

# TERRINGTON ST CLEMENT COMMUNITY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers

## Covid Secure Measures from September 2021

We are looking forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday and very much hope for some less disrupted learning time this year. Clearly, Covid-19 has not gone away but the vaccination program has enabled the Department of Education (DfE) to reduce the restrictions that schools have to put in place.

Face Masks	<p>These are no longer required in the playground or on the school site but may be worn at your discretion should you feel more comfortable doing so. This may change should the school experience a local outbreak.</p> <p>The government has removed the requirement to wear face coverings in law but expects and recommends that they are worn in enclosed and crowded spaces where you may come into contact with people you don't normally meet. This includes public transport.</p>
Staggered Start & End Times	<p>These have ended. The start and end times for all are: <b><u>Start: 8:40am, End: 3:20pm</u></b></p> <p>Staff will be on duty from 8:30am and you may leave your child from then. We will continue to line up as we have been doing throughout the pandemic as teachers feel this provides a much calmer start to the day for all. Y5&amp;6 will continue to line up in the car park. Our learners developed a great deal of independence in entering school last year and we wish to continue to develop this. Parents will be welcome on site but equally if your child feels brave enough to enter by themselves then please encourage them to continue doing so.</p>



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Self Isolation Requirements	<p>These are explained in more detail below. Your child should not attend school if they display symptoms of Covid-19. You must obtain a PCR test for your child and your child should remain at home until this is confirmed negative or, if positive, their isolation period has ended.</p> <p>Adults with symptoms or who have had a positive test should also not enter the playground/school site.</p>
Close Contact with Covid case	Your child no longer needs to isolate if they have come into contact with a positive covid case, regardless of whether this is a household member or not. They may still attend school. Test and Trace will advise you on your next steps.
LFD Tests	There is no requirement for primary aged pupils to routinely undertake LFD tests. We encourage parents to participate in voluntary twice weekly testing and all staff will be taking part in this.
Vaccination	There are no plans to vaccinate primary aged pupils. We encourage all adults to have a vaccination if you have not already done so.
Class Bubbles	<p>We are no longer required to group children in class bubbles. Our learners will mix freely at playtimes and throughout the school.</p> <p>In the case of a local outbreak, we may be instructed by Public Health to restrict mixing in school. If we are instructed to do this, we aim to limit this to Phase Group bubbles so that our learners can still mix with their peers in parallel classes.</p>
Handwashing & Hygiene	Our existing measures will continue with learners washing/hand sanitising regularly throughout the day. Additional cleaning measures will also remain.
Books & Equipment from home	There are no longer restrictions on this but we will continue to limit equipment being transferred between home and school, where we can.
Visitors to the school buildings	We request that visitors maintain a respectful distance from others where possible. Face masks are used at your discretion but we may ask you to wear these if there are large adult groups attending within an enclosed space.

The information below is taken directly from the DfE guidance and explains the changes that will take place should a positive case be reported in our school. We will no longer routinely inform parents if this is the case.

*Education and childcare settings will no longer be asked to conduct routine contact tracing. As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with either the positive case – or in the case of children – the parents, carers or guardian of the positive case to identify close contacts.*

*NHS Test and Trace already manages the contact tracing process for the rest of society – including children who have recorded a positive PCR test – and has expertise in supporting people to identify close contacts.*

*This letter sets out in more detail how that process will work and what you need to do if your child tests positive for COVID-19.*

### Self-isolating and taking a test

1. *If your child has symptoms, they should self-isolate – and you should inform their education or childcare setting. You should immediately order a PCR test for them. If the PCR result is negative, they can stop self-isolating (unless instructed to self-isolate for other reasons). If the PCR result is positive, they must self-isolate until 10 days after the onset of symptoms.*
2. *If your child has a positive result from a lateral flow device (LFD) test, they should self-isolate – and you should inform their education or childcare setting. You should immediately order a confirmatory PCR test. If the confirmatory test is taken within two days and the result is negative, they and other members of their household can stop self-isolating (unless instructed to self-isolate for other reasons). If the confirmatory PCR test is positive (or is taken more than two days after the LFD), they must self-isolate until 10 days after the LFD test.*
3. *PCR tests can be booked online through the [NHS Test & Trace website](#) or by calling 119.*
4. *PCR test results will be recorded with NHS Test and Trace automatically, but you should also communicate the result to the education or childcare setting during term time or summer provision.*

### Close Contacts

5. *Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case and any of the following apply:*
  - *they are fully vaccinated.*
  - *they are below the age of 18 years 6 months*
  - *they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial*
  - *they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons*

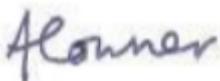
*Instead they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.*

*Children who are aged under 5 years old who are identified as close contacts will only be advised to take a PCR test if the positive case is in their own household.*

*Staff who do not need to self-isolate, and children who usually attend the setting, and have been identified as a close contact, should continue to attend the setting as normal.*

If you would like to discuss any of the information shared in this letter, please get in touch. Similarly if you or a family member is more at risk of Covid-19 and you have not already shared this information with us, please contact us so that we can discuss whether any additional measures need to be in place.

Yours faithfully



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