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Returning to school measures and expectations

Dear colleague, parent, or carer,

It was great to be joined by so many of you for the crowdcast I hosted on Wednesday where I outlined our approach to the schools reopening, answered some of your questions, and explained some of the measures we are putting in place and the principles behind them.

If you were unable to attend, you can view a full recording of the session at the link below:

<https://www.crowdcast.io/e/reopening-schools>.

At the forefront of our plans is to open all of our schools to as many pupils, students, and staff as possible from day 1. As a Trust, we are putting every mitigating measure in place that we can, so that everyone at our schools can feel confident that they are returning safely.

By instituting the right health, hygiene, and safety measures, we aim to make the return to school sustainable and robust enough that we should not need to close again. In order for this to be achieved, we will require all the support of parents and staff.

It is important that, together, we get the safety right, while also educating our children in readiness for the next stage of their school career or stage in life. As long as we are all on the same page and committed to following the measures diligently, this will be able to happen without interruption.

In the [crowdcast](#), which I strongly recommend everyone viewing, I discussed a number of details. Included among these were:

- Our adherence to the 5 Principles of public hygiene and safety: 1. Stay at home if ill or a contact. 2. Wash your hands! Catch your Cough! 3. Clean! Clean! Clean! 4. Reduce mixing and maximise distancing. 5. Engage with Test and Trace.
- Our strong recommendation that all pupils, unless in early years, wear a mask when entering and leaving school premises.
- The increased cleaning regimes put in place at the school and the installation of sanitisation stations at regular intervals throughout the school.

- The protocols in place at every school if a child or member of staff gets symptoms for COVID-19 or tests positive.

The full set of measures are being explained and demonstrated to all staff and all pupils upon their return to school. For a considerably more detailed explanation of the measures being put in place and our expectations of staff, pupils, and their families, we would also like to encourage you to visit the Full School Reopening FAQs that are published on each school website.

Also please check the school hours and term dates page on your child's school website to make sure your child returns on the correct day.

The school closures during the lockdown will have been damaging to every child's education and it is important that schools are reopening as soon as safely possible. The safety of our whole school community is the Trust's highest priority, and it is therefore important that everyone is equally committed to get the return to school right.

Take care and fond regards,



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