



## **Control measures** - updated from the Schools COVID-19 operational guidance February 2022

We will:

1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

### **1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone**

#### Hand hygiene

Frequent and thorough hand cleaning is now regular practice. We continue to ensure that pupils clean their hands regularly. This can be done with soap and water or hand sanitiser.

#### Respiratory hygiene

The 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach continues to be very important and we use our orange bins for this purpose.

#### Use of personal protective equipment (PPE)

Most staff in schools will not require PPE beyond what they would normally need for their work.

### **2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes, using standard products such as detergents**

We have in place and will maintain an appropriate cleaning schedule. This should include regular cleaning of areas and equipment (for example, twice per day), with a particular focus on frequently touched surfaces.

### **3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated**

It is important to ensure school is well ventilated and that a comfortable teaching environment is maintained. We identify any poorly ventilated spaces as part of our risk assessment and take steps to improve fresh air flow in these areas.

Opening external windows can improve natural ventilation, and in addition, opening internal doors can also assist with creating a throughput of air. If necessary, external opening doors may also be used (if they are not fire doors and where safe to do so).

We balance the need for increased ventilation while maintaining a comfortable temperature. CO2 monitors are in place, so staff can quickly identify where ventilation needs to be improved.

### **4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19**

When an individual develops COVID-19 symptoms or has a positive test, 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.

#### Asymptomatic testing

From 21 February, staff and pupils in mainstream secondary schools will not be expected to continue taking part in regular asymptomatic testing and should follow asymptomatic testing advice for the general population. Further information is available in the NHS get tested for COVID-19 guidance.

In the event of an outbreak, we may also be advised by our local health team or director of public health to undertake testing for staff for a period of time.

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Staff and pupils in specialist SEND settings, Alternative Provision, and SEND units in mainstream schools are advised to continue regular twice weekly testing. For further information, see Special schools and other specialist settings: coronavirus (COVID-19).

#### Those formerly considered to be clinically extremely vulnerable

Following expert clinical advice and the successful rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine programme, people previously considered to be particularly vulnerable, clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV), and high or higher-risk are not being advised to shield again. Children and young people who were previously identified as being in one of these groups are advised to continue to follow Guidance for people previously considered clinically extremely vulnerable from COVID-19. Children and young people over the age of 12 with a weakened immune system should follow Guidance for people whose immune system means they are at higher risk from COVID-19. Children and young people previously considered CEV should attend school and should follow the same COVID-19 guidance as the rest of the population. In some circumstances, a child or young person may have received personal advice from their specialist or clinician on additional precautions to take and they should continue to follow that advice.

#### Vaccination

We recommend all school staff take up the offer of a vaccine.

#### Welcoming children back to school

In most cases, parents and carers will agree that a pupil with the key symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend the school, given the potential risk to others.

If a parent or carer insists on a pupil attending our school where they have a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19, we will (as per guidance) take the decision to refuse the pupil if, in your reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with COVID-19.