



Whole School Policy

Covid-19

Action	Policy to be formally reviewed termly		
	Committee	Date	Completed
Written	W. Chuter	Mich 2020	✓
Reported	Audit Risk Committee	Mich 2020	
Approved	Board of Governors	Mich 2020	
Next review	J. Flower	Lent 2021	



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, published here: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus/education-and-childcare>. The key document for the re-opening of the School in September 2020 is [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. They are available for all staff and parents on the VLE/Parent Portal.
4. Each School has its own overarching risk assessment, published on the School website. Many areas of school life also have subsidiary, activity-specific Covid-19 risk assessments that complement these. These are overseen by the Health & Safety Officer.
5. We expect all staff and pupils to adhere to the guidelines and practices in 3 and 4 (above), and have reflected this in the relevant policies and school rules
6. Each School has its own action plan in the event of a confirmed case of Covid-19 within the pupil or staff community. The East of England Health Protection Team (HPT) form a key part of these (Council Offices, College Heath Road, Mildenhall, IP28 7EY).
7. 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
8. 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 Will Chuter (Deputy Head Pastoral)

Next review: JEF, Lent 2021