



# All Saints CE Primary School & Nursery

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **RE: COVID Update for the Summer Term**

Welcome back! I hope you have had a wonderful holiday and time with friends and family. At the start of the holidays, the national guidance changed, and we have updated our systems in line with these and Local Authority guidance which has also been updated.

Please read the information below carefully and if you find yourself unsure of what action to take in any scenario, please call the office – [admin@allsaints.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@allsaints.herts.sch.uk) or telephone 01279 836006 – Option 4

When writing this letter, we have referred to national guidance that can be found by clicking [here](#). Below, are the most relevant sections.

### **Control measures in School on a Day to Day Basis**

The risk from Covid still remains real and as such, all schools are required to continue to maintain these key control measures as a minimum:

- Promote good hygiene practice for everyone.
- Maintain appropriate/enhanced cleaning regimes.
- Keep occupied spaces well ventilated (using the CO2 monitors to assist).

### **Asymptomatic testing (Lateral Flow)**

There is no longer a recommendation for staff to continue taking part in regular twice-weekly asymptomatic testing, and schools are no longer provided with tests for staff.

### **Face coverings**

Face coverings are no longer advised/required for staff and visitors in classrooms or communal areas. Staff and visitors are free to continue to wear a face covering if they wish to.

### **Attendance**

School attendance remains mandatory for all students – unless they are not well enough to do so or have Covid-19 or symptoms associated with a respiratory infection.

### **When children with symptoms should stay at home and when they can return to education.**

Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend school unless parents feel they are not well enough to cope with the busyness of a school day (for example, children will be expected to do PE if they are in school).

Symptoms of COVID-19, flu and common respiratory infections include:

- continuous cough
- high temperature, fever or chills
- loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell
- shortness of breath
- unexplained tiredness, lack of energy
- muscle aches or pains that are not due to exercise

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- not wanting to eat or not feeling hungry
- headache that is unusual or longer lasting than usual
- sore throat, stuffy or runny nose
- diarrhoea, feeling sick or being sick

Children and young people 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 and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high-temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional.

**If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result**, we will ask them to stay at home and not attend school. They should try 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. This means they can then return to school. If they remain unwell/high temperature, they should stay at home until this has subsided.

Please provide evidence of the test result to enable us to record the absence correctly. Thank you.

Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

## Remote education

The legal directive that meant schools must provide Remote Learning ended on the 24<sup>th</sup> March. However, we will continue to set work for children at home:

- when school leaders decide that it is not possible for their setting to open safely, or that opening would contradict guidance from local or central government
- when pupils, for a limited duration, are unable to physically attend school but well enough to continue learning, for example pupils with a positive test result for COVID but no symptoms.

Work will be set on Google Classroom as before – usually within 1 school day of us being notified. Before work is set, please access the [remote learning page](#) of our website for links to activities and websites you could use.

## Possible Changes to the above Arrangements

Should we have a high proportion of our staff or children absent due to infectious illness, we would consult with the relevant authorities (Local Public Health Team and the UKHSA) and follow their recommendations. Should we need to partially close, as it would be unsafe to open due to low staffing levels, we will advise you as soon as practicably possible. Please do ensure that your contact details are up-to-date.

Thank you for your ongoing support, understanding and patience as we navigate the next stage of our national response to COVID.

Kind regards

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