

Peak Multi Academy Trust Statement (supplemental to the Health and Safety Policy)

We at Peak Multi Academy Trust take the health safety and welfare of our pupils, staff and the wider community very seriously. We are living in unprecedented times during this Covid-19 pandemic. We are following the Department of Education's guidance and are constantly updating our procedures and reviewing associated risk assessments. These risk assessments are available upon request. The Department of Education also has a specialist helpline 0800 046 8687, staff, parents and young people may contact the helpline for questions about Covid-19, there is also an email address: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk for those who prefer to email.

Those who work in and with our schools rightly take their place next to NHS staff and other critical workers as central to our efforts in battling this virus.

We are taking the lead in supporting families through this difficult time, and we are keenly aware that the extraordinary measures that have been taken to prevent the spread of coronavirus present an unprecedented challenge for schools, trusts, and local authorities, as well as the communities they serve.

We appreciate the selfless dedication that pupils and staff demonstrate in their work every single day. During this difficult time, we are asking you to go further still so that we can collectively address the challenges we face. You are vital to the country's response to this outbreak, and we offer our full support and gratitude during this difficult time. As this outbreak progresses, we will aim to provide you with as much certainty and flexibility as possible, and will do all we can to support the vital service you are providing.

We have followed the guidance from Public Health England (PHE) to develop guidance on the [protective measures](#) which our schools should put in place. This guidance sets out a hierarchy of controls which schools should work through and which, when implemented, create an inherently safer system where the risk of transmission of infection is significantly reduced. These controls are:

- avoiding contact with anyone with symptoms
- frequent hand cleaning and good hygiene practices
- regular cleaning of settings
- minimising contact and mixing.

We will continue to update you as the virus progresses in line with Government Guidelines and thank you for your continued support at what is a difficult time for everybody.