

## **Bristol Grammar School Summer term COVID advice**

Set out below is an update/reminder of the guidelines we will be following as a school community for the summer term 2022. This is based upon the latest guidance from government, the Department for Education and Bristol City Council.

This document is designed to guide us through the national policy of living with COVID. It will also replace the more detailed whole-school risk assessment. The risk assessment remains live in archive should we need to return to a more rigorous set of protocols. Included in this document are major areas of focus alongside outbreak management plans.

The overriding plan for the school moving forwards is to keep our school community safe and well as we plot a return to a more normal educational experience.

### **Illness including symptomatic illness**

1. GUIDANCE FOR STAFF AND PUPILS WITH SYMPTOMS OF RESPIRATORY INFECTION, INCLUDING COVID-19
  - Staff: If you have symptoms of a respiratory infection, such as COVID-19, and you have a high temperature or do not feel well enough to go to work or carry out normal activities, do not come into school, as would be the case with any illness, stay at home and avoid contact with other people, until you no longer have a high temperature (if you had one) or until you no longer feel unwell. There is no longer a requirement to take a COVID-19 test. Staff can return to School and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend. Staff should follow the normal sickness protocol of emailing [coverdep@bgs.bristol.sch.uk](mailto:coverdep@bgs.bristol.sch.uk) and their line manager with clear details of their reason for sick leave in the event of being absent from School.
  - Pupils who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, when they can. Pupils are no longer required to take a COVID-19 test. They can return to School and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend. As is normal, parents should inform [bgshelpdesk@bgs.bristol.sch.uk](mailto:bgshelpdesk@bgs.bristol.sch.uk)
  - If any pupils develop COVID-19 symptoms/respiratory symptoms while at School, they should report to the school nurses as soon as possible. If any staff members develop COVID-19 symptoms/respiratory symptoms, they should go home, ensuring that they inform their line manager/Coverdep and the Senior Deputy Head.

## COVID testing

- **Staff:** If a member of staff does take a COVID-19 test and it is positive, then the government advice is as follows: 'If you have a positive COVID-19 test result, it is very likely that you have COVID-19 even if you do not have any symptoms. You can pass on the infection to others, even if you have no symptoms. Many people with COVID-19 will no longer be infectious to others after 5 days. If you have a positive COVID-19 test result, try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days after the day you took your test.' At the end of this period, if staff continue to have a high temperature or feel unwell, they should remain at home until there is no longer have a high temperature and staff feel well enough to resume normal activities. There is no longer a need to isolate for 10 days or to return negative tests before returning to work.
- **Pupils:** It is **not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional.** If a pupil does take a COVID-19 test and it is positive, then the government advice is as follows: 'If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test, if they can.' After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, pupils can return to School. There is no longer a need to return a negative test before coming back to School.
- Staff and pupils who may be close contact of someone with COVID-19 are not required to isolate and they may attend school. Staff and pupils who may be in a household with a confirmed case of COVID-19 can also continue to attend school.

## Hygiene

- Pupils and staff should all clean their hands thoroughly more often than usual.
- Wash with liquid soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds. Hand cleansers/gels can be used if soap and water are not available.
- Good respiratory hygiene will be ensured by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach around the school.
- We will continue to monitor and promote good ventilation in all areas around the school site.

## Face Coverings

Face coverings are no longer required for pupils, staff and visitors in classrooms or communal areas.

It remains the case that staff and pupils may wear a face covering if they wish to do so. Many staff and pupils may well wish to continue wearing face coverings in busy communal areas such as during lesson changes, the line to the Great Hall at Lunch time and on school transport.

OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT MEASURE: In response to a large outbreak, it may be necessary to make the wearing of face coverings mandatory again for all pupils, staff, and visitors unless they are exempt. It may be that the wearing of face coverings is limited to crowded indoor areas such as corridors. However, if necessary, face coverings may need to be worn in classrooms too. Any decision to change the school's policy on wearing face coverings following an outbreak, would likely be taken in consultation with the local health authority.

## **School events and assemblies**

There are a great many school events and trips planned for the summer term which we hope the school community can enjoy safely together.

We plan to reintroduce House assembly as an in-person event each week whilst discussing the possibility of moving to a system where we rotate the Houses' use of larger spaces.

Public examinations will take place as indicated in recent communications from Mr Stone (Deputy Head, Academic). Any updates on the examination process will come directly from Mr Stone and policies have already been communicated regarding illness during the examination session.

Internal end of year assessments will take place as planned for the relevant year groups in well ventilated spaces and teaching spaces.

We hope to be able to return to a full School assembly later in the term in the Great Hall.

All trips and events already in the calendar are expected to take place as planned alongside a busy and exciting term of summer sport.

Major events at the end of the school year including concerts, Leavers' Dinner, Prize givings, Sports Day and many more are planned to take place in person on the school site as normal.