

Bradford Academy Infection Control Policy

Covid-19 Addendum

COVID-19 is a new type of coronavirus that causes illness in people by affecting their lungs and therefore their breathing. The virus can be spread from person to person by coughing or touching your eyes, nose or mouth with hands that have been contaminated by the virus. The name COVID-19 comes from Coronavirus Disease 2019 - it was named in December 2019.

The following paragraph is taken directly from the DFE guidance for educational settings. Next to each bullet point, and emboldened are the actions Bradford Academy will take in terms of minimising transmission of the virus:

There are important actions that children and young people, their parents and those who work with them can take during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, to help prevent the spread of the virus.

In all education, childcare and social care settings, preventing the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) involves dealing with direct transmission (for instance, when in close contact with those sneezing and coughing) and indirect transmission (via touching contaminated surfaces). A range of approaches and actions should be employed to do this. These can be seen as a hierarchy of controls that, when implemented, creates an inherently safer system, where the risk of transmission of infection is substantially reduced. These include:

- Minimising contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend childcare settings, schools or colleges – **staff and students who display symptoms will be reminded that it is imperative they remain at home and seek medical advice and/or tests before returning to The Academy. Anyone entering the building displaying any of the symptoms or who becomes unwell during the day will be isolated in the designated isolation rooms until they are collected by parents or in the case of staff, sent home immediately.**
- Cleaning hands more often than usual - wash hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly or use alcohol hand rub or sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered. **All students will be supervised handwashing with soap at the start of the day and hand sanitiser available at entry points and in classrooms.**
- Ensuring good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach. **Tissues will be available in classrooms and bins with pedal lids provided to dispose of these safely.**
- Cleaning frequently touched surfaces often using standard products, such as detergents and bleach. **Cleaning team will be on site throughout the day and will be required to follow the hygiene regime in place at the time. Typically, this will be wiping door handles and surfaces throughout the day and cleaning toilets more frequently than normal. Areas will be wiped down with chlorine- based products after each session. Friday will be a student free day when a deep clean will take place of all areas used by staff and students.**



- Minimising contact and mixing by altering, as much as possible, the environment (such as classroom layout) and timetables (such as staggered break times). **All classrooms have been zoned with a teacher area 2m from desks and each desk 2m apart with 8 students per classroom. Students remain in these classrooms for their time on site and no other students use that area. Each student will have an equipment box with just their equipment and this will remain in school. There will be hygiene stations in classrooms so that students get into a routine of wiping down their books and equipment regularly.**



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