used at lunchtimes for Reception to Year 6. Pupils will eat in their year groups as much as possible.
- Nursery pupils will continue to have their hot lunches served in the Nursery.

After School Care

- **Nursery and Reception** pupils will use the Nursery. Collection will be from the Nursery. Year groups will continue to be separated as much as possible.
- **Year 1 and Year 2** pupils will use the Dining Room for food, and then go to the Forum. Collection is from the Forum doors (opposite the Nursery). Year groups will continue to be separated as much as possible.
- **Years 3 – 6** will use the Dining Room. Collection is from the external doors of the dining room. Year groups will continue to be separated as much as possible.
- Pupils will be provided with a light snack.

Before and After School Clubs and Activities

- You will already have received the current clubs and activities list. Any updates to this will be provided to you as required.

Peripatetic Music Lessons

- Peripatetic music lessons will continue to take place as normal. The relevant peripatetic music teacher will be in touch to confirm arrangements, but if you have any queries or concerns please contact Miss Crompton (lcrompton@richardpate.co.uk).

Sports Fixtures

- Matches and tournaments will continue as normal.
- Spectators will be allowed.
- Match teas will be limited to snacks provided to pupils after the matches and the self-serve hot drinks and cake for spectators in the gazebo. This will be under constant review.

Trips and Events

- Trips and events will take place according to individual risk assessments which will be communicated to parents as they occur.

Remote Learning

Remote learning will only be available if your child is well, but cannot attend School due to the Government restrictions, we will provide the following:

- A compulsory daily Zoom registration for all pupils learning from home at 9am. Registration details have been provided separately by the Headmaster, please do contact the School if you have not got them.
- A full programme of lessons delivered through Showbie.
- Teachers will regularly check work and provide feedback to monitor understanding and to respond to your child's specific needs.

- Pupils and parents will be able to communicate with their teachers via Showbie or email if they have any concerns.
- All pupils will receive the same level of marking and reporting as pupils in School.

If your child requires remote learning, it is essential that you let us know as soon as possible so that the relevant class teachers can prepare the work necessary - please be aware that it does take time for work to be prepared and posted on Showbie, and class teachers will also be delivering lessons in School at the same time.

It is important to note that Showbie will be used for homework in some year groups and will be ready for those who are away from school for a protracted period of time. Children who are absent due to short term illness will not be expected to complete work on Showbie.

Any concerns you have with remote provision must be immediately directed to Mr MacDonald.

Risk Assessment

Our Covid-19 risk assessment will be updated and posted on the School website. This is a living document, as are the more detailed risk assessments, which are created from the main document. This is the basis of every measure we have put in place at School. The objective of this is to mitigate risks as much as is reasonably possible, but accepting that we cannot remove all risks on site.

Further Questions or Concerns

If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at rmacdonald@richardpate.co.uk in the first instance and we will endeavour to respond to you as soon as possible.