

# Infection Protection and Control

## PARENT INFORMATION

This information is taken from the following Government documents:

1. Actions for education and childcare setting to prepare for wider opening from 1 June 2020, published 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020
2. Safe working in education, childcare and children's social care settings, including the use of personal protective equipment (PPE), published 14<sup>th</sup> May 2020
3. Coronavirus (COVID-19): implementing protective measures in education and childcare settings, published 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020
4. Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance for educational setting, published 17 February 2020, updated 19 May 2020

# 1. Symptoms

- The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:
  - A new continuous cough
  - A high temperature
  - A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

## 2. Transmission

- Direct Transmission – via respiratory droplets generated through breathing, talking, coughing and sneezing to someone in close contact
- Indirect Transmission – when respiratory droplets get onto and contaminate surfaces which are then touched and introduced into the mouth or eyes of an uninfected person.
- Via aerosols (extremely small droplets), but this is only relevant to medical procedures.

Children are likely to become infected with COVID-19 at roughly the same rate as adults, but the infection is mild. This means it can be difficult to identify.

Staff and pupils are expected to wash their clothes daily after being in school and to shower/bath, including washing hair daily.

### 3. Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell

- Staff and children that have or are showing signs COVID-19 (a new continuous cough or fever), or have someone in their household who has or is showing symptoms should NOT be in school. A fever is determined as above 37.8c.
- Parents/carers must ensure that they are monitoring their children regularly. For clinical advice, the parent/carer or guardian should go online to [NHS 111](#) (or call 111 if they don't have internet access). In an emergency, call 999 if they are seriously ill or injured or their life is at risk. Do not visit the GP, pharmacy, urgent care centre or a hospital.
- Parents/carers must ensure that they are not exposing their children to friends or family, outside of the guidance and must ensure that everyone in the household follows the social distancing guidance, including being 2m away from friends and family at all times
- Parents/carers must inform the school 01626 354505 or via email [head@stover.co.uk](mailto:head@stover.co.uk) if they believe that they have symptoms, their household have been exposed to someone with symptoms or a diagnosis of COVID-19

## 4. Clean your hands often

- Pupils and staff must wash their hands using soap and water or hand sanitiser particularly:
  - after arriving at the school;
  - touching their face;
  - blowing their nose;
  - sneezing;
  - coughing; and
  - before and after eating or handling food.

*To clean your hands you should wash your hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and dry them, or use alcohol hand rub/sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hand are covered.*

## 5. Respiratory hygiene – “catch it, bin it, kill it”

- Pupils and staff must avoid touching their mouth, eyes and nose
- Pupils and staff must cover their mouth with disposable tissues when they cough or sneeze OR if a disposable tissue is not available then sneeze or cough into the crook of their elbow, not into their hand.
- Pupils and staff must dispose of tissues into a specified “catch it, bin it, kill it” bin.
- Pupils and staff must wash their hands with soap and water for 20 seconds or if unable to access soap and water, use a hand sanitiser.

## 6. Cleaning – the housekeeping staff will follow the PHE guidance for cleaning non-healthcare settings

- To prevent the indirect spread of the virus from person to person, frequently touched surfaces such as:
  - door handles;
  - handrails;
  - table tops;
  - play equipment;
  - toys; and
  - electronic devices such as phones, laptops and radioswill be regularly cleaned using detergents and bleach.
- Items such as stationery or PE equipment will NOT be shared to prevent indirect transmission. Pupils will be provided with their own pencil case, stationery and games equipment that is for their sole use. These will be clearly labelled.
- Pupils and staff will sit at the same space, using the same desk and chair to prevent indirect transmission. These will be clearly labelled.
- No play items, learning equipment or toys from home will be allowed into school to prevent indirect transmission. Where a pupil brings in an item from another setting this must be placed into a plastic bag, sealed and returned to the parent/carer as soon as practicable.

## 7. Personal protective equipment (PPE)

At Stover School, PPE means  
a face mask, gloves, goggles and an apron

- PPE may need to be worn at Stover School.
- Pupils that whose care routinely uses PPE due to their intimate care needs such as in a nursery setting should continue to receive their care in the same way.
- PPE should be worn if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained from any pupil or member of staff displaying symptoms of coronavirus.
- If a risk assessment by the School Nurse or First Aider determines that there is a risk of splashing to the eyes, for example from coughing spitting or vomiting then eye-protection should also be worn.
- Please support the school by explaining this to your child and help them to understand that this is to keep them and the other pupils and staff around them safe.