

## COVID 19 – School General Risk Assessment

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Schools coronavirus operational guidance November 2021 –

[Schools COVID-19 operational guidance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/schools-coronavirus-operational-guidance)



	Who might be affected?	What additional controls have been put in place to reduce the risk of infection in accordance with Public Health advice?
<b>General controls to prevent risk of infection.</b>	Staff Students	<p>Ensure good hygiene for everyone.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hand sanitisers available throughout school</li><li>• Promotion of 'catch it, kill it, bin it'.</li></ul> <p>Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cleaning is planned to ensure that there is regular cleaning of areas and equipment.</li></ul> <p>Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Areas will continue to be ventilated by opening of external windows and ensuring internal doors are open wherever possible</li></ul> <p>Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pupils, staff and other adults should follow public health advice on <a href="#">when to self-isolate and what to do</a>.</li><li>• They should not come into school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test result or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19 (for example, they are required to quarantine).</li><li>• If anyone in your school develops <a href="#">COVID-19 symptoms</a>, however mild, the school will send them home and they should follow public health advice.</li><li>• For everyone with symptoms, they should avoid using public transport and, wherever possible, be collected by a member of their family or household.</li></ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If a pupil is awaiting collection, they will be left in a room on their own if possible and safe to do so. A window will be opened for fresh air ventilation if possible. Appropriate PPE will be used if close contact is necessary.</li> </ul> <p>The school will continue to recommend and promote the national asymptomatic testing (Lateral Flow Device) programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students to be offered 2 lateral flow tests per week.</li> <li>Staff to have offer of twice weekly Home testing.</li> <li>Anyone who test positive through a LFD will be asked to self-isolate and take a confirmatory PCR test.</li> </ul>
<b>Face coverings</b>	Staff Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Face coverings help protect the wearer and others against the spread of infection because they cover the nose and mouth, which are the main confirmed sources of transmission of COVID-19.</li> <li>Face coverings are recommended to be worn by pupils, staff and adult visitors when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas. This is a temporary measure.</li> <li>Face coverings may be removed in communal areas, such as social and dining areas, when eating and drinking.</li> <li>Pupils should also wear a face covering when travelling on public transport and dedicated transport to and from school.</li> <li>Pupils and staff are not advised to wear face coverings in classrooms, although they can do if they wish.</li> </ul>
<b>Clinically vulnerable staff</b>	Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New guidance has been reviewed and staff working practices have been adapted accordingly.</li> </ul> <p>NHS advice for clinically vulnerable staff:  <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/people-at-higher-risk/whos-at-higher-risk-from-coronavirus/">https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/people-at-higher-risk/whos-at-higher-risk-from-coronavirus/</a></p> <p>Gov.uk guidance:  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19</a></p>

<b>Use of Classrooms</b>	Staff Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Windows and doors to be opened in classrooms to ensure good ventilation.</li> <li>• Hand sanitisers will be available for use outside every classroom</li> </ul>
<b>Critically vulnerable and extremely critically vulnerable</b>	Students Parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) children and young people should attend their education setting unless they are one of the very small number of children and young people under paediatric or other specialist care who have been advised by their clinician or other specialist not to attend.</li> </ul>
<b>Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)</b>	Students Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PPE will be used by first aiders and testing staffing where appropriate.</li> </ul>

