

Coronavirus (COVID-19) related arrangements – Academic Year 20/21

Dear Parent/Carer

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all students to the college at the start of the academic year. Safety and wellbeing will be our paramount concern, therefore the college will be following the government's guidance on protective measures to reduce the risk of transmission of coronavirus.

We have already employed a range of approaches to substantially reduce the risk of contagion and infection when we reopened the site and welcomed back students in June. In accordance with government guidance that all students in all age-groups should return to school/college on a full-time basis in September, we have revisited and updated our risk assessment to consider additional risks and control measures. This will be updated on a weekly basis.

What students can expect from the college

During this challenging time certain systems and procedures have been instigated. A robust risk assessment has been carried out and arrangements put in place, so that:

- Students will be educated in a safe environment
- Students will be able to move around college safely
- Students will be able to participate in events and activities safely, both at college and on trips

There are sanitising stations at key locations around college. In addition there are wall mounted hand sanitisers near every photocopier, next to vending machines, and outside toilets. There are maps posted around college with the location of the sanitising points, and showing all the one way routes. Doors on corridors will be kept open to avoid touching handles. There will be enhanced cleaning of college, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces more often. Wipes will be available in IT rooms for cleaning desks and computers. Adaptations have been made to classrooms and there will be new arrangements for students arriving at class. Good ventilation will be maximised wherever possible. There will also be staggered lunchtimes. Support will be available for students through the well being team.

The college expects the following from students:

- **Students must not attend college** if someone in their household has Coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or if anyone in their household has tested positive in at least the last 10 days. Students should stay at home, inform the college and contact NHS 111 for advice and guidance.
- If a student develops symptoms they should get a free COVID 19 test. Once they have had the test it is vital that they inform the college of their results.
- Students should observe all the arrangements and procedures in college designed to ensure their safety, and to minimise the risk of transmitting the virus.
- It is mandatory to wear masks or face coverings when travelling to college by public transport. Face coverings or masks must be worn when moving around college, such as in corridors and other communal areas. However, students will not be required to do this if they have health issues that mean they can't wear a face covering. Students do not have to wear face coverings in lessons. If a student is not wearing a mask in a lesson, then it should be placed in a plastic bag and carried with them until needed again.

- Students must practice good levels of hygiene, washing hands frequently, and using the sanitising stations located around college. It is particularly important that they use hand sanitiser or wash their hands when they arrive at college. They should always wash their hands before/after eating and after using the toilet.
- Students should also follow the “catch it, bin it, kill it” advice promoted by the government.
- Students must adhere to the one-way system and social distancing when using the public areas or whilst moving around college.
- Where possible students should cycle or walk to college.
- Local students should study independently at home rather than staying in college when they don’t have lessons.

Upon entry to the building students will be expected to use the sanitiser and observe social distancing if there is a queue to enter.

If students use the refectory they must not congregate in large groups and must ensure social distancing at all times. If the refectory is crowded students should consider taking their lunch and eating it in another area. A reusable bottle or flask should be used at the water coolers if required. Disposable plastic cups will no longer be available.

If a student feels ill with COVID-19 symptoms (a fever, a new and persistent cough, a loss of taste or smell) whilst in college, they must tell a member of staff **immediately**.

Please be reassured that we will do everything to ensure your son or daughter’s health and safety during their time with us.

Finally, can I thank your son or daughter again for choosing Cheadle and Marple Sixth Form College. I am sure they will greatly enjoy their time as part of the College community and I am really looking forward to meeting them next week.

Kind regards



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