

BAS COVID-19 medical advisory 18.3.20 (accurate at the time of writing 9.00 18.3.20)

Dear All,

BAS is currently following the current government guidelines and applying the threshold below in order to maintain a safe and healthy setting for our pupils and staff.

Students and staff are to stay at home and isolate for 14 days in line with the following

- Any updated guidance from PHE
- High temperature- you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- New continuous cough- this means you've started coughing repeatedly

If a member of your household has any of the recognised symptoms you should also stay at home for 14 days from the day the first person got ill.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

In addition, those with any of the following pre-existing conditions should also be particularly stringent in following social distancing measures, which may include not attending school or work.

- Respiratory disease such as Asthma or Bronchitis
- Diabetes
- Cerebral Palsy
- Motor neurone disease
- Heart disease
- Multiple sclerosis
- Sickle cell
- Problems with spleen or if spleen has been removed
- Weakened immune system as a result of HIV, AIDS, steroid tablets or chemotherapy
- Liver disease such a hepatitis

This also applies to anyone who is

- Over 70
- Pregnant
- Overweight- (BMI over 40)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>

Students and staff will be sent home to isolate as advised by the BAS medical teams if

- You have a temperature of 37.5 or higher recorded by medical staff at either site
- A new continuous cough, however mild
- following a period of internal isolation whilst we monitor symptoms or seek advice

All COVID-19 related matters should continue to be sent through medical@battleabbeysschool.com. However, please understand we are dealing with a very high number of enquiries and we may not be able to get back in touch immediately.

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