

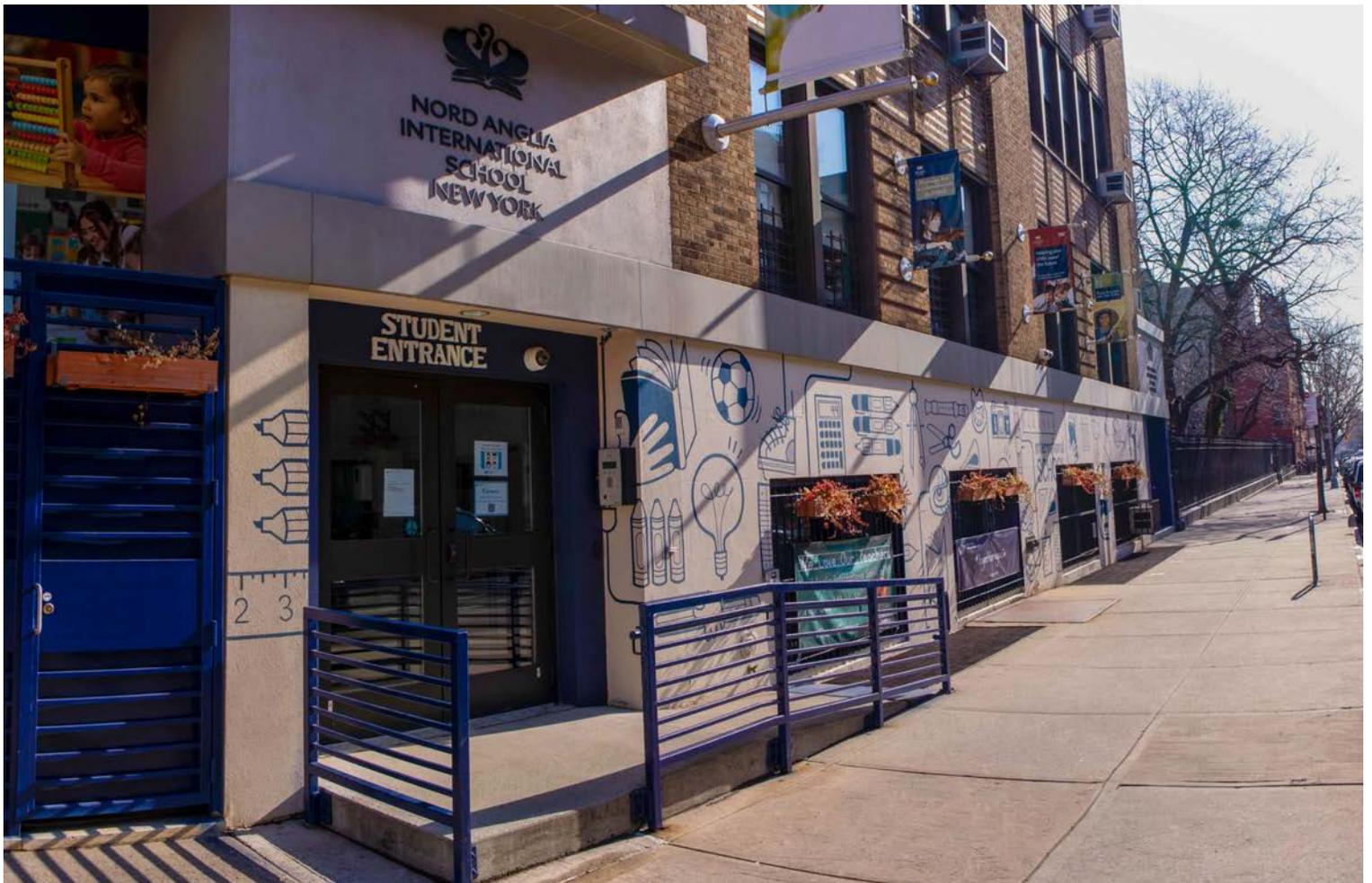


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Stronger Together

The NAISNY Approach to the
2021/2022 Academic Year

	August 2021	
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Letter from the Principal



Dear families,

After an incredibly successful last academic year at NAISNY of being 'together again', we are facing the 2021-22 year with excitement but also a clear focus on how we can be 'stronger together' to meet the challenge of the current COVID situation. The rise of the Delta variant has impacted the progress made by New York, but with high numbers of eligible people getting vaccinated, we can see a path towards normality again.

