

## **Henleaze Infant School Operating Procedures: March 2022**

On 22nd February 2022 the Prime Minister has set out the next phase of the government's COVID-19 response 'Living with COVID-19'. COVID-19 continues to be a virus that we learn to live with and the imperative to reduce the disruption to children and young people's education remains.

Guidance has been issued to the entire school community. Here, anyone affected must stay at home if they have tested positive for coronavirus

**Henleaze Infant School will continue to implement additional hygiene and cleaning measures and ensure we have increased ventilation in the school building.**

**Unless we move to our contingency plan due to an outbreak of cases in school, children will be permitted to mix inside the school buildings for assemblies etc**

**From 28th February 2022 Henleaze Infant School will follow the following operating procedures (updated 25.2.22)**

### **Requirements for self-isolation and testing**

From **Thursday 24 February**, the Government removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test.

- Government guidance states: Adults and children who **test positive** will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days (continuing self-isolation for up to 10 days if necessary). **At Henleaze Infant school we expect staff and pupils to follow this advice.**
- The government no longer ask fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 to test daily for 7 days, and remove the legal requirement for close contacts who are not fully vaccinated to self-isolate.
- The government have ended self-isolation support payments, national funding for practical support and the medicine delivery service will no longer be available.

### **Visitors**

- Visitor numbers are restricted to small groups
- All visitors who enter the building must wear face coverings in communal spaces. Individuals may mutually agree to remove face coverings in meetings where it is possible to socially distance and there is adequate ventilation

### **Contact Tracing**

From 24th February the government will end routine contact tracing. Contacts will no longer be required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests.

- School will no longer send routine emails to parents regarding Covid cases in classes

### **Pick up/Drop off**

- Parents will not enter the school building unless this is for a pre-arranged meeting. Children will be met at the designated classroom door / entrance by their teacher/TA