

## Solutions Not Sides Covid-19 Schools' Safety Policy

### Key Points

Solutions Not Sides is an education organisation which works in secondary schools across the UK, bringing in up to three staff members and volunteers to provide educational workshops on the Israel-Palestine conflict. In the time of Covid-19, we have adapted our working-in-schools policies to ensure the safety of children, teachers, staff, volunteers, and the general public. SNS will follow the government guidelines and will make sure to be up to date and knowledgeable on national, regional, and local changes.

### During the sessions

- SNS staff & volunteers will bring transparent Faceshields to each school to wear during the sessions if necessary, in order to put both safety and accessibility at the forefront of our approach.
- SNS staff will only work in one school per day.
- For the Autumn 2021 term, we will continue to only run sessions with one staff member and two speakers, wherever possible.
- SNS staff & volunteers will have their own bottles of hand sanitizer which shall be used frequently throughout the sessions
- SNS staff & volunteers will engage in social distancing with students & teachers, standing at least one metre away from students during any sessions & group discussions
- SNS staff & volunteers will bring their own water bottles and warm drink holders into the school and will not eat in school canteens, unless there is pre-packaged food and disposable cutlery. However, SNS will endeavour to bring their own food to the school wherever possible, and to eat separately to students and teachers.
- There will be a pre-assigned desk or table for sticky notes for Q&A. Students will be asked to submit their questions by bringing them up to the table, rather than having them collected by a member of the

SNS team. but students will be encouraged as much as possible to ask questions out loud

- SNS sessions are now one hour, minimising the time in the school.
- We advise that schools do not organise sessions with more than 30 students at one time

### **Staff & Volunteers**

- SNS staff and volunteers will not enter a school or participate in a session if they are displaying any Covid-19 symptoms (as detailed by the NHS [here](#)) and will self-isolate immediately
- SNS staff and volunteers will adhere to all government regulations regarding quarantining if returning from a country which is not on the government's 'travel corridor' list

### **Travel**

- Wherever possible, SNS will travel to the schools in cars, so as to avoid public transportation
- SNS will wear masks on public transport and ensure to hand sanitise before, during, and after each journey

### **Track and Trace**

- If any SNS staff or volunteers contract Covid-19 in the following 14 days of visiting a school, they will inform the school immediately, as well as any accommodation, cafes, restaurants, or other locations visited

### **Local lockdowns**

- SNS will make contingency plans in advance of visiting any location outside of London in case of localised lockdowns
- SNS will adhere to any local lockdowns imposed during their stay in said area including staying in said area until safe and legal to return to London, where the staff and volunteers live

### **Online sessions**

- SNS has successfully adapted its classroom sessions to be run online. In the event of a tour or session being cancelled due to Covid-19, SNS is able to run the sessions online instead.

## **Review**

This policy will be reviewed weekly from 10th August 2021 onwards.

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