In this guide, we have highlighted the guidelines NAISNY is implementing for the beginning of the Fall term to ensure the health and safety of all members of the school community. These guidelines are based on the documentation from the State and the CDC, our previous successful practice, and the context of the school and community. We are constantly reviewing our guidelines, and we will ensure that we communicate regularly with the families of our students to ensure that everyone can work 'stronger together'.

I would like to thank the NAISNY community for their ongoing support of the school and I know that our students, staff, and families will do everything we can to have the best year possible.

Best wishes,
Mr. Scrymgeour

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School Calendar

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Term Dates Calendar 2021-22

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- School Holiday
- Public Holiday / No Students
- Staff Inset / No Students
- Half Day
- Start of Term



Key Messages

Health Measures Keeping Everyone Safe



Measure *body temperature*

Staff will measure your body temperature when entering, people with a measurement of over 100f cannot remain at school.



Mandatory *use of face mask*

While at the school you must wear a face mask unless eating or drinking.



Use *hand sanitizer*

Use hand sanitizer and wash hands regularly.



Keep 3ft

of space between you and your friends

Working together to keep everyone safe



Stop the Spread of germs that can make you and others sick



Wear *a face mask* *Indoors*



Wash *your hands*



Cover *your coughs* *and sneezes*



Keep 3ft *of space between* *you and your friends*



Working together to keep everyone safe

Before School Guidelines

Key Symptoms

For the 2021-22 academic year, we will be doing a verbal health check at the door with each student before they enter the school building.

We will no longer be requiring families to complete a health questionnaire at home; however, we ask each family to check their child for the key COVID-related symptoms (see next page).

If any student is displaying any of the symptoms, we ask that families keep their child and any siblings away from school and get the child that is displaying symptoms tested.

Once they have a negative test result, they and their siblings can return to school. Any COVID test results should be sent to the nurse (nurse@ny.nae.school) promptly, so the school can ensure the correct actions are taken.



Temperature Check

As a school we will continue to temperature check every student, staff or visitor to NAISNY. Anyone who presents a temperature of 100.4F or more will not be able to enter the school site and will be required to have a **negative** COVID test to return.

International and Domestic Travel

From the beginning of the school year, we expect all students to follow the below guidance for travelling domestically and internationally as per the CDC guidance: (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>).



Before School Guidelines

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

Symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Know the symptoms of COVID-19, which can include the following:



Symptoms can range from mild to severe illness, and appear 2–14 days after you are exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19.

Seek medical care immediately if someone has Emergency Warning Signs of COVID-19

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Pale, gray, or blue-colored skin, lips, or nail beds, depending on skin tone

This list is not all possible symptoms. Please call your healthcare provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.



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National Center for Emerging and
Zoonotic Infectious Diseases

cdc.gov/coronavirus

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At School Guidelines

Masks

Regardless of their vaccination status, all students, staff and visitors are required to wear a correctly fitted mask over their nose and mouth when they are inside the school building. Consistent and correct mask use is particularly important indoors and when physical distancing is not maintained. When teachers, staff, and students (ages 2 years and older) consistently and correctly wear a mask, they protect others as well as themselves.

Masks are not required when outdoors on the rooftop playground. Parent should discuss with their child if they wish them to continue to wear their mask outdoors, and also make their class teacher/tutor aware of this decision.

Physical Distancing and Bubbles

As per the NY State guidance, when possible, we will be asking students, staff and visitors to maintain 3 feet of distance with each other. When this is not possible, we will be using a layered approach of mitigation strategies contained in this guidance (masks indoors, hand washing, cleaning, ventilation, quarantining, and staying home when ill).

This academic year, we will be creating three bubbles, one on each floor (Early Years, Lower School and Upper School). This will mean that students from each phase of the school will be separated during the school day to ensure the minimum contact possible.

Handwashing and Good Hygiene

All student, staff and visitors will be encouraged to maintain good hygiene through hand washing and covering their nose/mouth when sneezing (CDC video: <https://bit.ly/2UHwp4M>)

Hand sanitizer stations are located throughout the school and in each classroom/learning space. In addition to frequent handwashing, students will be encouraged to regularly sanitize their hands, and this will be reinforced during lessons designed to teach the students high levels of COVID-safe behaviors.

