



Voyage Learning Campus

Covid Guide for Parents/Carers

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Introduction from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we start a new year with Covid continuing to present us with national challenges, I thought it would be helpful to explain measures we have in place in school to reduce the risks for students, staff and families. In addition, I wanted to take this opportunity to remind us all of the actions needed by students to support us with this work.

We are committed to following the government guidance closely to create a safe environment for our children, families and staff. If you are unsure about any of the information please do email us either at admin@voyagelearningcampus.org.uk or via your child's key tutor.

You will know from the news that staff absences in all areas of work, but particularly schools, is a national concern. Our priority is the ongoing education and support of all of our students and ensuring that we can remain fully open. This is particularly important for our Y11 students who have mock exams and crucial preparation for their GCSEs in May and June. As always, our staff team are committed to being flexible to ensure that all students can attend safely, in many cases stepping in to cover and teach additional lessons. I know you will join me in thanking them for their efforts.

If you need to make contact, our telephone numbers are:

- Oldmixon – 01934 425522
- Milton – 01934 413725

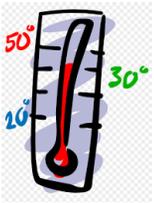


Thank you for your continued support.

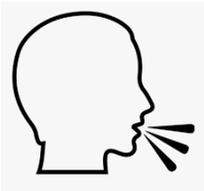


If your child shows any of the symptoms of Coronavirus they MUST NOT come into school.

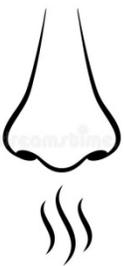
The symptoms are:



A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)



A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)



A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child has any of these symptoms, please keep them at home and book a PCR test.

If your child presents with any of these symptoms in school (even if mild), we will send them home and ask that a PCR test is taken (and a negative results received) before they return to school.

Face Coverings

Who are expected to wear face coverings?

- Staff and students in Y7 and above (unless exempt). We will also ask any visitors to the school to wear a mask

Where should face coverings be worn?

- In all areas of the school (including in lessons) and on home-school transport

Why has this changed?

- The government have changed the rules due to the **spread of the new Omicron variant**
- Wearing face coverings reduces the chances that the virus spreads from person to person
- This means fewer people will catch it and hospitals don't become overcrowded

What counts as a face covering?



Other actions students can take in school to support us all



Use hand sanitiser when entering the building.



Wash hands regularly



Help staff by wiping down their desks or computers after using them



Move sensibly and safely around the building



Take an LFD test twice a week at home. Staff take these on Sundays and Wednesdays.

Remember that we are a team working together - we all need to respect each other and keep us all safe



What to do if...?

FAQs

What to do if...	Action needed	Return to school when...
My child has Covid 19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Contact school to let us know Get a PCR test 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The PCR test is negative and your child is well
My child tests positive on a LFD test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Contact school to let us know (online and via phone) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After 10 days OR after 7 days if the LFD tests on Days 6 and 7 are negative
My child tests positive on a PCR test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Contact school to let us know Ensure everyone in the house takes a LFD test daily for up to 10 days Give your child a LFD test on day 6 and day 7 after testing positive. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After 10 days OR after 7 days if the LFD tests on Days 6 and 7 are negative
Someone in the house has tested positive for Covid 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to send your child to school (if they are well) Take a LFD test daily for up to 10 days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Straight away – children under 18 are not required to isolate as a close contact
NHS Test & Trace has identified my child as a close contact of someone who has tested positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to send your child to school (if they are well) Take a LFD test daily for up to 10 days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Straight away – children under 18 are not required to isolate as a close contact

If your child is self isolating and well enough to learn from home, we will provide work and support for them to do so.

