



## **Plumpton College – COVID-19 Safety Precautions and Expectations**

**Monday 16th August 2021**

Regardless of status, if at any point you have the symptoms or live with somebody that has the symptoms of the Coronavirus, our policy is that you should contact the NHS immediately and follow their advice. As soon as you can, please report this to the college so we can respond appropriately and do not attend college until NHS Test & Trace advise that you can.

For anyone accessing any of our sites the following controls will be in place:

Despite the removal of legislation, Plumpton College recognises the importance of face coverings and as such we will:

- Continue to make face coverings freely available for any site user
- Not require face coverings to be worn whilst seated in lessons
- Recommend that face coverings are worn by students when using college transport
- Recommend that face coverings are worn by all people in communal and confined spaces

We recognise there are changes within social distancing expectations and to this end we will:

- Revert back to normal classroom layouts, which allows more freedom to adopt different classroom layouts depending on the lesson requirements.
- Use each seat on all buses (college coaches and minibuses)
- Revert to pre-Covid capacities for communal spaces such as the common room, dining room, reception and toilets
- Remove one-way systems and no entry points
- Continue to promote 'hands-face-space-fresh air' across the college
- Allow teaching staff to move more freely around the classroom whilst teaching

Hygiene and ventilation remain important control measures and we will:

- Retain hand sanitizers at all building entry points
- Continue high contact cleaning service
- Promote 'catch it, bin it, kill it' across the college
- Maintain end of lesson clean-up procedures
- Continue to ensure that windows are open to promote air flow
- Avoid using spaces where ventilation is assessed as inadequate

We will build upon our previous successful testing regime and commit to facilitating:

- Students being able to undertake 2 Lateral Flow Tests onsite at the start of the academic year; followed by two tests per week at home
- Staff being able to undertake two tests at home per week

We recognise the Government updated its self-isolation guidance from the 16<sup>th</sup> of August and close contacts will be identified by NHS Test and Trace.

If you are contacted by NHS Test & Trace as a close contact and are;

A) Under 18 yrs.' old

- a. Request a PCR test, continue as normal without isolating if you don't have symptoms and wait for your test results. If your test result is negative continue as normal. Only isolate if your result is positive or if you develop symptoms.

Are over 18 and 4 months of age AND:

B) Have been double jabbed for at least 14 days then;

- a. Request a PCR test, continue as normal without isolating if you don't have symptoms and wait for your test results. If your test result is negative continue as normal. Only isolate if your result is positive or if you develop symptoms.

You will only need to self-isolate if you;

- A) Are over 18 and 4 months old and not double vaccinated
- B) Have symptoms and are awaiting the results of a PCR test
- C) Have tested positive by Lateral Flow and are waiting for the PCR test results
- D) Have tested positive by PCR test
- E) Are told to by NHS Test & Trace

We believe that we are providing a comprehensive set of measures that puts your safety at the heart of what we do without impacting your educational experience and allowing you to enjoy your time at Plumpton College.

This set of precautions is based on the current Covid-19 situation and government guidance at the time of writing, and will be subject to change. Any changes will be communicated immediately to all staff and students of the college.