At School Guidelines

Cleaning and Ventilation

All classroom spaces will be regularly cleaned by our external cleaning contractor. They will be following the requirements of the CDC and NY State Health department. All classrooms and learning spaces have extra cleaning materials, including antiseptic wipes for desks and equipment. Staff will receive updated training on keeping their classrooms/learning spaces up to the required standards of hygiene. Subject and specialist teachers will be wiping tables and equipment between each class to ensure groups have a clean, hygienic area to work in.

Drop Off and Pick Up

The school drop off and pick up will continue to be outside the school building.

Drop off - Students will enter through their specific student entrance and have their temperature taken on the way in and confirm they have not displayed any COVID related symptoms in the last 24 hours. Vaccinated parents do not need to wear a mask at drop off; but unvaccinated parents are encouraged to wear a mask.

Pick up - Students will be brought down to the student entrances by their teacher/tutor. Parents are asked to wait on the sidewalk for their child to be handed over to the parent. Vaccinated parents do not need to wear a mask, unvaccinated parents are encouraged to wear a mask. Please liaise directly with your child's class teacher/tutor on any specific pick-up details.

Early Years drop off 8am-8:20am
(East student entrance)

Lower School drop off 8am-8:20am
(Main student entrance)

Upper School drop off 8am-8:20am
(Main student entrance)

Early Years pick up 3:15pm
(East student entrance)

Lower School pick up 3:30pm
(Main student entrance)

Upper School pick up 3:30pm
(Main student entrance)

At School Guidelines

Specialist Lessons

Specialist lessons will be occurring each week. Students will travel through the building to the specialist classroom/learning space. Masks will be worn when travelling through the building, with cleaning of workspaces occurring between each lesson.

Uniform including PE Kit

Students will be expected to wear correct uniform to NAISNY every day. In adverse weather, students should come to school and change into their school shoes or clothing upon arrival.

On your child's PE day, they should come to school in the correct PE kit. This should be house t-shirt or white NAISNY logo t-shirt with navy blue shorts or sweatpants. No sports clothing of a different design.

Please click [here](#) to see our uniform guide.



Playtimes

Student will have playtimes on the rooftop (weather permitting) and can remove their masks. Parent should discuss with their child if they wish them to continue to wear their mask outdoors and make their class teacher/tutor aware of this decision.

Lunchtime

This Fall we will be having student lunches in the school Cafeteria. We will be physically distancing and the students will be dining in bubbles. Students may remove their masks once they have taken their seat. In between each sitting, we will wipe down all tables and always ensure good hygiene.

Flik, our caterers, are looking to run hot food, salad, and sandwich options each day.



At School Guidelines

Homework and Reading Books

This academic year, students will be bringing home reading books, homework and resources from school. We will still retain a virtual element to homework, but the intention is for a blend of physical and online home learning.

Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs)

It is our intention to run a full CCA program in the Fall term. This will commence the week beginning Monday, 20th September. There will be a blend of NAISNY staff and external providers leading the sessions. All CCAs will follow the same COVID guidelines as observed during the school day.

The CCA provision is extended this year with Upper School students able to select CCAs running to a later time of 4:30-5:30pm.

Day	Time	CCA Name and Description	Available to	Teacher	Venue	Cost
Monday	3:30-4:30pm	Ooey Gooney Science A creative, practical and fun introduction to science.	Nursery and Reception	Ms. Bozaman	EY Floor	Free
	3:30-4:30pm	Construction Challenge Physical activities using a range of construction resources	Nursery and Reception	Mr. Strachan	EY Floor	Free
Wednesday	2:30-3:30pm	Super Duper Tennis Tennis coaching focusing on key skills in a fun, enjoyable style	Reception	Coach Steven	Gymnasium	Paid
Wednesday	2:30-3:30pm	Ballet (pre) for girls and boys gently guides children in a playful way to dance, move, jump and run with harmony and grace.	Nursery and Reception	Beth, Children's warehouse	Dance Studio	Paid
Thursday	3:30-4:30pm	Fun Games An opportunity to learn age-appropriate playground activities and games	Reception	Mr. Scrymgeour	Roof/Playroom	Free
Thursday	3:30-4:30pm	Story Rhymes and Arts Creative activities based on a weekly story	Nursery and Reception	Mrs. Maude	EY Floor	Free

