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## Reminder and Update on Covid-Safe Measures at School

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are enjoying welcoming your children back to a potentially fairly normal term in School. We have a full house with all pupils back in their classrooms for face to face learning, hopefully for a full term.

This email is to remind you of the measures that are still in place that you need to be aware of to help the school be as Covid-safe as is possible and protect the most vulnerable amongst us. We are asking parents to support our anti-virus initiatives in order to safeguard the whole School community.

There remains in place the need for your child to remain off school if they display signs of:

- A high temperature
- A new continuous cough
- A loss of taste and / or smell

This could be a sign that your child has the Covid-19 virus. If your child is displaying one of the above, please take your child for a PCR test. Please email the test result to [parents@cardiffsteiner.org.uk](mailto:parents@cardiffsteiner.org.uk)

You need to show a NEGATIVE test result before your child returns to Kindergarten or School. Alternatively, please self-isolate for a minimum of 10 days and then your child may return to Kindergarten or School if the symptoms have gone.

There remain three main strands of defence in School:

- Distance
- Hygiene
- Ventilation

### Distance, and face coverings

We are fortunate that we have large classrooms and relatively small numbers of children in them. Where possible we are keeping the 1 metre distance between pupils and 2 metre distance between pupils and teachers, with teachers remaining at the front of their classrooms as much as is practicably possible.

There are a couple of adjustments we are making to the wearing of face coverings

- **Upper School and Class 7/8** are required to wear face coverings as they move around the building but may remove them in Class at the discretion of their teacher. I will establish with the teachers their preference and communicate this with the Classes.
- **Classes 9/10 and 11/12** will be allowed off the premises at lunchtime provided they wear their masks as they leave and when they return, so they have them if they enter any shop.
- **Class 5/6** will no longer be required to wear masks in the building. I have assessed that the safe wearing of face coverings by this age group is difficult to oversee especially the correct handling of these. The constant taking off and putting on and putting down is potentially more risky than not wearing them. I have judged it better that we ventilate well and keep classrooms fairly static spaces.

### **Hygiene**

We will continue to oversee the washing of hands at appropriate opportunities. We will continue with enhanced cleaning and disinfection of bathrooms and frequently touched areas.

### **Ventilation**

It is the summer term and hopefully we can ventilate well without freezing. Ventilation is our biggest friend in a Covid safe school, and this forms the main tenet of our measures. If the day is cold however, please make sure your child has enough warm clothing to be comfortable knowing that windows will be open.

### **Finally Drop Off and Pick Up**

Please can I remind you that you are asked to wear a face covering at drop off and pick up, unless exempt, and to keep your distance from others at the gate. Please spend as little time as possible at the gate or in the yard to allow space for all.

Kind Regards, and looking forward to a sunshine filled term.



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