

## Control Measures in place at Palatine School: March 2022



### In order to keep you child safe at school the following steps have been taken:

- Government guidance (School's coronavirus operational guidance and SEND and specialist settings: Additional operational guidance for special schools February 2022) being followed
- Hand sanitiser to be used on arrival and departure.
- Windows open in classes.
- Increased cleaning: gaps between shared resources to allow additional clearing between use.
- Increased handwashing facilities in classrooms (steps to ensure children can access the sink, child level soap dispensers).
- Identified classes using specific toilets.
- A one way system around the main school block.
- Additional signage with health messages re handwashing and catch it bin it around school.
- Lidded bins in each class which are double bagged for tissue collection.
- Housekeeper employed who cleans school throughout the day.
- Increased ongoing and regular teaching of handwashing and "catch it, bin it, kill it" and "hands, face, space".
- Staff have choice to wear facemasks in communal areas.
- Zoom rather than in person assemblies until Easter.
- All trips out to be risk assessed for COVID.
- Asymptomatic testing of staff taking place twice weekly.
- School will keep up to date with government advice and publish to parents quickly.
- All visitors advised to present a negative LFT test on arrival and wear a facemask
- Packed lunches will be eaten in class where possible

Where there are two or more cases in 1 class this will be considered an outbreak and further measures could be implemented including:

- no access the dining hall, class to eat in class;
- separate play time;
- less access to school facilities and when used additional time for cleaning;
- "close contact" staff will do daily LFT tests
- "close contact" pupils to be encouraged to do daily LFT tests
- separate arrival and departure plan.
- 'Bubble' sign to be placed on door to notify peripatetic/ therapeutic professionals

For further details please see the Covid Risk Assessment.