Day	Time	CCA Name and Description	Available to	Teacher	Venue	Cost
Monday	3:30-4:30pm	Ooey Gooney Science A creative, practical and fun introduction to science.	Year 1	Ms. Bozaman	EY Floor	Free
Monday	3:30-4:30pm	Mandarin Mandarin language learning, which meets the needs of beginner and intermediate learners	Year 1-4	Sihyu Mandarin	Lower School classroom	Paid
Monday	3:30-4:30pm	Volleyball An introduction to volleyball with trained coaches from NYS	Year 2-4	New York Sports	Gymnasium	Paid
Monday	3:30-4:30pm	Choir A club focused on singing together and preparing the children to for the opportunity to perform together	Year 1-4	Ms. Beckett	Music Room	Free
Tuesday	3:30-4:30pm	Soccer Club A skills focused session with a balance of drills and gameplay	Year 2-4	Ms. May	Gymnasium	Free
Tuesday	3:30-4:30pm	Sewing Club The opportunity to develop the life skills of sewing, with fun and interesting projects	Year 2-4	Mrs. Morfit	Maker Space	Free
Tuesday	3:30-4:30pm	Global Campus Club Connecting virtually with Nord Anglia Students from around the world on activities and projects	Year 1-4	Ms. Bozaman	Lower School floor	Free
Wednesday	2:30-3:30pm	Super Duper Tennis Tennis coaching focusing on key skills in a fun, enjoyable style	Year 1	Coach Steven	Gymnasium	Paid
Wednesday	3:30-4:30pm	Super Duper Tennis Tennis coaching focusing on key skills in a fun, enjoyable style	Year 2-4	Coach Steven	Gymnasium	Paid
Wednesday	3:30-4:30pm	Taiwando Developing the skills and techniques of this exciting martial art	Year 1-4	Marial Arts Family Studio	Dance Studio	Paid
Wednesday	2:30-3:30pm	Chess Developing understanding of skills, strategy, and gameplay for all abilities	Year 1-4	Start Right Chess	Upper school classroom	Paid
Wednesday	3:30-4:30pm	Ballet (B) for girls and boys teaches children balance, coordination and flexibility through gentle variations. The children learn positive exercises that work on understanding the basic knowledge of turn out as an introduction to the barre.	Year 1-4	Beth, Children's warehouse	Dance Studio	Paid
Thursday	3:30-4:30pm	Drama Club The children develop their confidence to perform through a range of techniques and activities.	Year 1-4	Ms. Underwood	Lower School floor	Free
Thursday	3:30-4:30pm	Fun Games An opportunity to learn age-appropriate playground activities and games	Year 1-4	Ms. Scrymgeour	Roof/Playroom	Free
Thursday	3:30-4:30pm	Knitting Using the MIT Scratch program, children will learn how to code and create programs	Year 1-4	Ms. Payne	Maker Space	Free

Day	Time	CCA Name and Description	Available to	Teacher	Venue	Cost
Monday	3:30-4:30pm	Sustainable Fashion Inspiring and fun items to become fashionable clothing and accessories	Year 5+	Ms. Care	Upper School floor	Free
Monday	3:30-4:30pm	Choir A club focused on singing together and preparing the children to for the opportunity to perform together	Year 1-4	Ms. Beckett	Music Room	Free
Monday	4:30-5:30pm	Mandarin Mandarin language learning, which meets the needs of beginner and intermediate learners	Year 5+	Sihyu Mandarin	Lower School classroom	Paid
Monday	4:30-5:30pm	Volleyball An introduction to volleyball with trained coaches from NYS	Year 5+	New York Sports	Gymnasium	Paid
Tuesday	3:30-4:30pm	Creative Club An opportunity to use different artistic mediums to be creative	Year 5+	Ms. Oliver	Art Room	Free
Tuesday	3:30-4:30pm	High School Tutoring A CCA to support our Year 9 student to prepare for their high school admission requirements	Year 9	HS Tutors	Upper School floor	Free
Tuesday	3:30-4:30pm	Burning Club A safe and supportive introduction to long distance running around the streets of the East Village	Year 5+	Ms. Prince	East Village	Free
Tuesday	4:30-5:30pm	Soccer Club A skills focused session with a balance of drills and gameplay	Year 5+	Ms. May	Gymnasium	Free
Wednesday	3:30-4:30pm	Chess Developing understanding of skills, strategy, and gameplay for all abilities	Year 5+	Start Right Chess	Dance Studio	Paid
Wednesday	3:30-4:30pm	High School Tutoring A CCA to support our Year 9 student to prepare for their high school admission requirements	Year 9	HS Tutors	Upper School Classroom	Free
Wednesday	4:30-5:30pm	Ballet (B) for girls and boys will begin the process of learning ballet vocabulary paired with appropriate movement. At this age they will be practicing and using all positions in combinations at the barre.	Year 5+	Beth, Children's warehouse	Dance Studio	Paid
Wednesday	4:30-5:30pm	Baseball An introduction to baseball with trained coaches from NYS	Year 5+	New York Sports	Gymnasium	Paid
Wednesday	4:30-5:30pm	Taiwando Develop the skills and techniques of this exciting martial art	Year 5+	Marial Arts Family Studio	Dance Studio	Paid
Thursday	3:30-4:30pm	Choir A club focused on singing together and preparing the children to for the opportunity to perform together	Year 5+	Ms. Beckett	Lower School floor	Free
Thursday	3:30-4:30pm	Spanish An immersion class for our native Spanish speakers	Year 5+	Ms. Brown	Spanish classroom	Free
Thursday	3:30-4:30pm	Robotics A robotic opportunity to develop coding and construction skills	Year 5+	Ms. Rowden	Science classroom	Free
Thursday	4:30-5:30pm	Global Games Practice Squad Preparation for the Global Games for students wanting to be considered for the team.	Year 5+	Ms. May	Science classroom	Free

