

The DfE's Contingency Framework outlines the following baseline measures for all schools:

- 1. Pupils, staff and other adults with COVID-19 symptoms, a positive test result, or who are a close contact of a case should follow the guidance for <u>people with COVID-19 and their contacts</u>.
- 2. Pupils and staff should return to school as soon as they can, in line with the guidance for <u>people with COVID-19 and their contacts</u>. Schools and colleges will need to be prepared to implement high-quality blended learning arrangements so that any child or student who is well enough to learn from home can do so.
- 3. All education and childcare settings should continue to ensure good hygiene for everyone, maintain appropriate cleaning regimes, keep occupied spaces well ventilated, and follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.
- 4. Settings should continue to encourage <u>coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination</u> uptake for eligible students and staff.

Summary of Preventative Measures

1) Ensure good hygiene for everyone

Handwashing - Pupils will clean their hands regularly, including when they arrive at school, when they return from breaks, when they change rooms and before and after eating. Staff will wash hands as soon as possible after entering the school building and regularly through the day. Time will be set aside to ensure adequate hand washing takes place.

Promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach - tissues and a bin are available in every classroom. Pupils will be encouraged to use them, and wash their hands after coughing, sneezing or blowing their nose.

Use of personal protective equipment (PPE) - Most staff in schools will not require PPE beyond what they would normally need for their work. The guidance on the <u>use of PPE in education, childcare and children's social care settings</u> provides more information on the use of PPE for COVID-19. We have full PPE packs prepared in various locations in the school. Gloves and masks are located in every first aid box.

2) Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes - our cleaners will continue to clean all areas of the school daily. Special cleaning wipes are also available to staff to wipe down frequently touched surfaces after use such as computers, kitchen appliances or the photocopying machine.

3) Always keeping occupied spaces well ventilated

To balance the need for increased ventilation while maintaining a comfortable temperature, the following measures will also be used as appropriate:

- · opening high level windows in preference to low level to reduce draughts
- · increasing the ventilation while spaces are unoccupied (for examples, between classes, during break and lunch, when a room is unused)
- \cdot providing flexibility to allow additional, suitable indoor clothing please ensure your child is warmly dressed for school, with warm underlayers and a good fleece or jumper
- · rearranging furniture where possible to avoid direct drafts

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

Pupils, staff and other adults should follow guidance on People with COVID-19 and their contacts if they have COVID-19 symptoms.

Pupils and staff should return to school as soon as they can, in line with guidance for People with COVID-19 and their contacts.

If anyone in our school develops <u>COVID-19 symptoms</u>, parents will be contacted to collect their child, and advised to follow public health advice. Whilst a pupil is awaiting collection, they will be moved to a safe, ventilated designated space. Appropriate PPE will be used if close contact is necessary. Any rooms they use will be cleaned after they have left.

Where possible, parents will be informed when a positive case of Covid-19 has been identified within their child's class group.

Asymptomatic testing

Staff and pupils are no longer required to participate in asymptomatic testing. In the event of an outbreak, our school may be advised by their local health team or director of public health to undertake testing for staff and students of secondary age and above for a period of time.

Contingency Planning

The school's contingency plan outlines how we would exceptionally and temporarily reintroduce measures to minimise disruption to face-to-face education and protect the most vulnerable to COVID-19. These plans include information regarding: managing events, testing, face coverings and and attendance restrictions, along with considerations about remote learning, our education workforce, safeguarding considerations, vulnerable children and young people and educational visits. Wherever additional measures are considered, the objective is to maximise the number of children and young people in face-to-face education or childcare and minimise any disruption, while protecting the most vulnerable to COVID-19.

CCC/PCC Covid Flowchart for Parents

For any SUSPECTED or CONFIRMED case of COVID-19 in a young person please follow the flow chart below.

SUSPECTED case – i.e., if young person has COVID-19 symptoms

Key symptoms:

- · A new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

Additional symptoms that may be early warning signs of COVID-19 <u>include:</u> upset stomach, headache, sore throat, unusual fatigue, aching limbs, cold-like symptoms.

Take a PCR test as soon as possible. Book online via the website:

https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test

Alternatively a PCR test can be ordered by phone on: NHS 119

Advise that the young person stays at home <u>until</u> PCR test result is known.

The rest of the household <u>does not</u> need to isolate but should follow Government Guidance for close contacts:

Covid 19: people with covid-19 and their contacts

Result of test (Notify setting as soon as possible)

return once well

Negative Positive

CONFIRMED case(s) by either Positive PCR Test or Positive LFD Test

Positive PCR Test Result Inform the setting of positive PCR test result. Young person and their household should follow:

Covid 19: people with covid-19 and their contacts guidance

If you have COVID-19, you should stay at home while you are infectious to others. This can be for up to 10 days from when your symptoms start.

Many people will no longer be infectious to others after day 5. You can do a rapid lateral flow test from 5 days after your symptoms started (or the day you had the test if you do not have symptoms) and another the next day.

If both tests are negative and you do not have a high temperature, you are less likely to pass COVID-19 to others and you can go back to your normal routine.

If your test result is positive on day 5, you can carry on doing rapid lateral flow tests every day until you get 2 negative test results in a row.

For symptomatic cases, the day the symptoms began is DAY 0.

For asymptomatic cases, the date of the registered positive test is DAY 0

If anyone else in the household becomes unwell and tests positive for COVID-19, they are advised to isolate for the required period of time, as directed on receipt of their test result.

Locally we have high infection <u>rates</u> so <u>self isolation</u> is strongly advised by Public Health and the Government. If a person is <u>unwell</u> it is better to stay at home as they could transmit another unrelated infection, even if the PCR/LFD test is negative.

We continue to ask families/young people to wash hands regularly, keep spaces well ventilated, and to wear face masks on school transport.

Click <u>here</u> to find out how to collect/order LFD tests free of charge. PCR tests can be <u>booked</u> online and are sent to a lab for the result.