



### **The British School of Lome Protocols and Procedures for the 2021-2022 Academic Year**

The British School of Lome Protocols and Procedures for the 2021-22 Academic Year To comply with government guidelines regarding COVID-19 and minimize risk of transmission of viral infection, BSL will utilize the protocols and procedures included in this document.

These guidelines have been informed by the Health Authorities and Education's "Framework for the Reopening of Schools for the Academic Year 2021-2022" and are intended to minimize risk of transmission by establishing a campus environment that adheres to physical distancing, minimizes student movement, and follows strict hygiene and sanitization protocols.

For Early Years learners, we understand that physical distancing cannot look the same as it does in other classrooms, as children of this age operate best in a play-based environment and are not generally sat at desks. Guidance from other international schools recommends a "bubble" approach. This means we take all safety measures described in this document to create a safe "bubble" in which early years students can operate in limited numbers. We then accept that there will be some level of interaction and touching of common surfaces and play equipment among the students within that bubble, but we have taken all action to ensure risk of transmission within that group is extremely low, and we have isolated them from all other groups and areas of campus to ensure any risk of transmission is limited to their immediate group.

Our bubbles are primary and secondary for 2021-22. Large bubbles will meet for key events such as assemblies. Within those large bubbles we will further break down into smaller bubbles organized by Key Stage. We will keep our bubbles under constant review as the COVID pattern changes.

Students or staff who stay home or are sent home due to fever or other symptoms will need to be symptom free for at least **48** hours before returning to school. COVID testing could also be required depending on symptoms and status of transmission in the community to ensure negative results before re-entry.

Even if there is not a confirmed case of COVID-19 at BSL, the school reserves the right to temporarily close campus and move to remote learning to slow the spread of community transmission if it feels it will be in the best interest of the health of the members of our school community.

### **Control protocol measures:**

- Movement around school is in the open air. We are lucky that we have open corridors at BSL
- Increased cleaning of rooms between lessons
- Hand washing/sanitizer and temperature checks on arrival at school
- Sanitizing on entry to class
- All floors disinfected weekly by the cleaners
- All tables wiped and disinfected at the end of the day by the cleaners
- Toys disinfected once a week
- Climbing frames and play structures disinfected weekly
- Door handles disinfected daily by the cleaners
- Maximising the use of outdoor space
- Rooms will be aired at lunch times and after school. Students may not enter a room unless a teacher is present
- Break time areas allocated to smaller bubbles
- Staggered lunch times
- Obligatory wearing of masks around school
- Obligatory masks in class (we would recommend face shields for younger learners)
- School nurses will take all temperatures throughout the day
- School gate locked at 3.30pm and no students will be readmitted except for the boarders who do supervised Prep in the evening from 6:30 to 8:00pm. Students must leave the car park and go home. The school is opposite a police station and the school community needs to be mindful of this

### Polite reminders for parents:

- Parents should contact the school reception as soon as possible, if any member of their family test positive for COVID 19.
- Parents must provide the school with a negative COVID test result if their child has travelled outside the country or has tested positive for COVID 19, before their child will be allowed to return to school.

***If you require further information on our Covid 19 measures please do not hesitate to contact us at [admin@bsl.tg](mailto:admin@bsl.tg)***