

IJDS COVID 19 POLICY

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While Corona virus remains in the community, we need to minimise risks from Corona at a school level, whilst balancing the desire to provide a full educational experience for all of our pupils. Our procedures moving forward have been produced after collaboration between staff, SLT, directors and fully approved by PHE and local authority health and safety.

ESSENTIAL CONTROLS AND PREVENTION MEASURES

Those who have corona virus symptoms or who have someone in their household who does, **must not attend** school.

- Pupils, staff and other adults must not come into school if they have corona virus symptoms or have tested positive in the last 10 days.
- Anyone who develops symptoms during the school day will be sent home.
- Other members of the household should self-isolate for 10 days from when first symptoms are seen.
- A child awaiting collection will be moved to an isolated space, at least 2 metres from others. Thorough cleaning will then take place.

Further guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings>

- Any staff or pupils who have been in close contact with someone with symptoms, **do not** need to go home to self-isolate unless they then develop symptoms and should then be tested, or unless the symptomatic person subsequently tested positive, or is advised by NHS track and trace.

CLEAN HANDS THOROUGHLY MORE OFTEN THAN USUAL

Corona virus is an easy virus to kill once on the skin. This can be done with soap and running water.

- Children and adults will wash hands on entry to school, before break, before and after eating, and regularly throughout the day. This is now built into the routine of the day.
- All classrooms and common areas have sinks, running water and soap, as well as paper towels.
- Additional sinks have been installed.
- Antibacterial gel is available for adults entering school.

ENSURE GOOD RESPIRATORY HYGIENE - "CATCH IT, BIN IT, KILL IT"

- Children should all have tissues in their school bags.
- Children will be reminded to use tissues and then to wash their hands.
- All bins will be emptied of tissues and paper towels during the day.
- All classrooms will have windows open as far as possible, to increase ventilation.
- Doors will be open where possible.

ENHANCED CLEANING

- Frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned more often than usual.
- Shared areas will be cleaned often.
- Different groups will have their own toilets and toilets will be cleaned during the day.

MINIMISING CONTACT

Minimising contact between individuals, maintaining social distance wherever possible. School must do everything possible to minimise contacts and mixing. The overarching principle is to reduce the number of contacts through maintaining distance between individuals and keeping groups separate.

- We will be operating in class bubbles
- Where younger children are not able to maintain social distancing from each other they will be encouraged to social distance from staff as far as possible.
- Older children will be encouraged to follow social distance guidelines from each other, especially in years 3 to 6.
- Adults will all be expected to socially distance from children in all classes from year 1 upwards.
- Maintaining class bubbles that do not mix makes it quicker and easier in the event of a positive case, to identify those who might need to self-isolate, as well as allowing us to protect the health and safety of staff.
- Each class bubble will be kept apart from other class bubbles throughout the day.
- Interaction between the class bubbles will be limited and each class will have their own play space as well as specified lunch areas.
- ECA will be able to take place in year group bubbles from the summer term.
- PE will take place in year group bubbles following Macabbi's Covid secure guidance.
- Specialist teaching for pupils with SEND will take place in smaller specific consistent bubbles.
- Staff can operate across different bubbles to facilitate delivery of a full curriculum i.e. PE, Kodesh. Where staff need to do this, they will keep their distance from the children as far as possible and be ideally 2 metres from other adults.
- Maintaining a distance between people whilst inside the building and reducing the amount of time they are face-to-face lowers the risk of transmission.
- Teaching will be from the front of the class, without close contact of children.
- Furniture in classrooms will be arranged to create a space between desks where possible.
- Children will be encouraged to work side-by-side rather than face-to-face.
- Children will be supported to maintain distance and not touch staff or peers where possible.
- Each class bubble will be kept apart and there will be no large gathering such as assemblies or tefillah together.
- Staff meetings will be held online or while adhering to social distancing if in person.
- Staffroom will not be used for more than 8 people.
- Corridors will be used minimally.
- Photocopy room to only be used by 1 person at a time.
- Staff/adults to wear masks when moving through school.
- Pupils to move around the outside of school as far as possible.

