

## **1. Appendix 3: Attendance During the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic**

From September 2020, all students will be required to attend school. As such, the arrangements set out in the main body of this policy (above) will be adhered to. This appendix has been developed in line with the latest government guidance to set out the additional measures that have been put in place to support students' attendance at school.

### **Attendance expectations from September**

From the beginning of the 2020/2021 academic year (September), attendance is mandatory for all students.

From September, the usual rules on school attendance (as set out in the main body of this policy) will apply, including:

- Parents' duty to ensure that their child attends school regularly.
- The school's responsibility to record attendance and follow up absence, in line with the procedures set out in the main body of this policy.
- The availability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with the LA's code of conduct.

### **Shielding or self-isolating students**

Shielding advice for all adults and children paused on 1 August. This means that students who were shielding can return to school, as can students who have family members who were shielding.

Students who are no longer required to shield but who generally remain under the care of a specialist health professional should discuss their care with their health professional before returning to school. Parents should inform the school of any particular measures that need to be in place to ensure their child can return to school safely.

The school understands that there will be occasions where some students may not be able to attend school due to coronavirus, including for the following reasons:

- They are self-isolating and have symptoms of coronavirus or a positive test result themselves, or because they are a close contact of someone who has coronavirus.
- Rates of coronavirus in the local area have risen and certain individuals are asked to temporarily shield.

Absences relating to students following clinical and/or public health advice will not be penalised.

Where a student is unable to attend school because they are complying with clinical and/or public health advice, they will be immediately offered access to remote learning, in line with the Student Remote Learning Policy.

### **Elective non attendance**

In the event of a parent/ carer making the decision to isolate against current guidelines, school will mark the absence as non- covid related. This absence will affect the overall attendance figures for the child and may result in intervention from the CYC attendance team. Remote learning will not be set for these pupils. Regular guidance will be communicated with parents via our weekly newsletter, twitter or facebook accounts as well as via email.

Current guidance summary:

### **Should my child attend school?**

|  | Should a sibling be in school? |    |
|--|--------------------------------|----|
|  | Yes                            | No |
| Someone in your household has <b>tested positive</b> for covid                                     |                                | X  |
| Someone in your household is awaiting a covid test result  |                                | X  |
| A child in the household has been identified by Track and Trace                                    | X                              |    |
| A sibling is isolating <b>but has not</b> had a test <b>and does not have symptoms of covid-19</b> | X                              |    |
| A sibling has an unrelated illness   | X                              |    |
| A sibling's class is isolating   | X                              |    |

### Reluctance to return to school

Parents will be advised to contact the school if they have concerns about their child returning to school.

If a parent raises a concern, a relevant staff member will hold a discussion with the parent to discuss their concerns and provide reassurance on the measures that are in place to reduce risk in the school.

### Deregistration

Any parent wishing to home school their child/ren will need to formally request this in writing to the Head teacher. This will then be shared with the CYC attendance team.

### Monitoring attendance

The attendance team and Family Support Worker will monitor the school's attendance rates once the school is open to all students in September:

- Any trends in non-attendance will be identified (e.g. due to anxiety) and measures will be put in place to reengage affected students with the school.
- CYC will be informed of persistent non- attendance
- Families will be offered support to re integrate into school

If the school has exhausted all attempts to engage with a family to improve attendance, the school will refer the family to the CYC attendance team and the usual school protocol for attendance will resume.