Positive Cases and Testing

Students/Staff with Symptoms

As per the guidelines from NY State, any student or staff member who demonstrates key COVID symptoms while on site, will be isolated and then sent home. We will ask that the student or member of staff to then be tested for COVID before returning to school.

Please see below for the key Covid symptoms that will lead to a requirement for testing of staff or students:

Isolation

When a student or staff member is identified as displaying a key symptom of COVID, they will be collected by the School Nurse and kept separate from other members of the community in our isolation room. Once a family member has collected them or arrangements have been made to send them home, we will then deep clean the isolation room.

Testing and Return to School Criteria

Once a student or member of staff has been sent home from school, we recommend they contact their Health Care Provider and follow their guidance. If recommended for a COVID test, we ask that the result of the test is communicated to the School Nurse as soon as possible by emailing a copy of the results to nurse@ny.nae.school so that we can start contact tracing.

If a negative test result is received, we ask that the family follow the guidance of their Health Care Professional and return to school once the symptoms have improved and the student is well. Again, we ask that the result is communicated to the School Nurse as soon as possible for our records.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

Symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Know the symptoms of COVID-19, which can include the following:



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Seek medical care immediately if someone has Emergency Warning Signs of COVID-19

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Pale, gray, or blue-colored skin, lips, or nail beds, depending on skin tone

This list is not all possible symptoms. Please call your healthcare provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.



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Positive Cases and Testing

Positive Cases

If a student or staff member tests positive, they need to inform the school as soon as possible. All positive individuals need to quarantine for 10 days following the onset of symptoms or the date of the positive test result. To return to the school they need to also have improving symptoms and be fever free for at least 24 hours.

On notification of a positive case, the school will inform the Local Health Authority and they will begin contact tracing measures. It is expected that the family of the positive case contact their local health provider for guidance on quarantine. For unvaccinated siblings, the school would expect them to be tested and quarantine for 10 days, regardless of the test result.

Close Contacts and Bubbles

The CDC guidance document defines a close contact as someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person (laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period (for example, three individual 5-minute exposures for a total of 15 minutes). The CDC guidance identifies that K-12 school are exempt from close contact rules if the students are always wearing masks indoors.

If a student or staff member tests positive, we will be recommending all the members of the infected individual's bubble to be tested. Once students and staff have a negative test result, they will be able to return to school.

We are currently working with third parties to provide a testing option for families at school. The testing will be for groups of students who are identified as close contact. More details will be communicated in due course.

Vaccinated Students and Staff

Vaccinated students and staff will not be required to quarantine if they do not display any symptoms following a negative test result. We will ask them to also test if their bubble is being required to.

Classroom Connect for Quarantined Students

If any students are required to quarantine, we will be providing the opportunity to join in with classes virtually via our Classroom Connect option. This will be offered to students once they have recovered from their symptoms and are well.

Virtual School

In the unlikely event of a school or whole-bubble closure, NAISNY will implement our Virtual School Experience (VSE) to the impacted cohort. This Microsoft Teams-based VSE will enable our students to seamlessly continue their education. Training sessions will be available for Classroom Connect and our VSE at the beginning of the Fall term.



