



Dear Parents and Carers,

## **COVID 19 update**

We are pleased to welcome all our pupils and families back to St Michael's after the summer break. Since last term the guidance regarding Covid 19 has changed so please ensure you read the following update.

### **The main change to existing policies**

The main change to existing policies is that both pupils and fully vaccinated adults will no longer be required to self-isolate if they have had close contact with someone with Covid-19.

Instead of self-isolating, pupils and fully vaccinated adults, who have been identified as close contacts of positive coronavirus case, will need to book a PCR test as soon as possible, and can continue to attend school unless they test positive. As before we ask you to notify us immediately if your child or someone in your household develops symptoms of Covid.

All new arrangements are subject to change should an outbreak in the school or local community occur. As always, we follow advice and guidance given to us by Public Health and will keep you abreast of any changes. Please read the following advice from Public Health Haringey which we have received in the event that we have a positive case within the school:

### **In the event of a positive case within school**

If your child is identified as a close contact to a positive case from within the school setting you will be contacted directly by NHS Test and Trace who will ask that you book a PCR test for your child.

As per the new Government guidelines, we will no longer be sending the class or bubble home to self-isolate, and your child can continue to attend school (including while awaiting the result of their PCR test) as long as they are feeling well and not showing any symptoms of coronavirus.

Although fully vaccinated adults and pupils do not need to isolate if they are identified as a close contact of a positive case, it would be advisable to avoid contact with anyone who is clinically vulnerable to COVID-19 while they await the test result.

**Do be alert for the symptoms of coronavirus and keep your child at home and arrange for a PCR test immediately if they display any of the following symptoms (however mild):**

- **A high temperature**
- **A new continuous cough**
- **A loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell.**



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**PCR tests can be arranged by following this link: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> and is available from sites at Alexandra Palace, Haringey Irish Centre Car Park and Stamford Hill Primary School (appointment only).**

For further information visit [www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms)

Please be reassured that for most people, especially children, coronavirus will be a mild illness.

**We thank you for your support as we continue to strive towards keeping our school and wider community safe.**

Best wishes,

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Executive Head

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For more information:

[www.gov.uk/coronavirus/education-and-childcare](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus/education-and-childcare)

[www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/) or by phone 111