



Whole School Policy Covid-19

| Action | Policy to be formally reviewed termly | | |
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| | Committee | Date | Completed |
| Reviewed | Deputy Head (Pastoral) | 21 September 2021 | ✓ |
| Reported | Health & Safety | 29 November 2021 | ✓ |
| Approved | Board of Governors | 13 December 2021 | ✓ |
| Reviewed | Deputy Head (Pastoral) | January 2022 | ✓ |
| Reviewed | Deputy Head (Pastoral) | April 2022 | ✓ |

Aim

To set out briefly the guiding principles of Gresham's School's approach to 'living with Covid-19'.

Scope

This policy applies to Gresham's Pre-Prep, Prep and Senior Schools and is applicable while the Covid-19 pandemic is occurring and the UK Government is advising schools how to manage their operations as safely as possible. It has regard to the Covid-19 coronavirus only; not to all infectious diseases. The policy sits alongside other key school policies that exist to mitigate risks to pupils, staff and their families, e.g. Safeguarding, Health & Safety, First Aid, Boarding Principles & Practice, and others. This policy document should be published on the school website: www.greshams.com

Guiding principles of Gresham's operations during the Covid-19 pandemic

1. The School is committed to providing the best possible educational experience for each pupil, as normally as possible, in spite of the precautions and subsequent adaptations to its operation enforced by the virus. Providing high-quality teaching and learning, pastoral care, and co-curricular activities in a warm, supportive environment remains our focus for all pupils.
2. The School will always follow UK Government guidance as it changes, published [here](#).
3. Each School has its own set of guidelines and practices, fitting for its context, which have been developed in line with this Government guidance.
4. Each School has its own overarching risk assessment overseen by the Health & Safety Officer. It is no longer a requirement to publish this on the School website.
5. We expect all staff and pupils to adhere to the guidelines and practices contained in any updates published internally by the Deputy Head (Pastoral) or the Headmaster.
6. Gresham's has committed itself to the Boarding Schools' Association '[Covid-Safe Charter](#)' to ensure our boarding practice is as safe as possible, and to reassure boarders and their families
7. The nominated Governor for Covid-19 issues is Mr. Stephen Oldfield (Chair of the Audit Risk Committee). Senior Leaders responsible for overseeing the enactment of this policy and its practices are:
 - a. Pre-Prep School: Mrs Sarah Hollingsworth (Headmistress)
 - b. Prep School: Mr Jason Hyatt (Deputy Head)
 - c. Senior School: Mr Lizzie Alexander (Deputy Head Pastoral)