



2nd September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

School re-opening - Health and Hygiene

Hand Washing/Sanitising

Frequent and thorough hand cleaning should now be regular practice. Pupils should continue to ensure that they clean their hands regularly. This can be done with soap and water or hand sanitiser.

Face Coverings

Face coverings are required in communal areas within St Olave's but not advised for pupils, staff and visitors in classrooms.

Lateral Flow Tests

Once your child has done the onsite Lateral Flow tests the Government has asked students to return to doing the Lateral Flow tests at home. Details of timing of these tests have already been sent to you. Please report the results to the NHS and to school. For school, please use this form:

<https://forms.office.com/r/fjvTRW9fZ2>

Respiratory Hygiene

The 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach continues to be very important.

- Occupied spaces will be kept well ventilated, whilst maintaining a comfortable temperature.

When an individual develops COVID-19 symptoms or has a positive test 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 someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 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

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. This applies equally to staff, and pupils under 18 and 6 months – they should attend school as normal. If anyone in school develops COVID-19 symptoms, however mild, they will be sent home and they should self-isolate and take a PCR test and follow government guidelines. Please do notify the school immediately if a positive result is obtained.



Quarantine

We require pupils and/or staff who have travelled from countries that currently require a quarantine period to have adhered to the Government guidance and completed quarantine and been passed as fit before they are allowed into school. Medical Care

Pupils displaying COVID-19 symptoms will go to the specific medical area identified. Parents will be contacted and asked to collect their child at the earliest opportunity.

Visitors

- Any visiting contractors or speakers will be expected to follow our COVID-19 risk assessment.
- Parents should only come on site if they have a pre-arranged meeting.
- Some Parents' evenings will continue to be held virtually. More information about this will follow.

Timings

We will no longer need to use staggered arrivals or departures because pupils are no longer segregated in year group bubbles. They will therefore be expected to move around the school site for lessons, as normal.

Uniform

The normal code for school uniform applies and we expect all pupils to be smartly dressed.

Co-curricular Activities

We encourage all pupils to engage in co-curricular activities and we will continue to offer a wide programme of clubs. Details of these clubs will be shared when we return to school. Music and LAMDA sessions with peripatetic teachers will take place in person.

Sport

We will be returning to a full programme of sports activities and fixtures where possible

Duke of Edinburgh Award and trips

There will be some Duke of Edinburgh expeditions and day trips this academic year, based in the UK.

Mobile Phones

Students in Years 7-10 will not be allowed to be use mobile phones on the school site unless instructed to by a member of staff. Students in Years 11-13 can only use them in authorised areas. Please see the mobile phone policy.

Yours sincerely,

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