

Social Distancing Policy and Procedures – January 2021

Appendix Two – Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Cleaners & Site Team

- Cleaners should wear aprons and gloves. Masks are not necessary other than for use of particular products due to the chemicals used (in which case suitable masks should be worn).

Other Staff

- Current Government guidance is that PPE is not mandatory for staff and it is up to the discretion of the school if and how PPE is used
“Based on current evidence and the measures that schools are already putting in place, such as the system of controls and consistent bubbles, face coverings will not be necessary in the classroom even where full social distancing is not possible. Face coverings could have a negative impact on teaching and their use in the classroom should currently be avoided”.
- The school has considered the issue very carefully and decided that if pupils are on site no PPE should be worn unless:
 - ***an individual child, young person or other learner becomes ill with coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms and only then if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained***
 - ***a child, young person or learner already has routine intimate care needs that involve the use of PPE, in which case the same PPE should continue to be used***
- This will be reviewed in the case of a local lockdown

Exceptions (face coverings for staff)

- Staff should wear a face covering if they are not participating in the weekly lateral flow testing
- If the member of staff has had specific advice to wear a face covering from their GP or other medical professional (SLT must be contacted to agree this)

Parents & visitors

- All parents/carers and visitors should wear masks when on site at all times unless exempt

If someone has symptoms

- One member of the bubble should don PPE to remain with the individual – apron, gloves and mask. If the individual is coughing or sneezing and is not able to keep 2m apart they should wear eye protection.

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- PPE grab bags are located in each classroom and contain:
 - o At least 2 sets of:
 - Apron
 - Gloves
 - Face covering
 - Yellow hazardous material disposal bag
 - Body fluid clean up kit
 - Instructions for use of PPE
 - Visor (1 in the PPE bag)
- Staff should **not** bring in their own PPE as it may not be of the required standard and does not comply with the Government advice that we are following
- Once PPE has been used from the PPE bag it should be returned to the front office and a complete set given in exchange.

Test processing staff (lateral flow tests)

Staff who are processing the lateral flow tests should wear the following:

- Apron
- Gloves
- Face covering
- Visor

Processors should change gloves between each test.