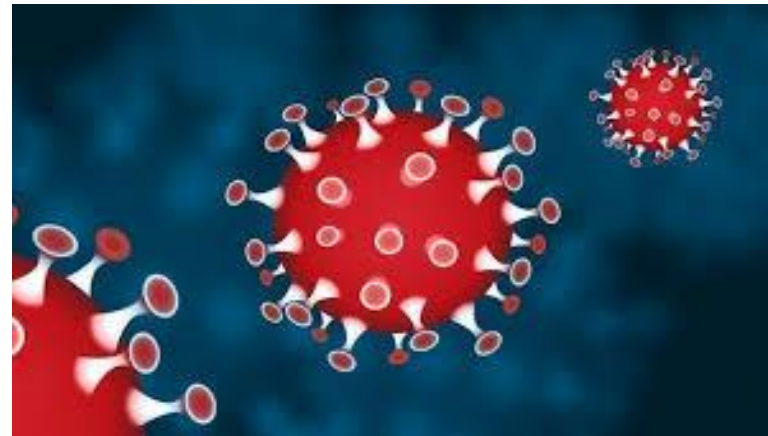




BILBOROUGH
SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

Covid19 Health & Safety Arrangements for September 2021

Information for Students





Key aims of guidance

- To provide the best learning and educational opportunities we can for students within the government guidelines.
- To balance the needs of protecting students, staff and their families from Covid with the requirements of an education which promotes other elements of good mental and physical health.
- To ensure that any student with specific vulnerabilities themselves or within their families has the levels of protection required.



Key elements of guidance

1. Start of year testing
2. Encouragement of vaccinations
3. No more bubbles or social distancing
4. No more self-isolation for close contacts of COVID-19
5. Guidance around face coverings
6. Good ventilation and other prevention and hygiene measures
7. Clear procedures in the event of confirmed case
8. Rules for college buses

1. Start of year testing



- All students will be invited to take 2 x on-site lateral flow tests 3 to 5 days apart.
- Y13 Friday 3rd Sept and Wednesday 8th Sept
- Y12 Mon 6th Sept and Thursday 9th Sept or Tues 7th Sept and Friday 10th Set.
- ***At your tutor group sessions, which is the first session of the induction day, you will be advised when to take your lateral flow tests at our on-site testing centre in the sports hall.***



1. Start of year testing

- These tests are not compulsory, but we encourage all students to take these to reduce asymptomatic transmission.
- Once the 2 on-site tests have been taken, students will have access to home testing kits.



2. Vaccination programme for students aged 16-18



- All young people have the opportunity to be vaccinated against COVID-19
- The more students we have vaccinated, the less disruption we are likely to have to the education we can provide next year
- **We strongly encourage all of our students to get informed about the vaccine and to have the jab if they feel comfortable to do so.**
- If you have any concerns, please speak to student support.



3. No more 'bubbles' or social distancing

- The latest guidance states that colleges no longer need to organise students into 'bubbles'.
- There is also no need for social distancing either within class or in free time.
- This means that you will be able to mix with whoever you want, both within classes and in your breaks, lunchtimes and study times.



4. No more self-isolation for close contacts of COVID-19

- This is one of the biggest changes to school and college life in the new guidance
- If you are under the age of 18 years and 6 months, you are **no longer required to self-isolate** if you come into contact or live in the same household as someone with Covid-19.
- Close contacts will be contacted by NHS test and trace and advised to take a PCR test. You can attend college while waiting for the result to come back. Only if you get a positive result do you need to isolate.



5. Guidance around face coverings

- Face coverings / masks in college are no longer compulsory.
- Any student or member of staff who wishes to continue to wear a face covering will be allowed to do so.
- If any students are extremely vulnerable or have vulnerable family members who are not able to be protected by the vaccine, we can make individual arrangements to provide extra protection. Please speak to student support if this is you

6. Good ventilation to reduce virus spread

- With the reduction in some measures, it is more important than ever that we use proven methods to minimise risk.
- We are lucky to have a college which is a new modern building with no recycled air and excellent ventilation.
- Windows and doors will be opened every morning before students arrive to maximise air flow through the building and students are encouraged to socialise outside when the weather is good.



7. Other hygiene measures

Prevention

- Please don't come onto the college site if displaying any of the COVID 19 symptoms - signage is very clear

Personal Hygiene

- Regular handwashing is advised and always before eating
- Hand-sanitising - 140 plus hand sanitiser stations (including outside toilets & classrooms)
- Catch it/ bin it/ kill it – tissues are available in every class
- Toilet lids (close lid before flushing to prevent germs spreading)



7. What to do if I test positive?

If you test positive for COVID-19 please...

- Isolate immediately
- Contact the college on the COVID-19 phone number

AT COLLEGE: 07801173168

FROM HOME: 01158515829

or the COVID-19 email address

covid19absence@bilborough.ac.uk



8. College buses

- The use of masks remains recommended in busy indoor spaces which are not well-ventilated and so wearing masks on college buses remains sensible.
- However, masks are not mandatory on buses and do not have to be worn.
- Students are recommended to sit in friendship groups each day on the bus to limit contacts.
- Windows can be opened to better ventilate the buses.

For Year 13

Other changes from last year



- The canteen is reopening for full service both in the refectory and the shop.
- Water fountains are working again
- Social and study spaces are open to both year groups
- We are returning the benches to the corridors for extra seating

If the guidance changes



- We have learned over this pandemic that the future is not always predictable.
- If we need to, or are advised to by public health authorities, we will re-instate some or all of the old measures to help keep people safe.
- However, if we have high levels of vaccination and follow sensible behaviour, we are optimistic we can have a more 'normal' year than last year.