



EF Academy Oxford and Torbay

COVID-19 In-School Health Plan

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As we prepare for the upcoming new academic year, we are committed to reopening our schools and welcoming students back to school in September 2020. As the worldwide situation surrounding COVID-19 is constantly changing, our requirements will be adjusted to reflect the most current guidelines issued to educational establishments by the UK Government and guidance from Public Health England (PHE). We will communicate directly with both new and returning families and update you every step of the way.

In addition to preparing for teaching and learning this fall, we are reviewing and adapting our school procedures and policies to ensure the welfare and safety of all students and staff pending the reopening of our school. We understand that the uncertainty of this situation presents challenges for students and families,

but we want to reassure you that the welfare and safety of our school community is our priority. We are therefore implementing a thorough in-school health and re-entry process. Students will return to school in smaller groups with staggered intakes. A clean certificate of health will be required from home, and students will be tested upon arrival at school. Routine temperature monitoring, wearing of personal protection equipment and thorough sanitation of our facilities will be incorporated. To begin with, off-campus visits will be limited to emergencies only. We will continue to follow government advice and review our procedures accordingly.

We hope the following FAQs will provide you with assurance you need regarding our reopening and our health protocol in school this fall.

FAQs:

When will students be allowed to return to campus

With our fall start date in mind, we are working to identify a process in which students return to school in smaller groups. We will stagger entry of these groups until the full census is achieved. We are open to welcoming students whenever they are able/choose to travel and until that time we will offer online learning options for all students.

What will be the requirements for students to be allowed to enter campus

Students will be required to present a clean Certification of Health declaring a negative COVID-19 test result within 7 days before leaving their home country. If it is not possible to obtain a COVID-19 test in your home country prior to departure, students will be required to contact their local admissions office. Upon arrival to school, students will receive a further COVID-19 test, and periodic testing will continue to be carried out. We will

stagger students' arrival to campus to ensure our safety measures are implemented appropriately without overwhelming staff or students. Students will receive detailed instructions on our required in-school protocols on arrival to campus.

What will be required of students in terms of personal hygiene in order to ensure the health of the entire school community

Students will be required to wear a mask when out of their residence room and in communal areas. Hand sanitizer will be available throughout campus and students will be required to use hand sanitizer when entering any room on campus. There will be ample amounts of soap, paper towels and/or hand dryers available in public restrooms and frequent handwashing will be highly encouraged. Students should not share or lend out personal equipment to room-mates or classmates, such as books, laptops, phones.



How will the school support student health and wellness

Trained staff are available 24/7. To minimize the risk of community spread of any illness, we will follow the latest UK government advice and directives for schools and students will receive guidance on good hygiene practice as well as what to do and who to see if they feel unwell. Social distancing measures will be implemented across the school and in accordance with UK government guidance and directives. Temperature monitoring will be introduced into daily routines.

Enhanced cleaning regimes will be implemented across the schools' premises to include physical spaces, windows, doors, equipment and furniture.

Should there be a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 on campus

We will follow the latest guidance and directives issued by the UK Government, Public Health England (PHE), and local healthcare authorities.

If there is a student or staff member suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19, they will be moved to an isolation room immediately for a period of up to 14 days. Isolation rooms are set aside on campus for this use should it become necessary. Meals will be delivered to isolating individuals, and daily wellness checks will be performed. During isolation, if students are well enough they will be encouraged to continue their studies online. Students will not be reintroduced into the school population until such time as we are assured that they do not pose any further risk.

If a student's condition warrants it (per current UK National Health Service guidelines), the student will be transported to the local hospital.

How will campus life change to minimize risk of contamination and community spread

In order to minimize risk of contamination and community spread, we will limit off-campus travel to emergencies only. Class sizes and clubs will be limited to allow space for physical distancing within classroom spaces and some classes and activities may be held outdoors weather permitting. Staggered class start and end times will be a consideration to allow for physical distancing. Mealtimes will be staggered to limit the number of people queuing and seated at each table to allow for physical distancing. Additionally, we may postpone sports or limit to no-contact sports if physical distancing requirements cannot be met.

Students and staff will receive regular updates with regards 'staying well' and these will be delivered via on-line assemblies, meetings and digital messaging boards as well as poster and notice displays around the campus.

There will be monitored access to campus by external suppliers – cleaning, catering, grounds staff, and they will be required to follow the same practices that our school staff and students are required to follow. Routine temperature monitoring and masks required to be worn when entering our premises.

Entry and exit points, as well as staircases, corridors and elevators will be clearly marked to create safe moving patterns and ensure suitable social distancing.

How will residential life be modified to support physical distancing

As we allocate rooms on campus, we are making sure that the appropriate physical distancing can be achieved in student rooms. Medically fragile or immuno-compromised students will be placed in single ensuite rooms to minimize their contact with the rest of the campus community.

What guidance and measures will be put in place for school staff

We will continue to monitor guidance and directives issued by UK.gov, Public Health England and the Department for Education as well as local healthcare authorities. Training for staff and Risk Assessments will be put into place to safeguard the welfare and safety of our whole school community. Staff will be required to wear face masks as students do when circulating in communal areas, and daily practice of temperature monitoring.

What will be done in case there is a major "second wave" COVID-19 outbreak and/or renewed lockdowns?

We will continue to monitor recommendations from World Health Organization (WHO), UK.Gov, Public Health England (PHE), Department for Education (DfE) in addition to local authorities. Should any of our existing plans change, parents will be notified directly.

If you have questions about your son/daughter's enrolment for the 2020-2021 school year, please contact your Admissions Consultant in your home region