

Wivelsfield Policy Re Covid-19 (Draft 1) – 26th March 2020

This is deliberately referred to as Draft 1 because it is anticipated that further drafts will become inevitable.

1. We at Wivelsfield School will seek to keep Wivelsfield School open for any eligible pupil rather than use regional hubs. This approach will keep attendee numbers as low as possible for those children whose parents are front line workers in the fight against Covid-19.

We will do everything that we can, to ensure that all children who are eligible for care get the very best care available to them, in an environment and with staff who are familiar to them.

2. We will ensure that the school is open for those children who are eligible for care for as long as we have the requisite number of staff capable of caring for those children.
3. We will undertake to ensure that the children who do attend, recognise the importance of good personal hygiene and 'social distancing' at all times.
4. No child should attend where either they, or someone in their household, has or have a new cough, a raised temperature or where they have been in contact with any other person with similar symptoms.
5. We do not accept that simply because one parent is a key worker, that a child or children will automatically be eligible for care. The lower the number of people (staff and pupils) who need to attend, the better. The threat of Covid-19 does not lend itself to the ethos of *'one more child at school won't matter'* The threat is very real and we have a duty of care to all stakeholders.
6. Any parent or carer who wishes their child(ren) to attend will complete the school's questionnaire. In the absence of a completed questionnaire, save in exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of the governing board, no child will be permitted to attend school. The questionnaire should be completed with as much detail as possible. Where insufficient detail is provided, parents will be asked to provide further details. Generic letters from employers are unlikely to provide sufficient information.

At all times, parents and carers must be constructive and polite in their communications with the school.

7. Only those children whose attendance is essential to assist in the fight against Covid-19, will be accepted at school. The school hours will be strictly 8.40 am to 3.15pm.
8. Any parent whose child does attend at school must be available to collect their child at short notice, should a member of staff identify that child to have symptoms such as a new cough or a raised temperature. This will also apply should the school need to close completely for a period of time.