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26<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **School Re-Opening and Further Safety Measures**

Due to our recent closure we have implemented further measures to protect our children and staff. Initially the school was classed as one bubble as we have a small amount of children, however, we feel we can take further measures by creating smaller bubbles. Therefore, as of the return of children and staff on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, the following measures will be place:

- Class 1 and Nurture will be one bubble.
- Aces will be one bubble.
- The upper school will be one bubble.
- The admin team will be one bubble.
- Staff will now wear surgical masks in and around the school, they have the option to also wear a visor.
- Teachers will wear their visor without a mask when teaching but will keep a two metre distance.
- Upper school children and staff will sit at the same tables for breakfast and lunch.
- Primary will eat in their own area.
- We will continue to take everyone's temperatures on arrival.
- All over 11s will be issued with a surgical mask, the expectation is they will wear this when walking around school, they can remove it if they are sitting in their classrooms. If you believe that your child is exempt, please discuss this with us and provide an exemption form.

All of our other measures are still in place. We expect everyone to continue to regularly wash and sanitise their hands. We have a vast amount of wall dispensers around the school and bottles in classrooms. As the weather is getting colder, please ensure your child has warm clothing, this is because we need ventilation and windows will be open as much as possible.

### **A reminder of some useful information:**

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are a recent onset of a new continuous cough and/or a high temperature and/or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia). If your child, or anyone in your household, develops these symptoms, your whole household must remain at home and not go to work, school or public areas.

You should arrange testing for the person who has developed symptoms. When the result is known further advice will be available. Testing can be arranged by calling 119 or via the NHS website: [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) How to stop COVID-19 spreading. There are things we can all do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19:

- Wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds.
- Use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home.  
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- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze.
- Put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards.

Further information is available at [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

**Close Contact:** A 'contact' is a person who has been close to someone who has tested positive for COVID19 anytime from 2 days before the person was symptomatic up to 10 days from onset of symptoms (this is when they are infectious to others).

For example, a contact can be:

- People who spend significant time in the same household as a person who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- A person who has had face-to-face contact (within one metre), with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, including:
  - Being coughed on or having a face-to-face conversation within one metre.
  - Having skin-to-skin physical contact, or contact within one metre for one minute or longer without face-to-face contact.
  - A person who has been within 2 metres of someone who has tested positive for COVID19 for more than 15 minutes.
  - A person who has travelled in a small vehicle with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or in a large vehicle or plane near someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

I am happy to answer any questions and if you would like any further information please contact the number below or email at [christine.smiles@talbothousetrust.co.uk](mailto:christine.smiles@talbothousetrust.co.uk) . In the event of your child having to isolate we will continue to provide work for them to complete at home.

Please continue to keep us updated with any cases in your household or suspected cases of Covid-19.

Please also find enclosed food vouchers for each of our children We look forward to seeing everyone again on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. (Monday is a training day).

Yours sincerely  
FOR TALBOT HOUSE TRUST

**Mrs C Smiles**  
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