



Budapest British International School

COVID RESPONSE 2022

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INTRODUCTION

This document sets out how best to respond as a school community given our learning, experience, the level of vaccinations in the community, the rise in cases of and the new threats posed by the Omicron variant in Budapest and the most recent legislative changes brought in by The Authorities.

BBIS PROTOCOLS

- Students, parents and staff must wear masks while indoors and also outdoors when in close proximity to others.
- Students, parents and staff must regularly hand sanitise at school.
- Classrooms are ventilated.
- Parents and visitors entering the school building must be able to show their vaccination card to gain entry.
- Parents should inform the school immediately if they or their children display Covid-19 symptoms. Parents must notify the school if a child has a suspected case of Covid-19. Parents must inform the school of which test was used. Fast tests and saliva tests are common and while giving a strong level of certainty, may also present a false positive. A PCR test may be requested in cases where there are no other associated symptoms.
- A child, student, teacher or staff member who has contracted Covid-19 may only return to the school after 7 days of quarantine.
- Only healthy students can come to school. All students should have their temperatures checked at home before leaving for school. BBIS checks temperatures at the gate, or on entry to the school in the morning as a further safety mechanism. If a child's temperature is over 37.5C they must stay at home. Should the child arrive at school with a temperature above 37.5C they will not be allowed to attend the school that day.
- When students are in close contact with a person who has contracted COVID-19, if they are **Unvaccinated** - under the new guidelines - students need to remain at home for 5 days and can return to school afterwards if they are symptom-free.
- When students are in close contact with a person who has contracted COVID-19, if they are **Vaccinated**, they may continue to attend school if they are symptom-free.

CONTACT BBIS IF YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE

- Immediately contact the school with details.
- Email The Principal, The Head of Primary School, and The School Office along with your child's class teacher in Primary, or homeroom tutor in Secondary.
- david.porrirt@bbis.hu; jonathan.spinks@bbis.hu; office@bbis.hu
- You can also phone BBIS +36 70 425 5225

ISOLATE - WHEN A STUDENT HAS BEEN INFECTED WITH THE VIRUS, EVEN IF THEY DON'T HAVE SYMPTOMS

- If your child has tested positive for COVID they must remain in isolation for 7 days. If feeling well, they can continue to access and complete schoolwork through Google Classroom/Manage Bac (Secondary) SeeSaw (Primary).
- A student who has had Covid-19 may **only** return to school after the full 7 day isolation period has elapsed.

QUARANTINE MAY BE REQUIRED FOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH A KNOWN, CONFIRMED CASE OF COVID-19

- When BBIS is required to quarantine a year group or class, parents will be informed as soon as possible.
- After confirming a case of COVID, day Zero is the day when the student was last in school.

WHEN A CLOSE CONTACT & NOT VACCINATED

- If a student is not vaccinated and was in close contact with a person who has tested positive for C-19 they must not come to school. The student must be quarantined for 5 days before coming back to school.
- If an adult is not vaccinated and was in close contact with a person who has tested positive for C-19 they must not come to school and must be quarantined for 5 days before coming back to school.

WHEN A CLOSE CONTACT & VACCINATED

- If a student is vaccinated and was in close contact with a person who has tested positive for C-19 they can continue to come to school.
- If an adult is vaccinated and was in close contact with a person who has tested positive for C-19 they can continue to come to school.
- If a student or member of staff is vaccinated they can continue to check their C-19 status with rapid tests so as to monitor their own health.

WHEN A CLOSE CONTACT, RECOVERED FROM COVID BUT NOT VACCINATED

- From 15 February, the only people eligible for a Hungarian vaccination certificate will be people who have received the third booster shot or took the second dose not longer than 6 months ago. Taking the booster shot available for adults from four months after the second dose will be required to keep the validity of the one’s vaccination certificate.

As from February 2022 BBIS is operating at **Tier Three**

TIER	ACTIONS
ONE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Lessons run as usual after school clubs are running, off-site activities take place, team training and after school care are in operation. • Parents and visitors are free to visit and engage with the school.
TWO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lessons and Clubs take place on-site. • Off-site activities, with full Risk Assessments, may run. • Rigorous measures are in place to check temperatures and sanitise hands at the start of the day. • Masks are worn at school.
THREE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lessons run at school. • Some lessons take place online if classes need to be quarantined. • Clubs in which mixed age groups operate may be curtailed. • Parents are permitted to enter the site(grounds) and must wear masks. • Parents must wear face coverings if entering the buildings but are advised to limit entry as much as possible. • Parents may use the buffet but must take drinks and food away immediately. • Unvaccinated students may not be able to take part in mixed-age group clubs. • Parents must show evidence of vaccination before they are able to enter the site. • Appointments may take place on-site or via video conferencing. • Rigorous measures are in place to check temperatures and sanitise hands at the start of the day and when entering the building. Mask wearing is compulsory indoors for all students and adults above Year 1.
FOUR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school is closed. Lessons take place online. Tours are virtual. Staff work from home. • Only the Principal is onsite at BBIS.

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT COVID-19

What are COVID-19 Symptoms?

- Fever 37.5C or over for the forehead
- Dry cough
- Unexplained and abnormal tiredness
- Loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhoea
- Vomiting

Less common symptoms of COVID-19 that require close observation:

- Aches and pains
- Sore throat
- Conjunctivitis
- Headache
- A rash on the skin, or discolouration of fingers or toes

Communication by the school

If a student becomes infected with Covid-19 BBIS will contact the relevant sections of the school, or the entire school. BBIS will not name the infected student.

If a parent becomes infected with Covid-19 BBIS may need to make contact with sections of the school or the entire school, to advise parents to monitor their children carefully. BBIS will not name the parents or children of the parents.

Further action by the school

BBIS may be required to or deem it wise to

1. Remain open, but with increased protection measures.
2. Close off a section of the school and deep clean part of the school and establish online learning for those in quarantine.
3. Close the entire school to deep clean the school.
4. Move to online learning for all.

Appointments

We prefer to hold these meetings on-line, however, to save you time and to keep everyone safe. Your child's teacher can make arrangements for you.

Visitors

- Limited numbers of people with official business in the school may visit under strict protocols
- All deliveries are concluded on Zsolna utca, with no outside personnel entering the gates.

Buses

- We have worked with the providers of buses to ensure that the students are safe.
- Drivers will not work if they have any COVID-19 symptoms or have had close contact with symptomatic people.
- Before each journey, the bus is cleaned and disinfected, with particular attention to contact points.
- All drivers will wear a mask for the duration of the journey with the students.
- Students wear masks while on the journey.
- Students are expected to hand sanitise before entering, and when exiting the bus.