

Guidance for Candidates

Relating to Covid-19

Career Teachers and Celsian Education take the risk Covid-19 extremely seriously. We have put together guidance that should help you to not only minimise the risk to yourself, but also the schools in which you work.

Government guidance changes regularly, but for the most up to date version, please click on the following link

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

What can you expect from us?

- Your consultant will ask you every time you are offered a booking whether you or anyone in your household has experienced symptoms of Covid-19 within the last 5 days. In cases where the answer is 'yes' you will be advised to self-isolate in line with the government guidance. You are also responsible for telling us if you, or someone in your household is experiencing symptoms.

Symptoms of Covid-19 include:

A new, continuous cough

A high temperature

Loss of or change to your sense of taste or smell

- Your consultant will ask you whether you have worked at any other school in the last 5 days. Some of our schools require staff to work exclusively for them due to the vulnerability of the children who attend, so we need to be able to minimise the risk to these children.

The guidance will be updated on our websites – you can find the link here.

- We will have spoken to all our schools and asked them to provide us with health and safety information. This information will be made available to you where necessary. Schools should also make a copy of their own internal risk assessment available to you on arrival.
- If a school you have worked in the last 5 days reports a case of Covid-19, you will be made aware. You will not be expected to self-isolate unless you develop symptoms.
- Schools will induct you on their own procedures relating to social distancing and health and safety.

What we need from you

Please help us to reduce the risk of infection by following the World Health Organisation guidance detailed below.

Let us know straight away if your circumstances change and you or someone else in your household becomes unwell.

Helping to Reduce the Risk

In order to reduce the risk of contracting and spreading Covid-19, please follow the World Health Organisation guidance:

- Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based rub or wash them for at least 20 seconds with soap and water.
- Maintain at least 2 metre distance between yourself and others and avoid crowded places where possible.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Make sure you follow good respiratory hygiene. This means you should cover your mouth and nose with a bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze, then wash your hands.
- Clean and disinfect regularly touched surfaces and objects to reduce the risk of passing Covid-19 on to others.
- It is not advised that staff need to wear personal protective equipment in schools currently.
- Please ensure you take a face covering to school with you if you work with children in year 7 and above. This reflects the updated government guidance which can be found [here](#).

Travel Guidance

- As per the government guidance, using public transport should be avoided where possible. Please consider walking, cycling or other forms of transport.
- Face covering is compulsory on public transport.
- Maintain social distancing.
- Wash or sanitise your hands regularly.
- Use contactless payment.
- Travel side by side or behind other people rather than facing them, where seating arrangements allow.

If you have any questions relating to Covid-19, please refer to the government guidance in the first instance. If you have any queries relating to working through Career Teachers or Celsian Education, please contact your personal consultant and they will be pleased to help you.