LUNCH

- Year 5 & Year 6 will be using the multi-purpose room for packed lunches only.
- Year 3 & Year 4 will use the lunch hall for packed lunch only.
- Year 1 & Year 2 & Reception will have universal free school meals in the hall at staggered times.
- Gan will have school lunch in the Gan classroom.
- All areas will be cleaned.
- The school kitchen will operate under guidance. Lunch will be plated and served, there will not be a canteen option.
- Children will sit at set seats.
- Each class is supervised by a specific member of staff.

ARRIVING & LEAVING SCHOOL

- School will open from 8:15am for a soft start.
- Parents should drop off outside school and pupils should make their way straight to their classroom where an adult will be there.
- Registration will happen between 8:15am and 8:40am. This will allow children to organise themselves and for any intervention and well-being support to take place, ensuring that all children are ready to learn from 8:40am prompt.
- Parents will not be allowed on the school site, and should clear the school area as quickly as possible for security reasons.
- We will be operating a one-way system for collection:
 - All adults collecting must wear a face mask.
 - Parents will be allowed entry through the pedestrian gate at an allocated time.
 - Parents should then wait, on a marked space, in the Gan playground.
 - Class teachers will bring the children to the collection point.
 - Parents will then promptly leave through the vehicle gate.
 - Collection time will be the same as September-December:
Monday to Thursday 3.20-3.50pm
Friday 12.20-12.50pm until further notice, to facilitate additional cleaning
 - Children not collected on time will wait near the bike shed until all children have been collected.

SHARING EQUIPMENT

- All children must bring their own fully equipped pencil case to school. They will keep this in their school bag and it should be easy to use.
- Children will not be allowed to share resources.
- Any shared resources will be cleaned straight after use as part of standard lesson practice, and all children are expected to take part in this.
- Sports coaching will be taking place. Equipment used will be cleaned between use.
- Children must wear full PE Kit for PE & Sports, which will then be sent home on that day to be laundered.
- All pupils must bring their own school bag with their belongings.
- Reading books will be sent home in the summer term. Children and adults must wash their hands thoroughly before touching the books and care should be taken to not put any books near the face.
- If someone in the household is in self isolation books will not be allowed into the house.

PPE

- Staff in general will not be wearing PPE unless they are caring for someone with intimate needs; caring for someone with symptoms less than 2 metres away; working with children at risk of spitting or other personal hygiene issues.
- Facemasks will be worn by adults throughout the school in shared spaces.

WORKING WITH NHS TRACK & TRACE AND PHE

Parents and staff must be ready to:

- Book a test if there are symptoms of Covid-19. Check with NHS 111, if unsure.
- Not come into school if there are symptoms of Covid-19 and notify school immediately.
- Notify school with any test results on covid@ijds.co.uk.
- School will contact PHE and act accordingly.
- We will work closely with PHE and would notify them of any cases before following their advice in order to manage any cases of Corona virus within the school community.

ATTENDANCE

- **All pupils *must* attend school.**
- Any absence from school must be reported by parents by 9am.
- Where children are unable to attend school due to following clinical and or public health advice they will not be penalised.
- Holidays requiring time off school during term time, in order to accommodate quarantine regulations **will not be authorised.**

CURRICULUM

- RHE scheme of work implemented September 2020, including well-being.
- Broad and balanced curriculum offer teaching a range of subjects.
- High quality online learning, aligned with our school curriculum, should it be necessary during a local lockdown [Blended Learning Policy].
- Needs led intervention based on rigorous assessments and observations.
- Google classroom and live teaching will be available remotely to support children isolating due to track & trace.

UNIFORM

- Full school uniform is expected, including correct school shoes.
- Whilst additional laundering is not required, uniform should be neat, clean and presentable every day, to reinforce a pride in appearance and engagement with learning.
- All boys must wear a kippa and tzittit.
- All skirts must be appropriate length.
- PE kit must be worn and laundered that day due to aerosol transmission.

SCHOOL TRIPS

- These will not take place until further notice.

Ratified by Chair of Directors, Michael Paluch 25.02.2021