

Scarlet fever pledge - all colleagues and pupils

The Diocese of Coventry Multi Academy Trust is committed to ensuring a safe and healthy working and learning environment for our colleagues and children. We also take this commitment seriously for the communities we serve and visitors to our Academies and premises.

The pledge summarises our commitment and is being used with reference to other relevant Trust resources and protocols. These mitigations will also assist in relation to the risk of other infectious diseases such as flu, COVID-19 and norovirus.

1. What we are doing to support clinically vulnerable or clinically extremely vulnerable colleagues

- We are advising colleagues in these groups to discuss any concerns with their medical professional, and any recommendations should be reported to us for follow up.
- Occupational health referral and/or individual risk assessments will also be organised and facilitated in conjunction with HR.

2. Hand washing & hygiene.

- Good hand hygiene is being enforced for all pupils and staff.
- All washrooms and kitchen areas display guidance on washing hands correctly.
- Liquid soap via a soap dispenser is available along with a plentiful supply of paper towels – supplies are also being checked regularly during the day.
- Children and adults are being encouraged to cover their mouths and noses with tissues when they cough and sneeze and to wash hands after sneezing and after using or disposing of tissues.

3. Risk assessment

- Risk assessments are reviewed and updated (as required).
- Colleagues are briefed and updated on infection control procedures – the Trust adheres to and applies UKHSA, Public Health, NHS and DfE guidance.
- Members of the Trust Leadership Team are available to provide further guidance.

4. Cleaning

- All cleaning colleagues and Site Services Officers are regularly briefed on maintaining our high cleaning standards – in line with existing cleaning schedules.
- We use disinfectant for hand contact surfaces, hand touch surfaces that can be easily contaminated such as door handles, toilet flushes and taps and communal touch areas.

5. Ventilation

- Rooms are checked for adequately ventilation whilst balancing thermal comfort.
- Carbon dioxide detectors are checked for good working order and deployed (where available).
- Our Estates and Facilities Business Partners are available to advise Academies where appropriate.

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