



El Alsson School COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE October 11, 2020

Dear Parents,

As we move into the final two weeks of this half term, we would like to update you on some changes that we are making to our Covid-19 response in school. In previous communications to parents we stated that we would review our protocols regularly and update parents accordingly.

We are very pleased with the measures that we have put in place and the response of the vast majority of our community to them in the first few weeks of term. **You can find our updated response protocols on the next page of this document.**

Finally, we would like to thank the majority of parents who are acting promptly in informing the school if their child is unwell and keeping them at home. We are very grateful to parents for this proactive approach and implore all parents to follow this advice and communicate with us so that we can support families through this difficult time. In return, the school has been diligent and transparent in reporting the positive cases that the school has had and the next steps and advice to parents.

With all best wishes,

Colin Rogers, Soumaya Amr, Karim Rogers, Allison Fleet & Matt Topliss

School Directors and School Principals



THE SAFETY OF OUR
SCHOOL COMMUNITY
IS A SHARED
RESPONSIBILITY.

COVID RESPONSE PROTOCOLS



RESPONDING TO POSITIVE CASE IN A GRADE/YEAR

JUNIOR SCHOOLS and MIDDLE SCHOOL / KS3

If we have a positive case in a PS to Grade 8 / FS1 to Year 9 we will only now send students home for the quarantine period if they have been in **prolonged and direct contact** with the positive case. This would mean that in the Junior and Middle schools, only the class and not the whole year group would need to be sent home. We have reduced the size of the working 'bubbles' to only include each class now and are confident that any interactions between the bubbles are minimal and take place outdoors away from classrooms and confined spaces.

HIGH SCHOOL / KS4 & 5

In senior classes (Years 10-13 & Grades 9-12) if students share three or more courses together with a positive case then this will be deemed as prolonged and direct contact and students may be asked to work at home for the quarantine period. Cases will be assessed on an individual basis and parents and students informed accordingly.

DURATION OF HOME-BASED LEARNING

Quarantine periods will now be set at 10 days from the day that a confirmed positive case was last in contact with other students and staff in school. This allows anyone who was in contact to remain at home for 10 days to see if symptoms develop and act accordingly.

BREAKTIMES & TRANSITIONS

We are enhancing our guidance and supervision further at break times and as students leave and enter the school site and remain committed to anyone on the school site or on school buses wearing masks or visors to prevent any spread of Covid-19 on campus or on journeys to and from school.

GUIDANCE & COMMUNICATION TO OUR COMMUNITY

We are also emphasising our guidance to students, staff and parents over protecting our community when students are away from school. It is crucial that parents, students and staff remain vigilant and avoid large social gatherings. The school will also pass on information to parents should we hear of any gatherings that may bring large numbers of students together as we did late last week to parents of senior students. Whilst this is only guidance and advice, it is in everyone's interest that the school remains open and that all members are healthy and safe. Social and collective responsibility and following the guidance that the school has sent out is central to maintaining learning on site for as many students as possible each day.

