



September 2021 Darlinghurst Academy – Q&A update

Information you may need:

When does the term start and what are the attendance expectations?

The academic year starts on Wednesday 1st September. Attendance is mandatory with full attendance expectations in place.

Will my child be able to wear their PE kit on PE days?

Yes. Due to feedback, we will continue to allow children to wear Darlinghurst PE kit, on their PE day. (PE begins week 6.9.21)
The remainder of the week, children are required to wear full school uniform, displaying the academy logo.

Are facemasks a requirement at school?

Face masks are not required to be worn by staff or visitors, unless directed by the PHE or the government, due to any future local outbreaks.

How can I contact the office or a member of staff?

Please continue to contact general office via email or telephone at generalenquiries@darlinghurst.co.uk or **01702 478 379**
Should you need to drop off an item or it be necessary to speak directly with someone, please contact a member of staff in the general office. Please be aware that numbers permitted inside will be limited, and you may be asked to wait to be seen.

How will you continue to keep my child safe?

Safeguarding remains paramount, ensuring the health, safety and wellbeing of all within our community. The academy follows the 4 control measures in line with government guidance.

4 Control Measures

1. Ensure good hygiene for all.

2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.

3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.

4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID 19.



How does Darlinghurst Academy respond to any COVID-19 infection?

Person displaying symptoms of COVID 19

- high temperature
- new continuous cough
- a loss or change of sense of smell/taste

Person with symptoms or a positive LFT/PCR test result must self-isolate immediately. Follow Public Health advice.

The household (including siblings) should follow Public Health England stay at home guidance.

Test – LFT/PCR

Negative LFT/PCR result

Negative Test Result:

If feeling well and no longer have symptoms similar to COVID 19, you can stop self-isolating.

Positive LFT/PCR test result = inform school of test outcome

generalenquiries@darlinghurst.co.uk

Positive result LFT = take PCR test

Positive Lateral Flow Test Result = self-isolate in line with stay at home guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus infection. Negative PCR within 2 days of LFT = return to school.

Positive PCR = continue to self-isolate, inform the school and follow guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus infection.



COVID-19 related absence?

Someone has tested **positive** for COVID 19 or is unable to attend the academy due to impact of COVID 19.

School attendance is mandatory for all children of school age.

Please bear in mind that when travelling abroad, that absence from school as a result of quarantine/isolation upon return may impact on your child's education.

Remote education will be provided to those who are required/need to isolate due to COVID 19 (if they are well enough to do so). This provision will be equivalent to core teaching received in school.



What if I am contacted by NHS Test and Trace?

From 16th August, children under the age of 18 will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case. Instead, children will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test.

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons.

Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. They do not need to isolate while awaiting the PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.

Staff who do not need to isolate, and children and young people aged under 18 years 6 months who usually attend school, and have been identified as a close contact, should continue to attend school as normal.

If you have a positive PCR result on a weekend, please inform the academy via generalenquiries@darlinghurst.co.uk or 01702 478379 first thing Monday morning, the office is open from 08:00am.