

## Frequently Asked Questions for Parents:

### 1. Is the academy safe to stay open?

Westminster Primary Academy has been risk assessed as a Covid safe environment. This means that the academy has complied with the guidance on managing the risk of coronavirus (COVID-19)

To ensure we are safe and COVID secure, all academies have undertaken risk assessments following government guidance and these have been published on the academy website. These risk assessments are regularly reviewed as government guidance changes or the local guidance for Bradford is updated.

### 2. What should I do if my child has symptoms of Covid?

If your child has any of the main symptoms of Covid, then you should book a test and self-isolate until you receive the results.

- **If positive**, your child must self-isolate for **10 days from the first day of symptoms** and until the individual's high temperature has fallen to within the normal range. School must be notified as soon as the test is confirmed as positive. This is so we can take necessary next steps to ensure other pupils who may have been in contact with your child are protected
- **If negative**, the individual may end their self-isolation and should return to school as soon as they feel well enough to do so.

AFFECTED PERSON	SELF-ISOLATION GUIDANCE
<b>INDIVIDUAL</b>  (the symptomatic person)	Must self-isolate until the test result is received. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>If positive</b>, must self-isolate for <b>10 days from the onset of symptoms</b> and until the individual's high temperature has fallen to within the normal range</li> <li>• <b>If negative</b>, the individual may end their self-isolation</li> </ul>

<p><b>INDIVIDUAL'S HOUSEHOLD</b></p> <p>(the people who live with the symptomatic person)</p>	<p>Must self-isolate until the test result is received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>If positive</b>, continue to self-isolate for a total period of <b>14 days</b>)</li> <li>• <b>If negative</b>, the household may end their self-isolation</li> </ul> <p>If the symptomatic person does not get tested, the household must self-isolate for 14 days (because the person could have COVID-19).</p>
<p><b>CONTACTS</b></p> <p>(the people who have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Been within 2 metres for more than 15 minutes or</li> <li>• Had face to face contact within 1 metre for any length of time or</li> <li>• Been within 1 metre for more than 1 minute</li> <li>• Shared a small vehicle</li> </ul> <p>with the confirmed case anytime from 2 days (48 hours before the onset of symptoms)</p>	<p>Do <b>not</b> need to self-isolate <b>unless</b> they develop symptoms or the symptomatic person tests positive</p>
<p><b>CONTACTS' HOUSEHOLDS</b></p> <p>(the people who live with a person who has been identified as being in contact with a symptomatic person)</p>	<p>Do <b>not</b> need to self-isolate <b>unless</b> the contact develops symptoms</p>

### 3. What should I do if my child tests positive for Covid?

<b>AFFECTED PERSON</b>	<b>SELF-ISOLATION GUIDANCE</b>
<p><b>INDIVIDUAL</b></p> <p>(the confirmed case)</p>	<p>Must self-isolate for <b>10 days from the onset of symptoms</b> and until the individual's high temperature has fallen to within the normal range</p>

<p><b>INDIVIDUAL'S HOUSEHOLD</b></p> <p>(the people who live with the confirmed case)</p>	<p>Must self-isolate for <b>14 days from the onset of symptoms or from the positive test result</b> (if the individual is asymptomatic)</p> <p>If any member of the household develops symptoms at any point during the 14 days, they must self-isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms and get tested.</p>
<p><b>CONTACTS</b></p> <p>(the people who have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Been within 2 metres for more than 15 minutes or</li> <li>• Had face to face contact within 1 metre for any length of time or</li> <li>• Been within 1 metre for more than 1 minute</li> <li>• Shared a small vehicle</li> </ul> <p>with the confirmed case anytime from 2 days (48 hours before the onset of symptoms)</p>	<p>Must self-isolate for <b>14 days from the last contact with the confirmed case</b></p> <p>If they develop symptoms during the 14 days, they must self-isolate for 10 days from the onset of their symptoms and get tested</p>
<p><b>CONTACTS' HOUSEHOLDS</b></p> <p>(the people who live with a person who has been identified as being in contact with a confirmed case)</p>	<p>Do <b>not</b> need to self-isolate <b>unless</b> the contact develops symptoms</p>

**4. What should I do if my child tests negative for Covid?**

If the test result is negative, the child may end their self-isolation and return to the academy, as soon as they feel well enough to do so and as long as they are not displaying any symptoms, unless they have been identified as a contact with a positive case. In this situation, your child should stay at home of the full 14 days.

**5. How long does my child have to self-isolate if I am informed that there has been a case within the academy which has been in close contact with my child?**

Your child must self-isolate for 14 days from the last contact with the confirmed case. The date that your child can end self-isolation and return to the academy will be confirmed in the letter confirming the self-isolation.

If they develop symptoms during the 14 days, they must self-isolate for 10 days from the onset of their symptoms and get tested

**6. Does my child have to self-isolate if I am informed that there has been a case within the academy but not within close contact of my child?**

If your child HAS NOT been identified as a close contact (the academy will inform you if they have) then they do not need to self-isolate and should attend school as normal.

**7. If my child has to self-isolate, how do they access their schoolwork?**

The academy has a home learning page on the website where your child can find links to the daily lessons that have been set for each year group. The home learning lessons match the focus of the lesson in school. Your child should follow the links, watch the lesson and complete work in their home learning exercise book that we have provided. In addition, your child has also been given CGP Maths and English work books that they can work through at home during their self-isolation. We would like all the children to read at home every day. On our website, there are other links to websites to help your child's learning including Frog, TT Rock Stars, Reading Plus, Lexia, Phonics and Purple Mash.

**8. If my child has to self-isolate, how will the academy maintain contact?**

A member of school staff will contact you on the second day of self-isolation to check that your child has located the home learning page and is completing the work. You will be contacted regularly by school staff during your child's self-isolation to check if they are well, completing the home learning work and offer support and guidance.

**9. My child is on Free School Meals, what do I do if they have to self-isolate?**

If your child is entitled to income-based free school meals, you can request a food parcel from the school office if your child has to self-isolate.

**10. Does my child have to wear a face mask in the academy?**

At Secondary Schools students and adults will all be required to wear a face covering when moving in communal areas within the academy. The BDAT guidance can be found by following the link below:

<https://www.bdat-academies.org/covid-19-policies-and-guidance/>

At Primary Schools, children are not required to wear a face covering in school.

At Westminster Primary Academy, all staff are requested to wear face coverings when moving around the building. We also request that parents wear a face covering whilst on the school site when picking up children.

**11. Transport and Face Covering**

At the moment, we are not using the school minibus to transport children. When we do, we may request that children wear a face covering at all times when traveling on a school bus.

Children will be required to sit in their designated seats and remain seated for the duration of their journey. The bus seating plan and wearing of face cover will reduce the risk of cross group infection when travelling on the school bus.

Pupils who have to travel on public transport to and from the academy may wish to wear a face covering.