

Wallace Hall Update – 21.08.20 - COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

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Dear Parent/Carer

Whole School

This week we have had to implement wet weather arrangements for pupils before school, at break and at lunchtime. This has worked well overall. We are aware that everyone can become weary of the restrictions around COVID-19 and, whilst that is understandable, it is everyone's responsibility to remain vigilant. We would appreciate your support by discussing with your child(ren) the importance of washing their hands or using hand sanitiser, not just when they enter the building but throughout the school day. Can you also stress the importance of maintaining a 2m distance from staff? This not only applies in class but also in the corridors and in general, both in school and when they are down the street. Please click on the following link to see the standard advice to avoid contracting coronavirus.

https://645e8b6e-becd-4bbd-988d-5cb7cd92fae4.filesusr.com/ugd/92da19_c07f2e22f5b843d3bb6e786e5db488ba.pdf

We understand that many of you will have questions around what will happen if there is a positive case of Coronavirus in the school community. Here are a few questions and answers which we hope will explain.

What should I do if my child, or anyone in my household shows symptoms?

First of all, please see the following link which outlines the difference between Coronavirus, the common cold and the flu:

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A person only needs to display one of the following symptoms for you to take action:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

If your child(ren) or anyone in the household displays any **one** of the above symptoms then you must keep them, and any other children in your family at home. You should contact the school immediately to inform us. If your child's result is negative all children can return to school. If it is positive your child should remain at home for 10 days and then have another test. If it is negative they can return to school. All other children in the household must remain at home for 14 days. If they show no symptoms within that time they can return to school. If they do show symptoms they must be tested and the same rules apply for your family if their test is positive. Please keep in touch with the school during this time.

What will happen if my child displays symptoms while at school?

Firstly we will isolate your child and they will be looked after by a senior manager. You will then receive a phone call from the school asking you to collect your child. If you are unable to do so you must make arrangements for someone else to collect them as quickly as possible? You will need to have your child tested and let us know the result as soon as possible. In the meantime you must keep any other children in your household at home. If your child's result is negative all children can return to school. If it is positive your child should remain at home for 10 days and then have another test. If it is negative they can return to school. All other children in the household must remain at home for 14 days. If they show no symptoms within that time they can return to school. If they do show symptoms they must be tested and the same rules apply for your family if their test is positive. Please keep in touch with the school during this time.

What will happen if a pupil or member of staff in the school tests positive?

We will take advice from our Local Authority and will be in touch with any parents whose children may have been in contact with the person who tests positive.

Wearing of face coverings on public/school transport and in shops

All pupils **must** wear a face covering when travelling on either public or school transport. They **must** also wear face coverings when they are both queuing to get in and inside any shops. Please ensure that your child(ren) has an appropriate face covering and explain that there are vulnerable people around who may be at a higher risk if they were to catch the COVID 19 virus.

Eat Out to Help Out Scheme

We are pleased to see that the local Authority have signed up to the above scheme to support our pupils and the school canteen. Please click on the link below to see more details:

https://static.wixstatic.com/media/92da19_8433957fff6d48d3aa450b28c5dd65bd~mv2.jpg/v1/fill/w_135,h_135,al_c,q_80,usm_0.66_1.00_0.01/92da19_8433957fff6d48d3aa450b28c5dd65bd~mv2.webp

Phase 2 Risk Assessment – Re-opening of Schools

An updated copy of the full risk assessment will be uploaded to our website each Monday. This is a working document and we welcome any feedback from parents on this. If you have any concerns regarding the health & safety of your children, please do get in touch with us via the school email addresses. We will be reviewing it on a weekly basis for the foreseeable and will upload a copy of the updated version (along with the date) to the website each week.

Academy**SQA Courses 2020/21**

The SQA have proposed a number of changes to specific courses for session 2020/21. A summary of these proposed changes, organised by subject and Level, can be found at the following link: [technical consultation](#). The changes proposed by the SQA aim to support learning and teaching and, where possible, offer a more flexible approach to assessment, although the proposed changes vary from subject to subject. The SQA are also keen to hear from you or your child and have created a survey should you wish to share your views with them. The survey is open until Monday 24th August and can be found using the following link: [survey](#). In addition to the structure of the courses the SQA are also investigating the timing of the final exams and once we know more about this we will of course let you know.