

Living with COVID-19 Kitebrook Plan

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This plan has been created with reference to the latest government documents.

It will be reviewed and updated by the Kitebrook Leadership Team and Kitebrook First Aid and Medical Coordinator as Government and Professional Body advice changes.

What Kitebrook will continue to do (including Boarding areas)

We will continue to review our Kitebrook Living with Covid-19 Plan and monitor the situation within the school, seeking advice from specialist agencies as required.

Hygiene

- Extra signs in the toilets regarding washing hands and reminders from class teachers.
- Extra soap suitable for sensitive hands ordered to ensure we do not run out.
- Hand sanitiser is available for staff and visitors upon entry to the school.
- Sanitisation stations are available both inside and outside buildings, and pupils may use either.
- Tissues and bins will be available in every classroom and at main entrances and exits ("Catch it, bin it, Kill it")
- Posters are displayed throughout the school reminding pupils to wash their hands thoroughly.
- Additional alcohol and non alcohol-based sanitisers are provided for use.
- Cleaners carry out daily, thorough cleaning.
- All high traffic areas such as door handles and toilets will be cleaned each day using antibacterial agents.
- General cleaning of the School to be undertaken daily.
- Waste bins for tissues will be emptied throughout the day.
- Teachers and Support Staff will help children and young people who have trouble cleaning their hands independently.
- The Head of Operations arranges enhanced cleaning to be undertaken where required.

Managing cases

- Colleagues with symptoms of respiratory infection, a high temperature or who are feeling too unwell to carry
 out their normal duties should remain at home until they feel well enough to resume normal activities or until
 their temperature has returned within normal range.
- Routine testing for covid-19 is no longer recommended. In the event of a confirmed positive result it is recommended that adults remain at home for 5 days, and children remain at home for 3 days.
- Following the removal of contact tracing, parents or staff are not routinely informed of any confirmed cases within the school.
- Pupils taken unwell while on site will be assessed and parents contacted should the need arise.

What we require our families to do

- Children who are unwell, or have a high temperature should not attend school. They should remain at home for at least 24 hours following a fever.
- Testing for Covid-19 is no longer recommended for children or young people unless advised by a healthcare professional. If your child is tested and has a positive result we recommend that you keep them at home for 3 days following their result. If they are still unwell or have a high temperature after 3 days they should remain at home until their temperature is back within normal range and/or they are feeling better.
- Promote good hand and respiratory hygiene at home.
- Standard policy regarding common infectious diseases apply.
- Parents are not required to report information on positive results to us, however normal absence reporting procedure applies for any illness.

Asymptomatic Testing

Regular asymptomatic testing is no longer recommended, nor is daily testing following contact. While lateral flow tests remain available for a charge, the testing of children is not recommended unless at the direction of a healthcare professional. Any child producing a positive result is advised to follow the isolation recommendations listed above. Please report the absence via the parent portal as normal.

Vaccinations

Vaccines remain one of the key forms of defence against the virus. The NHS continues to encourage those who are eligible in our community to get vaccinated. This can be done via community vaccination centres and is available to children from aged 5.

The Leadership Team considers this plan to be suitable for our school setting.

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