



# Covid-19: Return to school Management Plan

With effect from: 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021

## Introduction:

As COVID-19 becomes a virus that we learn to live with, there is now an imperative to reduce the disruption to children's education.

It is the Government's intention for school to deliver face-to-face, high quality education to all pupils. Being out of education causes significant harm to educational attainment, life chances, mental and physical health.

At Trawden Forest we will comply with Health and Safety law and put in place proportionate control measures which will be regularly reviewed in light of our school circumstances and on advice from Public Health.

## Changes to current school practice:

With effect from September 2021, based on DfE Operational guidance (July 2021), the following will apply:

Aspect	Action	Management Plan In the event of a Covid-19 Outbreak
Pupils Mixing and 'Bubbles'	At Step 4 the DfE have announced that it is no longer necessary to keep children in consistent class bubbles.	It may become necessary to reintroduce class bubbles for a temporary period to reduce mixing between groups.
Staggered Start / End to the school day.	There is no requirement to maintain staggered start / end of the school day. The school day will revert to 9am start – doors open at 8.45am and end at 3.30pm for all pupils.	We may also be advised to limit residential educational visits, open days, transition or taster days, parental attendance in school, performances in school. We will follow Public Health / DfE guidance.
Worship / Assembly	Whole school assemblies and worship can resume.	
Lunchtime	There will be no need to make alternative arrangements to avoid mixing at lunchtime.	
Covid-19 Cases are Increasing in school	If we have several confirmed cases within 14 days we may have an outbreak.	School will contact the dedicated advice line who will escalate the issue to our local health protection team and advise if any additional action is required – such as implementing elements of this plan. If we are required to limit attendance (due to class bubbles having to isolate) high

		quality remote education will be provided via Microsoft Teams. We will follow government operational guidance in such instances which may only allow identified vulnerable children and children of critical workers to attend.
Self-Isolation	From 16 <sup>th</sup> August 2021, children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive Covid-19 case. They will be advised to take a PCR test.	School will continue to have a role in working with health protection teams in the case of a local outbreak. If there is an outbreak in school, or if central government offers the area an enhanced response package, a Director of Public Health might advise us to reintroduce some control measures. We will follow Public Health advice.
Face Coverings	From Step-4 face coverings will no longer be advised for pupils, staff and visitors either in classrooms or in communal areas.	A Director of Public Health might advise that face coverings should be temporarily worn in communal areas or classrooms. Exemptions and exceptions may apply.
Critically Extremely Vulnerable children	All children should attend school unless they are one of a very small number of children under paediatric or other specialist care who have been advised by their GP or clinician not to attend.	
Remote Education	Not all people with COVID-19 have symptoms. Where pupils are self-isolating and are well enough, school is required to provide remote education. School will maintain our capacity to do this via Microsoft Teams during the academic year 2021/22. The remote education should be equivalent in length to the core teaching pupils would receive in school. We will work collaboratively with families.	

**Control Measures we will continue to take in school to minimise Covid-19:**

*(Further details can be found in our Risk Assessment which will be updated in due course in line with local authority Health and Safety guidance)*

We will:

Measure	Response
<p>1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone.</p>	<p><b>Hand Hygiene:</b> Children will be encouraged to clean their hands regularly throughout the school day. This can be done with soap and water or hand sanitiser. Hand sanitiser dispensers are still in place at all the entrances/exits.</p> <p><b>Respiratory Hygiene:</b> The ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ approach will be promoted in school. <a href="#">e-Bug COVID-19 website</a> contains materials to support pupil learning in this area.</p> <p><b>Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):</b> Most staff in school will not require PPE beyond what they would normally need for work. Guidance on the <a href="#">use of PPE in education settings</a> provides more information.</p>
<p>2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes, using standard products such as detergents.</p>	<p>a) School will continue to maintain its current cleaning regime throughout the day during transition times e.g. break, lunch, while pupils are outside, changing from one type of activity to another;</p> <p>b) Evidence cleaning routine – use tick sheet signed and dated by the person carrying out the cleaning for each area.</p>
<p>3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.</p>	<p>When school is in operation we will ensure that it is well ventilated and that a comfortable teaching environment is maintained.</p> <p>See ventilation plan.</p>
<p>4. Follow Public Health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.</p>	<p><b>When an individual develops COVID-19 symptoms or has a positive test:</b> Pupils staff and other adults should follow Public Health advice on <a href="#">when to self isolate and what to do</a>.</p> <p><b>YOU SHOULD NOT COME INTO SCHOOL IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS, HAVE HAD A POSITIVE TEST RESULT OR OTHER REASONS REQUIRING YOU TO STAY AT HOME DUE TO THE RISK OF PASSING ON COVID-19 (e.g. you are required to quarantine).</b></p> <p><b>If anyone in school develops symptoms</b>, however mild, they will be sent home and school will follow Public Health advice.</p> <p>Anyone with symptoms should <b>avoid using public transport</b> and where possible be collected by a member of their family or household.</p> <p>If a pupil (or member of staff) is awaiting collection they will be taken to our <b>isolation room</b> with a window opened for fresh air ventilation. Appropriate PPE should be worn if close contact is necessary (which is provided in the isolation room). The self-isolation room will be cleaned after the person has left.</p> <p>The household (including any siblings) should follow the PHE <a href="#">stay at home guidance for households with possible or</a></p>

	<p><a href="#">confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection</a>.</p> <p><b>Asymptomatic testing:</b> Testing remains important in reducing the risk of transmission of infection within schools. Whilst some measures are relaxed, others will remain.  <b>Staff may commence testing from 3 days before the start of the autumn term.</b></p> <p><b>Staff should undertake twice weekly home tests whenever they are on site until the end of September, when this will be reviewed.</b></p> <p><b>Confirmatory PCR Tests:</b> Staff and pupils with a positive LFD test result should self-isolate in line with the <a href="#">stay at home guidance</a>. They will also need to get a free <a href="#">PCR test to check if they have COVID-19</a>.</p> <p><b>Whilst awaiting the PCR result the individual should self-isolate.</b></p> <p>If the PCR test is taken within 2 days of the positive lateral flow test, and is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD test and the pupil can return to school, as long as the individual doesn't have COVID-19 symptoms.</p>
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### **Other Considerations:**

#### **Admitting children to school:**

A child who is unwell should not attend school – especially if they have COVID-19 symptoms given the potential risk to others. If a parent/carer insists on a pupil attending school we can take the decision to refuse admission if, in our reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with COVID-19.

#### **Attendance:**

School attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age. *Where a child is required to self-isolate or quarantine* because of COVID-19 they will be recorded with a code 'X' in the attendance register.

Where a child is unable to attend because they have a *confirmed case of COVID-19* they will be recorded with code 'I' (illness).

#### **Travelling Abroad:**

Parents travelling abroad should bear in mind the impact on their child's education which may result from any requirement to quarantine or isolate upon return.