

1st March 2021

Dear families

Return to full-time learning, Monday 8th March

Following the Prime Minister's recent announcement we are very much looking forward to having all our students back in school from Monday 8th March. I'd like to take this opportunity to reassure you of the measures currently in place in school to ensure the safety and wellbeing of both students and staff.

As Government guidelines are still to ensure social distancing, as much as is possible in a SEND environment, the following have been and will continue to take place in school:-

- Twice weekly Covid testing for staff – using Lateral Flow Device (LFD) testing
- Frequent hand washing for both staff and pupils
 - staff use hand sanitiser on entering building and wash hands in the nearest sink when they reach their classroom/usual work area
 - pupils immediately when reaching classroom
- Temperature checks on arrival for all pupils - high temperature recorded child sent home
- Gloves and apron worn by staff when completing close contact work e.g toileting, changing clothes, feeding
- Full face visors and masks will be used when directly feeding any child with spitting/spraying behaviours and for in the isolation room as required
- Masks worn by staff during the day if they feel more comfortable
- Masks worn by staff when in any communal area and when moving around the building
- Full PPE worn by staff if supporting a child who must access the isolation room during the day due to symptoms of coronavirus developing
- Class 'Bubbles' will remain in place and students will eat their lunch in their classrooms
- Consideration is given to the classroom layout to ensure it supports pupils but equally promotes social distancing as much as possible, as well as ensuring any clutter is removed to reduce the amount of items that require cleaning on a daily basis
- Members of the leadership team, office staff and some non-class based staff will be around during the day to support Bubbles as required. However, we will aim to only break a Bubble if absolutely necessary in order to minimise any potential risks
- Class bubbles will be able to access indoor spaces such as the pool, sensory room, calm room with appropriate cleaning in-between use. Currently the hall is out of action due to the LFD testing, however this should soon move to testing at home and at this point the hall will become available for class Bubbles use again.
- Cleaning shared equipment as required throughout the day (by school staff)
- Cleaning of classes and spaces used at the end of day (by cleaning staff) including all door handles, tables and equipment.

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All procedures will be regularly reviewed and risk assessed to ensure we maintain a safe environment for all concerned.

We appreciate any feedback you have and welcome you to contact a member of SLT through the school office or through Sue's email address SBashford@dysartschool.org if you have any questions, queries or concerns. We do hope the measures we have in place will help reassure you that school is as safe as it possibly can be, but please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like any further support regarding your child returning on Monday 8th March

We hope you all stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely

Leigh Edser
Principal