



In order to ensure the safety of candidates and staff during the Common Entrance Assessment, Strathearn has put in place a number of mitigating factors to prevent the transmission of infection and consequently provide a safer environment for your child to sit their test.

Strathearn is in the fortunate position whereby we can accommodate PHA guidance and implement the 2 metre rule. As such, in each test room there will only be approximately 10 pupils. The exception to this will be when a sufficient number of candidates from one P7 class have opted to take their test at Strathearn. In this situation we will adopt the bubble principle whereby all candidates from that P7 class will be in one room; no other candidates from any other Primary School will be present.

To reduce the risk of social contact Strathearn will be running 2 Familiarisation sessions – Monday 7 December and Tuesday 8 December. There will also be 2 different drop off points on the mornings of the test dependent on which floor your child is sitting their test.

Prior to the Familiarisation sessions and the test mornings each test room will undergo a rigorous cleaning process with all surfaces wiped down and sterilised.

Windows will be open in all test rooms to allow for constant background ventilation. Heating will be controlled as necessary to ensure comfort levels are maintained.

Children will be welcomed into school by senior staff and pupils. All staff and pupils assisting on the day will be wearing masks and visors.

Children will be directed to their test room via a one-way system. On entry into the test room they will be encouraged to use the hand sanitiser available.

Invigilators will be wearing gloves for handing out and collecting in papers, rough work paper, water, spare pencils etc. They will also be wearing visors and masks.

Once the test is over, test rooms will be released using a staggered approach to ensure social distancing is maintained in the corridors.

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We hope that the measures outlined above go some way in alleviating your concerns regarding the AQE experience at Strathearn School. We would ask that parents and pupils assist us in maintaining a safer environment by following the guidelines set out in the enclosed Covid-19 Collective Responsibility document.

If you do have any further concerns regarding the above, please feel free to contact the school and speak to the Examinations Officer or myself.

Yours sincerely

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