

CCHSG Covid-19 Parental Agreement September 2020

Students, staff, parents and carers will play an essential role in allowing the school to open safely. Everyone in the school and its wider community must do their part in limiting the spread of Covid-19. The measures we will put in place will only succeed if everyone involved is compliant and expectations must necessarily change because a return to school by students does not mean a return to a pre-Covid-19 normal operating of the school day. We are therefore asking parents and carers to read and acknowledge the following so that they contribute to the safety and protection of the whole school community.

This Parental Agreement is in addition to the Home-School Agreement, school rules and student behaviour expectations and will remain in place for the length of time that the additional measures are required due to the Covid -19 pandemic.

Parents/carers will:

- Inform and keep the school up-to-date with any issues relevant to keeping the whole school community safe from coronavirus transmission
- Understand they will need to follow government guidance regarding coronavirus symptoms, testing and the NHS Test and Trace process i.e.
 - book a test if they or their child are displaying symptoms. Students must not come into the school if they have symptoms, and must be sent home to self-isolate if they develop them in school. All children can be tested, including children under 5, but children aged 11 and under will need to be helped by their parents/carers if using a home testing kit
 - provide details of anyone they or their child have been in close contact with if they were to test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test and Trace
 - self-isolate for 14 days if they have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), or if anyone in their household develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)
 - if someone tests negative, if they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating. They could still have another virus, such as a cold or flu – in which case it is still best to avoid contact with other people until they are better. Other members of their household can stop self-isolating. The school requests that parents do not send their child to school for at least 48 hours if they have been sent home with suspected Covid-19 symptoms and test negative for coronavirus
 - if someone tests positive, they should follow the 'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection' and must continue to self-isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. The 10-day period starts from the day when they first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days
- Not send their child to school if they are mildly unwell but not showing Covid-19 symptoms; only send their child to school if they are completely well
- Understand that if the school reports that their child has shown suspected Covid-19 symptoms or is unwell in school, they will accept that situation and immediately go to the school to collect their child, however long the personal distance of travel
- Follow the school's student absence reporting procedures at all times and keep the school updated daily as necessary

- Inform the school immediately of the results of any coronavirus test
- Inform and keep up-to-date their child's travel plans to/from school
- Inform the school of any family plans to travel abroad and any consequent quarantine requirements
- Follow the NHS test and trace system or any other 'track and trace' app when available, subject to GDPR considerations
- Provide a suitable home learning environment with access to online learning following a normal school day should there be a need for a year group bubble to self-isolate on local health protection team advice or a local lockdown

Hygiene

- Reinforce hygiene routines with their child:
 - Hand washing – reiterate the necessity to frequently wash hands during the school day
 - Impress on them the necessity to respond positively if asked by a member of staff to wash their hands
 - Supply their child with hand sanitiser and/or soap for personal use at school
 - Supply their child with tissues for personal use at school
 - Remind their child to wash their hands after visiting the toilet
 - Remind their child to wash their hands after sneezing or blowing their nose
 - Remind their child not to touch their face especially eyes, nose and mouth
 - Respiratory hygiene – remind their child to cover their cough or sneeze with a tissue, or an elbow or shoulder if no tissue available (and follow up by a thorough hand washing)
- Provide their child with a face covering in a plastic bag to be carried on their person for use when required if social distancing is unable to be maintained. The school is recommending face coverings are worn when moving around the school, in communal areas, and in any situation where social distance is more difficult to be maintained
- Understand that their child must adhere to strict safe-handling procedures if they have supplied them with a facial covering and ensure they understand the following procedures:
 - Clean hands with soap and water or alcohol based hand sanitiser before putting on and taking off the face covering
 - When taking off the face covering, remove it from behind, avoiding touching the front
 - Immediately dispose the face covering safely if it is disposable into in a double layer plastic bag, sealed, and then into a bin
 - Washable face coverings should be washed at 60°C using common detergent, as soon as possible after use
 - Provide a sealable plastic bag so that their child can immediately store the used face covering on removal

Social Distancing

- Explain the need for social distancing and make sure their child understands that they must adhere to the school's social distancing arrangements:
 - Reinforce the need to maintain a social distance from others whenever possible – in corridors, classrooms, before school, at break, at lunch and at the end of school
 - Remind their child to take heed of all Covid-19 related signs, posters and social distancing guides (e.g. yellow arrows)

- Inform their child that they need to conform to the signposted one-way systems, designated entrances and exits to the school buildings, classroom arrangements, before school, break, lunchtime, movement time, end of school day arrangements and restrictions regarding access to Reception, however personally inconvenient they may appear to them
- Remind their child to modify their greetings to friends and not hug, high five, fist bump, shake hands etc
- Remind their child not to share resources with anyone; pens, pencils, books, food, drink, clothing, tissues, water bottles, etc., and for them to remain in their possession at all times
- Inform their child that in the event of an emergency evacuation, maintaining social distance between people becomes a secondary consideration; they should evacuate the building as in pre-Covid-19 fire drills, quickly and safely, and then follow instructions on how to form up in socially distanced fire lines in their allocated area

School Uniform

- Ensure that their child follows the guidance regarding acceptable uniform publicised to parents/carers and students – full school uniform. PE long trousers and PE tops may be worn on PE days (navy joggers and navy sweatshirt if PE is on successive days to facilitate kit washing); on warmer PE days, shorts and a PE top may be worn with the kilt on top for other lessons. A base layer may be needed for wearing on cooler days
- Ensure that Sixth Form students follow the Sixth Form Dress Code publicised to parents/carers and students i.e. smart business dress but do not need to wear a jacket every day as long as they are smartly attired, and a base layer for wearing on cooler days
- Ensure that school uniform is washed frequently following return from school
- Understand that non-lesson time, before school and lunch time, will be spent outside the buildings and provide their child with:
 - 100% waterproof and robust outerwear (waterproof trousers and jackets) and solid, robust footwear appropriate for damp or wet conditions
 - A bag to keep waterproofs in
 - A waterproof cover for their backpack or bag
 - Something waterproof and light to sit on when outside on the field – e.g. small waterproof sheet or small picnic mat
 - A base layer for winter
- Assist their child in bringing everything needed for school each day in a suitable school bag as lockers will not be available
- Follow specific instructions given regarding PE kit if required e.g. shorts worn under kilt or PE trousers and trainers brought in a bag

Travel to and from school

- Parents must refer to the [safer travel guidance for passengers](#) from UK Government and take their child through the guidance
- Students travelling on public transport including school buses must wear a face covering and follow the safe handling guidance issued as part of the Student Code of Conduct. On school buses students should try to sit with other students from CCHSG and in their year group bubble if possible
- Encourage their child to walk or cycle where this is practical
- When travelling by car, consider dropping their child off further away from the school and walking part of the way

Student Wellbeing

- Encourage their child to seek support from the Pastoral Team i.e. their Form Tutor, Year leader or Pastoral Assistant if they have any concerns

Following this Covid-19 Parental Agreement and the Covid-19 Student Code of Conduct will help to keep our whole community safe.