



CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) POLICY AND ADVICE

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Policy renewed at least annually, or as required according to changes in procedures or legislation. The policy is available on the Cavendish School of English website.

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The health and safety of our students, staff and visitors is our main priority. We will be scrupulous in applying all the recommendations and guidance issued by health authorities at our centres. On this page you'll find all the health safety and hygiene measures we have implemented at our sites. Our full risk covid risk assessment is available on request.

Latest UK Government Guidance

The government is removing remaining domestic restrictions in England. There are still steps you can take to reduce the risk of catching and spreading COVID-19:

- Get vaccinated
- Let fresh air in if meeting indoors, or meet outside
- Consider wearing a face covering in crowded, enclosed spaces
- Get tested if you have COVID-19 symptoms, and stay at home if positive

This means:

You will not be legally required to self-isolate if you test positive for COVID-19. Stay at home if you can and avoid contact with other people.

You will not have to take daily tests or be legally required to self-isolate following contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Even if you are not fully vaccinated, you no longer need to take a COVID-19 test either before or after you arrive in the UK. You will no longer need to complete a passenger locator form.

COVID-19 has not gone away, so it's important to remember the actions you can take to keep yourself and others safe. Everybody needs to continue to act carefully and remain cautious.



At the school:

Testing and Isolating

Asymptomatic students will not be asked to test on arrival at the school or at any point during their stay.

If students or staff develop COVID-19 symptoms, we will still be asking them to stay at home or in their residence and take a lateral flow test. This is as a courtesy to fellow staff and students and to try to stop the spread of the illness. If the LFT is negative the student or staff member can return to the school when they are well enough to do so. If it is positive, we will be asking the student or staff member to stay at home or in their residence and take a PCR test. The student must self-isolate for 5 days from the onset of their symptoms. They should take an LFT test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both of these test results are negative, they should return to school, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature. This is to help stop the spread of the virus around the school and in the community.

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of any of the following:

- * a new continuous cough
- * a high temperature
- * a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell

Any student who has been in close contact with a confirmed positive case does not need to go home to self-isolate unless they develop symptoms themselves.

At School

Hygiene and Cleaning

We have implemented increased cleaning regimes at our sites particularly in areas of potential high transmission. There are hygiene stations throughout the school fully equipped with antibacterial hand gel, wipes, cleaning spray and paper towels so that students can regularly clean their hands and any personal equipment. Students and staff will be reminded to regularly wash their hands and posters are displayed throughout the premises to remind students and staff of the importance of this.



Masks

Masks are no longer required to be worn in classes although students are welcome to wear them if they prefer. Masks are also not required in accommodation settings. Face coverings also do not need to be worn by students when outdoors on the premises. The requirement to wear face coverings in law has been lifted. However, we would still recommend that students wear face coverings in crowded areas such as on public transport.

We will provide masks for students who don't bring their own, but we would advise students to bring a supply. Spare masks will always be available at the school. Teachers can choose whether they wear a mask or not.

Accommodation

Hosts will treat students as full members of their household and social distancing will not be necessary inside the home. Hosts will be providing antibacterial hand gel and will ensure appropriate soap is available in all bathrooms within the home. Hosts will be cleaning more frequently particularly in areas of high transmission such as door handles and shared eating areas. Most of our host families are fully vaccinated (those eligible) and in some cases hosts have allowed us to share that information with you prior to your arrival. We are unable to share medical information with you unless the host has consented.

In the Classroom

Classrooms will be set out to encourage social distancing. Wherever possible students will be supported to maintain a distance from each other and staff. Teachers will ensure the doors and windows are opened to provide plenty of ventilation. Teachers are made aware of the safety measures required and will provide enough equipment, so students do not have to share any materials.

Students are encouraged to bring their own writing implements and not to share with others.

Social Distancing

Our school in Bournemouth is a large space with multiple entrances and exit points. We expect students to practice social distancing throughout the school wherever possible. The tables have been laid out in the Canteen with more space in between them to enable those who want a little more space to access it.

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Social Programme

Our popular social programme will run as normal but may be slightly adapted for some activities. Activities will take place outside where the weather permits or in our large multifunction room where it is easy for students and staff to maintain social distancing. Our supervision staff have been carefully trained on our covid risk assessment to ensure they follow current government guidance around safety measures for example ensuring that students do not share any equipment and that all equipment is cleaned between each use.