**Frequently Asked Questions; COVID 19 for parents and students**

Q: How does school intend to keep my child safe?

A: SHS has completed a rigorous risk assessment which meets the requirements set out by Department for Education. It has been approved by governors and discussed with Public Health and Trafford Council.

Q: What measures will school be taking to safeguard my child?

A: The school will be following enhanced hygiene protocols, enforcing distancing between staff and students and ensuring students are kept in separate bubbles. We will be making sure that any equipment shared is cleaned between uses. Students will be using separate areas of the school for break, eating, entrance and exit.

Q: How can I do my part in protecting our wider Sale High Community?

A: If you, anyone in your family or your child has symptoms they must not come into school. Please ring and let us know why they are off

You should then arrange for those with symptoms to be tested. Others in the household should isolate. Please see the following advice: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

All children can be tested, including those under 5.

Q; What should I do if someone we are close to/ in our family group has tested positive?

A: You should isolate and your family members should get a test. You should ring us to let us know why you are absent. Let us know as soon as you get a result and continue to isolate and stay off if it is positive.

Q. How should I notify those that I may have been in contact with?
A: If you have symptoms you should get a test. If the test is positive, you will be contacted by Test and Trace. They will contact anyone that has been in close contact.

Q: I am worried that it will look bad if we have a test and we aren’t positive. I don’t want to waste NHS time .

A: The most important thing to do is take action. The only way to beat the virus is to ensure it does not spread. If you have any doubts at all, isolate, get tested and engage with Test and Trace. In that way we are all kept safe.

Q; What will happen if there is a case in my school?

A: Families will be contacted with guidance as to steps they must take. Ms O’Grady will contact local Public Health who will guide the school through their response.

Q; What happens if my child became poorly whilst at school?

A: If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they will be sent home. We will look after your child in a separate area to others and ask you to collect them. The member of staff looking after your child may wear PPE.

You will then need to follow: ‘[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance)’. This states the student must self-isolate for at least 7 days and should [arrange to have a test](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested) to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19). Other members of the household (including any siblings) should self-isolate for 14 days from when the poorly child first had symptoms.

Q: Is attendance expected from September? What if I and my child feel anxious?

The government expects all students to be in school from September. We will be working with students to make sure they are comfortable about being back at school through our tutor programme and pastoral support. Please contact your head of year if you have any worries.

Q My child/ I have been shielding previously. Can they return to school?

A: The guidance is that family members and students can return to school at the start of the year see: [current advice on shielding](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19)

Q: My child was previously diagnosed as being clinically vulnerable or extremely clinically vulnerable. Can they return to school?

A: Please contact your health care professional and let us know what they say. If you have any worries, or if there is anything we need to be aware of regarding additional medical needs, please contact Mr Scully, our Safeguarding lead on jscully@salehighschool.org.uk

Q: What should my child wear to school? Do I need to wash uniform every day?

A: children should wear full school uniform each day except on days when they have PE. They should wear PE kit on those days. The guidance is that uniform does not need a daily wash.

Q: What will happen if my child is **not required to be in school**: for example if we are isolating, school is closed or, at the start of the year during the staggered start, only open to certain year groups?

A: work will be set at this time on Show My Homework

Q: How will the school ensure that the children behave well and follow the new rules to make sure we are all COVID safe?

A: We have amended our Ready, Safe and Respectful guide to include a COVID 19 column see:

Students will learn about why these rules are important during the first few days of their return. They will be expected to comply and we ask parents to support us in ensuring they follow the COVID amendments to our behaviour code for everyone’s safety.

Q: My child has forgotten their equipment. What should I do?

A: Parents will not be able, because of restrictions, to drop off any forgotten items. If students repeatedly forget to bring equipment, they may incur a sanction.

Q: I have children in separate year groups. They start and finish at different times. What should I do?

A: If the students travel in together, one must wait either for their day to start, or for the other to finish in their outside social area. Please be aware that Year 11 finish much later (3.55 on three days) and it is probably best for the sibling in another year to go home separately