

# Maple Medical PRU

## Living with Covid Policy

Now that Covid restrictions have been lifted, we no longer have a Risk Assessment. However, we aim to keep staff and pupils safe by adhering to the protocols below.

- If a member of staff or pupil are identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for Covid, they will be strongly advised to wear a mask. Hospital staff still have to wear a mask on site
- If a member of staff or pupil test positive for Covid, they will be asked to isolate for up to 5 days, or until they have 2 negative Covid tests. If they are ill, they will be asked to remain at home until they feel well enough to return
- If they work in the hospital school staff have to isolate and take a lateral flow test on day 5 and 6. If these are both negative and they are fully vaccinated then they can return to work if well enough. If the test is positive, they have to continue to test until day 10. Once they have had 2 consecutive negative test they may return to work. If they are still testing positive on day 10 and they feel well they can return on day 11
- Staff in school will no longer have to test twice weekly but will be given a lateral flow test if they have any symptoms. However, staff at the hospital school still have to test twice weekly
- Pupils are still advised to test twice weekly. Parents/ carers will be asked to ensure this happens. If the pupil is unable to test at home for any reason, they will be tested in school
- Visitors will be asked not to visit if they have any symptoms or have tested positive. If they have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid, they will be asked to wear a mask.
- If staff have anxieties around Covid, they will be given a number for free counselling advice (08000562561) and/ or referred to our mental health first aider
- Pupils who are anxious can make an appointment to talk things through with the learning mentor or Inclusion Manager.
- Hand sanitisers and anti-bacterial wipes will remain available for all
- We will continue to operate a 'catch it, bin it, kill it' policy as this is good practise for any viruses

- We will continue to ventilate providing it is not too cold
- If in doubt we will get advise from public health

Signed

Head teacher.....

Chair of Management Committee.....

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