



The Caldecott Foundation
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COVID-19 Position Statement

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The Caldecott School is a non-maintained, special school catering for children and young people (students) with a wide range of special educational needs. We currently support 55 students (18 KS1/2 and 37 KS3/4). When preparing this document, we have consulted Government Guidance for living with Covid which was released Friday 1st April. (Available from [New guidance sets out how to live safely with COVID-19 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/new-guidance-sets-out-how-to-live-safely-with-covid-19)). Most of the previous guidance for educational establishments has been withdrawn and replaced with generic public health emergency advice.

This position statement reflects the Caldecott Foundation current advice and guidance effective from Friday 22nd April.

Theme	Official Guidance states	Our measures will be
Testing	Routine Testing is no longer required	We will not be routinely testing students. If students are showing COVID symptoms and want to test, we have a very limited supply of lateral flow/saliva tests and can offer these to our children for as long as our existing supplies last.
Close Contact Testing	The need to trace contacts ended in late February 2022	We will continue to inform parents and carers of students if there is a case in their class group.

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Face Coverings	No longer advised for students, staff or visitors in classrooms or communal areas	Students will not be required to wear masks. However, if students and staff wish to continue to wear face coverings in communal areas they can do so. Limited supplies of masks are available, if required.
Isolating with Symptoms – general respiratory infection	Students with respiratory infection symptoms, with a high temperature or feeling unwell should try and stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and no longer have a raised temperature	<p>We will strongly encourage parents and carers to keep their child at home if they are symptomatic.</p> <p>We want our staff and students to be well when attending school as this is essential for learning.</p>
Isolating with Symptoms - COVID	<p>Adults with a positive Covid-19 result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with others for the first 5 days, which is when they are most infectious</p> <p>For children and young people under the age of 18 testing positive, the government advice is to</p>	<p>We want our staff and students to be well when attending school as this is essential for learning.</p> <p>Please wait the recommended number of days and return to school once feeling well enough to do so.</p> <p>If child has a suspected or confirmed case of Covid-19 and a parent or carer insists upon their child attending, we reserve</p>

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	remain at home for 3 days	the right to refuse admission if, in our reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other students and staff.
Risk Assessments	Individual risk assessments if required for clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) students	All students considered CEV with a personalised risk assessment will have it reviewed and updated as required
Temperature Checks when entering school	No longer required	We believe temperature checking for staff and students helps to identify whether an individual is generally well, rather than just screening for COVID-19. We will continue to monitor temperatures and will review at the end of Term 6.
Handwashing protocols	Advised to continue	We regularly remind pupils how to wash their hands correctly and support enhanced handwashing processes
Vaccinations & Boosters	The government has recommended that all children aged 5 are vaccinated.	More information and resources are available here A guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 years - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)