



## Keeping the EGA community safe.

As we return to school in September 2021 parents, staff and students may have questions about how we are ensuring the community is as safe as we can be at this time. The guidance changes periodically and this outline conforms with the information as of 1st September 2021. The school and staff place the wellbeing and learning of everyone at the heart of what we do.

Below is a summary of the latest guidance and how this is being implemented at EGA.

<b>Bubbles</b>	<p>Bubbles no longer exist. This means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students will move around all parts of the school.</li> <li>• Students will still have designated gates for entering and leaving the school.</li> <li>• Breaks and lunchtimes are split between KS3 and KS4 to reduce numbers of students circulating at these times.</li> <li>• We will run year assemblies but not House or whole school assemblies.</li> </ul> <p>Staff are encouraged to teach from the front of the room where possible. If we have a significant local outbreak we may temporarily reintroduce bubbles.</p>
<b>Vulnerable students/ staff</b>	<p>Anyone with an underlying medical condition should attend work/school unless their clinician advises otherwise.</p>
<b>Facemasks</b>	<p>There is no requirement for staff or students to wear facemasks in classes or communal areas. Facemasks are advised on public transport. Anyone who wants to wear a facemask can wear one. School cannot deny a child education in any circumstances for not wearing face covering. We may advise the use of facemasks again if cases increase in school or locally.</p>
<b>Testing</b>	<p>All students have been advised to take two COVID tests on site at the start of term. From the start of term students and staff return to biweekly LF tests until we are advised otherwise, home testing will be reported via a google form. If any test is positive please report to the school asap.</p>
<b>Track and trace</b>	<p>If track and trace contact any member of the school community please tell the school</p>
<b>Illness</b>	<p>If you have symptoms of COVID stay home and get tested (PCR). If you test positive (Stay home-10 days). Keep the school informed. If a student becomes unwell on site they are sent to the isolation space and parents are called to collect them. If a member of staff or student test positive for COVID they will need to self-isolate. EGA will liaise with public health England on the next steps and alert people as advised.</p>
<b>Self isolation</b>	<p>No one under 18, or who is fully vaccinated will need to self-isolate if they are a close contact. However close contacts are told to get PCR tests. You can work/ attend school was a close contact whilst the PCR result is pending. If you are a close contact tell school.</p>
<b>Stepping up and down</b>	<p>If there is a local outbreak school liaises with Public Health England and Islington and has plans to adjust operations accordingly</p>
<b>Control measures</b>	<p>Everyone is advised to sanitise hands regularly and to cover their face if coughing or sneezing. Hand sanitiser is available outside every classroom. Students will be</p>

	reminded about good hygiene regularly.
<b>Ventilation</b>	Good ventilation is in place (EGA monitors CO2 levels in all classrooms) Staff are advised to keep windows of classrooms open to aid ventilation.
<b>Parents and visitors on site</b>	Parents and visitors can come on site by appointment for scheduled meetings. Where possible meetings will be outside school hours. Meetings will be held in rooms where social distancing can be enforced. Masks will be requested. Visiting speakers to classrooms will remain 2m from the students. Parents should not come in without an appointment unless it is an emergency.
<b>Remote education</b>	Remote education must be available for all students ill with COVID. For low numbers of cases work will be placed in google classroom. The school will move to hybrid lessons if the number of students absent in a year due to COVID increases
<b>Trips and visits</b>	Whilst trips can be booked. EGA will evaluate each trip and transport method and do an appropriate risk assessment at the time.