Week 4 Covid Update

2nd October 2020

Face Masks

Symptomatic? Please stay at home ...

- *a high temperature* this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- *a new, continuous cough* this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- *a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste* this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

We would kindly request that all parents wear face masks when on site at The Paragon, including when outside. This request comes as a result of our further risk assessment of adults on site following our Covid Drill last week.

Covid Track and Trace App for visitors

From next week we will be using the government's Covid track and trace app for all visitors who come inside the buildings. In case you have not already downloaded the app, you can do so on iPhone (app store) or Android (Google Play Store) devices. This will mean that, if you are required to come into the school for a meeting, you are already prepared to use our QR code and help us to follow our Covid visitor protocol. We hope it will also give you some reassurances regarding all visitors onsite.

Norland Nanny Trainee Placements

We will shortly be welcoming our Norland Trainees for their annual placements. Plese be assured that this activity has been thoroughly risk assessed in line with our Covid mitigation.

Informing us your child is unwell

It is no longer necessary to call the school to inform us if your child will be absent. Please email your child's class teacher as well as <u>reception.paragon@priorparkschools.com</u> including your child's name and class and stating if they do or don't have Covid symptoms.

If they or someone in your household **ARE SHOWING SYMPTOMS** of Covid please could you provide us with the following information.

- date the symptoms started
- is it your child or a family member with symptoms
- do they have a sibling in our school or at PPC, if so which class/year
- the date of any Covid-19 test
- It is vitally important that, before your child returns to school, you inform Reception of any Covid test results even if it is negative.

A handy flow chart

Unsure about what to do if your child is under the weather? The flow chart below is a useful reference point. Please note that the school cannot advise on symptoms.



In case of a positive test

PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF YOUR CHILD, OR ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD RECEIVES A POSITIVE TEST RESULT. In this case we will need to ask you some specific questions. These are the questions we are asked when we contact Public Health England and your answers will form part of their decision process regarding the need for others to self-isolate.

- When did the symptoms begin (for each member of your household)
- When did you and your family members have a test
- When did the test results come back and their results

If you contact the school to notify us that you or a member of your household has been identified as a "contact" of someone who has tested positive, we will ask you:

- When the person was tested and when they began to display symptoms
- When you, or your family, came in contact with that person