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Dear Parents

Covid Parent Questions and Answers – April 2022 updated

Hopefully this will be the last version of this Q & A document, as we learn to live safely with COVID-19. It continues to be our utmost priority to safeguard the education of the children in school.

The government issued new guidance on April 12th for people with respiratory infection including COVID-19, or a positive test result for COVID-19.

This can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/people-with-symptoms-of-a-respiratory-infection-including-covid-19#Children>

In the academy, we will continue to implement additional hygiene and cleaning measures as well as good ventilation. I have amended this Q & A document to reflect our most recent risk assessment which can be found on our website.

- Hand washing and sanitizing is embedded as part of the school day.
- We have embedded 'Catch it, bin it, kill it' approach to respiratory hygiene.
- Enhanced cleaning is in place in the academy.
- Good ventilation is maintained with windows and doors open wherever possible. In cold weather we maintain a good level of ventilation in the room whilst maintaining comfortable temperatures.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the incredible staff at Jerry Clay for their resilience, flexibility and care they continue to show day after day. We continue to be affected by staff absence due to COVID-19, as in all workplaces, and staff have ensured that the children remain happy and healthy, feel supported and continue to receive the best education.

Equally we are all so excited to be delivering an engaging curriculum to inspire the children and over recent months it has been wonderful to invite parents and carers to share learning in the academy. I would also like to thank our amazing families and community for your ongoing support

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and equally for your vigilance in keeping our whole community safe. It certainly has been a long road and as we know the impact of COVID-19 continues to be felt. Our best wishes to everyone and we hope that anyone affected by COVID-19 experiences mild symptoms.

Nevertheless, we are so excited and determined for the future and in ensuring that every child has the best opportunities for learning and development in the academy and we are committed to working in partnership with you all to make that happen.

We strongly urge you to follow the advice to reduce the spread of infection and help to keep others safe. We want to prevent infection spreading to keep children and staff in school and also to protect any members of our community who are at higher risk of becoming seriously unwell from COVID-19.

If my child has symptoms of a respiratory infection, including Covid-19, can they come to school?

Children with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to come to school.

Children 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 when they no longer have a high temperature and are well enough to attend.

Attending education is hugely important for children and young people's health and their future.

If my child has tests positive on an LFD test, what should they do?

If a child or young person under 18 has a positive COVID-19 test result they should stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test.

If after 3 days, they feel well and do not have a high temperature they can return to school.

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The guidance to isolate for children is a shorter period than for adults as the government have advised that children tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults.

If someone in the household tests positive, can my child come to school?

Yes. However, if someone in the household has COVID-19 there is high risk that others in your household will catch it. There are several things you can do to reduce the spread of infection in your household.

 **How to reduce the spread of infection with the people you live with if you have COVID-19.**

If you have COVID-19, there is a high risk that others in your household will catch it from you. There are several things you can do to reduce the spread of infection in your household.

- 1** Limit close contact with others. Spend as little time as possible in communal areas.



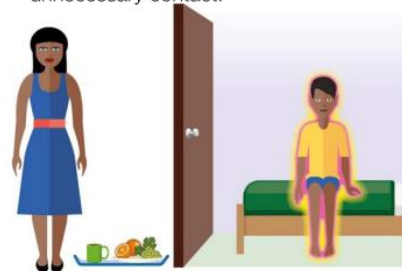
- 2** Regularly clean frequently touched surfaces and shared rooms like kitchens and bathrooms.



- 3** Wash your hands regularly using soap and water, particularly after coughing and sneezing.



- 4** Get help where possible from those you live with. Ask for help with cleaning and being brought food safely to avoid unnecessary contact.



- 5** Use a face covering if you need to spend time in shared spaces.



- 6** Keep rooms well ventilated.



- 7** Catch coughs and sneezes in disposable tissues and put them straight in the bin.



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If my child is self-isolating, will they get work?

Normally, children will now be in school unless they feel unwell and have a high temperature.

If the child has tested positive for COVID-19 but feels well enough to complete remote learning, please let us know and this will be provided via the Seesaw/Tapestry platforms.

In all circumstances, please keep school updated about any absence, symptoms or positive cases.

If you have any other questions, please get in touch.

Kind regards

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