



As a **Rights Respecting School**, your children's right to education and their right to learn in a safe, calm, focused and positive environment will be secured by the impact of this policy. We will be welcoming all children from September 2020 academic under very different conditions; we will be operating a school that will be as near to our vision of the perfect school for our children and families, but we are restricted in what we can do due to the global situation.

We still believe that good attendance is a key foundation of successful education at Tile Cross Academy. We want these opportunities for learning to support all children and we are looking forward to having our school operating fully once more.

Attendance expectations

From the start of the autumn term 2020 pupil attendance will be mandatory and the usual rules on attendance will apply, including:

- Parents' and families duty to ensure that their child of compulsory school age attends regularly at the school where the child is a registered student
- Schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence
- The ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices, in line with local authorities' codes of conduct

We recognise that there may be times where Covid 19 concerns and possible symptoms will mean that a child cannot attend school. As defined by the Department for Education, these situations include:

1. Children who are required to self-isolate as they, or a member of their household, has symptoms or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19)
2. Children who are required to self-isolate because they are a close contact of someone who has symptoms or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19)
3. Children who are required by legislation to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine
4. Children who are clinically extremely vulnerable in a future local lockdown scenario only
5. Local lockdown: If rates of the disease rise locally, schools may need to prevent some pupils from attending and the schools will follow PHE or DHSC guidance on what measures are necessary in the event of local lockdown.

Attendance and illness will be followed up carefully to identify children who may be showing signs of symptoms

If you have any concerns regarding starting back at school in September or if your child is unable to attend school because they are complying with clinical or public health advice, please contact their Head of House with the details. Details of each Head of House can be found below:

- **Mr Ubhie – Central House:** g.ubhie@tilecrossacademy.com
- **Mrs Kuku – International House:** l.kuku@tilecrossacademy.com
- **Mrs Gascoyne – Kenrick House:** m.gascoyne@tilecrossacademy.com
- **Miss Stedmon – Martineau House –** j.stedmon@tilecrossacademy.com

Each Head of House can be contactable by e-mail and from 1st September can be accessed via telephone on the regular school phone number

Illness and Coronavirus Symptoms

Students should not attend school if they have coronavirus symptoms or have tested positive in the last 7 days.

If any student becomes unwell during the day with a new continuous cough or high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell, parents will be contacted and they must immediately be collected from school. They will be advised that they must self-isolate for at least 7 days and must make arrangements to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19). Other members of their household (including any siblings) should self-isolate for 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.

After a Test - If the test is Negative

A negative test result means a low risk of having coronavirus. Other members of the household can stop self-isolating. If the student feels well and no longer has symptoms similar to coronavirus, they can stop self-isolating and return to school. If the student still feels unwell they could have another virus, such as a cold or flu, in which case it is still best to avoid contact with other people and they should remain at home until they are better.

Please inform your child's Head of House if your child has had a negative test and bring the confirmation to school when they return.

From the addendum to the behaviour policy, we would like to remind parents and families of our expectations about arriving and leaving the school site:

On Arrival: children will be greeted by at least one adult:

- Children **must not** arrive in groups, unless they are with siblings from the same household
- Children **must** use the assigned entrances and use the hand sanitising facilities immediately
- Children **must** report to their assigned working area – their bubble – once they have arrived
- Children **must not** touch each other, for greeting or any other purpose, at any time
- Respectful and responsible behaviour is expected at all times
- If a child has made every reasonable attempt to arrive promptly for their designated arrival time and has become late, they will not be sanctioned

On leaving the site

- Children **must** leave site through the designated doors and exits
- Children **must** follow the instructions of adults
- Children **must not** leave in groups, unless they are with siblings from the same household

Travelling to and from school

Arriving by Vehicle

- Vehicles drivers are asked to park sensibly in local areas. Parents are asked to remain in their vehicles. There is a lot of traffic at this time of day and the local council are encouraging parents to park legally well away from school sites and students walk the last part of their journey to school.
- Drivers should be advised to anticipate more pedestrians and cyclists than usual, restrict speeds and avoid parking on, or partially on, pavements.

Walking or Cycling

- Children should be encouraged where possible to walk or cycle to school. Bike sheds are available to store bikes securely in the main car park –children must bring a lock and chain to school to secure their property properly.

Arriving by Public Transport

- Some children have no option but to use public transport, but where possible this should be avoided; children arriving by bus should wear face coverings during the entirety of their journey and bring with them suitable storage for their face covering, such as a sealable food bag. There will be bins for temporary face coverings and on entrance to school for the disposal of their PPE on arrival. Students should not touch the front of their face covering during use, when removing coverings or until they have washed or sanitised their hands.
- If travelling by public transport: check website or live bus app for revised timetables before travel; try to keep 2 metres away from people not in their household while waiting in the queue; carry and use hand sanitiser; wear a face covering; sit in the window seat, leaving the seats in front and behind empty.

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