



There is a system of controls in place for every affected aspect of the School operation in order to build confidence and deal with the COVID pandemic requirements.

As required under the system of controls listed in the most recent Government Guidance, for Michaelmas Term 2021 we will concentrate on:

**1. Good hygiene for everyone:**

**Ensuring everyone is advised to clean hands thoroughly and more often than usual.** All pupils and staff are required and advised to wash and/or sanitise their hands more often than usual and at key times of the School day. Additional resources are in place to enable this.

**Ensuring good respiratory hygiene for everyone by promoting the ‘catch it, kill it, bin it’ approach.** All pupils and staff are required and advised to use the tissues in place around the School.

**Where necessary, wearing appropriate PPE.** The School has provided appropriate PPE wherever required for relevant staff members.

**2. Maintaining appropriate cleaning regimes, using standard products such as detergents – regular cleaning of areas and equipment with particular focus on frequently touched areas.**

The School has additional cleaning staff, additional cleaning frequency and additional cleaning products in place to enable enhanced cleaning, especially of frequently touched surfaces.

**3. Keeping occupied spaces well ventilated**

All staff have been advised as to the need for good ventilation. Windows/doors must be opened wide first thing in the morning and then at the end of every lesson to ensure air flow and air change. If it is cold/wet outside, the windows can be closed somewhat during lessons/meetings to ensure a basic air flow whilst keeping a basic workable temperature. All staff and pupils have been advised to wear layers of clothing to ensure that they can keep warm and comfortable throughout the School day.

**4. Following public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID**

The School offers Lateral Flow testing (LFT) in line with Government Guidance, offering two pre-return to term on-site LF tests for all pupils and also providing home kits for all relevant persons. Staff and Senior pupils have been asked to LF test twice a week at home on a Sunday and Wednesday, unless advised to the contrary. We will review this at the end of September when new guidance is due to be released by the Government. Any staff or pupils who are experiencing difficulties with home testing may test at School in the Annexe with the School Nurse. The School Nurse will use the opportunity to train the person again in order to assist them to move to home testing, which is safer for the School community.

The School follows the guidance on self-isolation, whereby we no longer conduct close contact tracing unless asked to assist by Public Health England as part of an outbreak (5 or more persons who have been mixing closely within the School community who test positive within a 10 day period). Under these circumstances, the School will undertake actions in line with contingency planning, for instance, additional testing, face coverings, shielding or reduction in external events or trips may be brought in for a short period.



Staff and pupils are asked to inform the School if they test positive for COVID, so that we can keep track of the numbers within our School community. Households of positive persons and close contacts (as identified by NHS Test and Trace) no longer need to self-isolate with the positive person for 10 days (unless they test positive or experience COVID symptoms) if they meet any of the following criteria:

- They are under 18 years and 6 months in age
- They are fully vaccinated, with their second dose given at least 14 days previously
- They have taken part/are taking part in an approved COVID vaccination trial
- They are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons.

Additionally, face coverings may be worn by any staff and pupils if preferred during the School day as long as they do not affect the ability of the staff or pupil to either conduct or take part in a lesson.

Face coverings must still be worn by staff and pupils in the Senior School on any school transport, e.g. coach or minibus.