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Nord Anglia International School, New York's position on COVID-19 vaccination

NAISNY recommends that any individual who is eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine should do so. We ask that any students or staff that are fully vaccinated inform the school so we can ensure our records are correct and can advise individuals on the required actions needed to support the school in minimizing the impact of COVID.

Visitors

Before Visit

All visitors will be expected to follow the process as students and staff.

- Verbally confirm they are not suffering from key COVID symptoms
- Temperature check – any registered temperature of 100.4 will lead to the visitor being asked to not enter the site
- Wear a mask and keep social distancing
- Hand sanitize before entering



During Visit

Visitors will be directed and accompanied to the areas they are allowed to visit by a member of staff.

Parent events will be based in the Community Hub or on the Roof. Visitors will be reminded to wear their mask, keep physical distancing, hand sanitize and cover their nose/mouth when sneezing.

After Visit

Visitors will be informed if they have become a close contact (it is at this point that we will ask about their vaccination status for reporting to the Local Health Department).

Visitors should inform the school if they subsequently test positive or develop COVID symptoms after visiting the school.

Key Contacts and Documents

- o Principal - Barrie Scrymgeour, barrie.scrymgeour@ny.nae.school
- o Nurse – Chia Sticker (RN), nurse@ny.nae.school
- o Main Reception – Samantha Stahl, Samantha.stahl@ny.nae.school
- o NY Guidelines - <http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/back-school/nysed-health-and-safety-guide-for-the-2021-2022-school-year.pdf>
- o CDC Guidelines - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html>
- o American Academy of Pediatrics - <https://www.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/clinical-guidance/covid-19-planning-considerations-return-to-in-person-education-in-schools/>



FAQs

Is NAISNY going to conduct test staff and students each week?

NAISNY will not be implementing mandatory testing for people without symptoms or possible exposure as, without daily tests, this approach only provides a snapshot in time (from the point the test was taken) rather than any live indication of positivity. A negative test on one day does not guarantee the testee is free from COVID but may create a false sense of security and make students less likely to fully follow our mitigation processes.

Is NAISNY going to mandate their staff to get COVID vaccinated?

We encourage every eligible person to get vaccinated and are working to help staff make the best decision for their personal circumstances. We are aiming for 100% vaccinated staff.

Can I select Classroom Connect for my child?

Classroom Connect is only for students who must quarantine from school due to a positive COVID test or for confirmed close contacts. Classroom Connect is not an option for students who are absent from school or travelling.

In what situations would I need to get my child COVID tested?

You will be required to get your child COVID tested if:

- they develop any of the COVID key symptoms while at school, they will require a negative test to return to school
- they develop any of the COVID key symptoms while at home, they will require a negative test to return to school
- someone from their bubble tests positive for COVID, they will require a negative test to return to school
- they are the sibling of someone who has tested positive for COVID, they will require a negative test to return to school

If my child develops COVID key symptoms whilst at school, how will I be notified?

If your child becomes unwell or develops COVID key symptoms while at school, the School Nurse will contact you by phone. Her role is to follow the procedures of the school, so while this can be disruptive to families' schedules, it is important that we rule out the possibility of a COVID case.

What is a COVID key symptom is an ongoing medical condition for my child?

If a COVID key symptom is an ongoing medical condition, please provide a letter from your Health Care Provider which clearly identifies the symptom and advises the school to not use this as a trigger to get the child tested. This letter should be sent to the School Nurse (nurse@ny.nae.school).

How will I be notified if my child needs to be tested for COVID as a close contact?

If the school decides your child needs a COVID test, you will receive an email from the Head of School. It will give you the next steps required for your child to return to school.

Do I pick my child up as soon as I receive notification that they are a close contact?

Parents who wish to pick up their child straight away can do so. Those families who wish to keep their child in school until the end of the school day can also do so, as the identified classes will stay within their bubble (lunch in the classroom, no specialist lessons, indoor break/lunchtime, etc.). No students who are identified as a close contact can take part in CCAs or Aftercare.

Can the school help with COVID tests?

If we deem a bubble as close contacts, we will be hosting a mobile COVID test unit outside school. This will help families to easily access tests in the case of many students needing testing. More information and how to sign up for this service will be shared closer to the start of term. We will not be able to provide this service for individual COVID testing.

What happens if I am informed about needing a COVID test after or before school?

The school can only support families to test when close contacts are identified during the school day. If we are made aware after school or overnight, we will email parents and they will need to get their child tested independently and then return the following day with the result.