

## GRA 91.2 COVID – 19 HOME TESTING V7

In accordance with Management of Health & Safety at Work Regulations 1999

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Significant Hazards	Persons at risk	Control Measures	RISK H/M/L	Actions Required	By Who	Date Complete
Contracting COVID-19 through infected contact points or close personal contact with infected persons	Pupil/Staff/Visitors	<p><b>Follow</b> United Kingdom Health Security Agency (UKHSA) <b>on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19</b></p> <p>Individuals must not come into work/school if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• they have one or more coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms</li> <li>• they are required to quarantine having recently visited countries outside the Common Travel Area</li> <li>• they have had a positive test</li> </ul> <p>Since Wednesday 22 December individuals must immediately cease to attend and not attend for at least <b>7 days</b> at the start of their symptoms or receiving a positive lateral flow or PCR test, in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason.</p> <p>Individuals may now <b>take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7</b> of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation.</p> <p>The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under five,</p>		Managers/Principals will make all staff aware of the controls in place		1/12/21
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		<p>with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and the person does not have a high temperature, they may end their self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to school from day 8.</p> <p>If a pupil is awaiting collection, they should be left in a room on their own if possible and safe to do so. A window should be opened for fresh air ventilation if possible. Appropriate PPE should also be used if close contact is necessary</p> <p>Close contacts will now be identified via NHS Test and Trace and education settings will <b>no longer be expected</b> to undertake contact tracing.</p> <p>As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case and/or their parent to identify close contacts. <b>Contacts from a school setting will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case and/or their parent specifically identifies the individual as being a close contact.</b></p> <p><u>Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• they are fully vaccinated</li> <li>• they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months</li> <li>• they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial</li> </ul>				
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<b>Contracting COVID-19 through infected contact points or close personal contact with infected persons</b>	Pupil	<p><b>Asymptomatic testing</b></p> <p>Lateral Flow Tests are available for all staff and secondary school pupils with parental consent. Staff and secondary pupil shall test themselves twice a week at home.</p> <p><b>Negative LFT test result</b> – Individuals can continue to attend work, follow guidance and use protective measures.</p> <p><b>Positive LFT test result</b> –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>INDIVIDUALS WITH A POSITIVE LFT RESULT WILL NEED TO SELF-ISOLATE IMMEDIATELY IN LINE WITH THE STAY-AT-HOME GUIDANCE.</b></li> <li>They must report their results to NHS Test and Trace as soon as the test is complete</li> <li>They must also inform the school/nursery of their result so the school can identify close contacts and start the self-isolation process.</li> <li>Individuals with a positive LFD test result must self-isolate in line with the stay-at-home guidance. They will also need to arrange a lab-based polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test to confirm the result.</li> <li>Staff and pupils with a positive LFD test result should self-isolate in line with the stay at home guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection. They will also need to get a free PCR test to check if they have COVID-19.</li> </ul>	<b>M</b>	<p>See: GRA 91.2 Home testing</p> <p>All teaching and non-teaching staff members, which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>trainee teachers on placement in school</li> <li>supply workforce</li> <li>contractors</li> <li>peripatetic staff</li> <li>clinical practitioners</li> <li>therapists</li> <li>other support staff</li> <li>caterers</li> <li>volunteers</li> <li>those supporting with wraparound childcare to children attending school</li> </ul> <p><b>Lateral Flow testing</b> Secondary schools and colleges must continue to carry out regular home lateral flow testing until the end of September (plus two on-site at the beginning of the autumn term), when the policy will be reviewed</p> <p><b>PCR testing</b></p>	16/8/21

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Issuing test kits	Staff, pupils and volunteers	<p>The COVID test coordinator must ensure that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Test kits are signed for using the Test Kit Log.</li> <li>• The correct number of test kits are issued to staff for two test per week</li> <li>• Face mask must be worn, and social distancing maintained during distribution</li> <li>• Ensuring all staff members understand how and when to collect test safely.</li> </ul>	<b>M</b>			
<p><b>Training</b></p> <p>Contact between samples and sample testers increasing the transmission of COVID19</p>	Staff, pupils and volunteers	<p>All staff/pupils will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive the How to Guide – Your Step-by-Step Guide for COVID-19 Self-Testing’ v 1.3.2</li> <li>• Watch instructional video provided on You Tube – ‘Step by Step Guide to COVID-19 Self Testing’.</li> <li>• Know that it is a requirement for them to report their test results to both to NHS Test and Trace and to the school.</li> <li>• Know who to contact if they have an incident while testing at home.</li> <li>• Are aware of the content of the risk assessment</li> </ul>	<b>M</b>	All staff and pupils must follow the test kit instructions provided.		
<p><b>COSHH</b></p> <p>Extraction solution which comes with the lab test kit contains the following components: NA<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub> (disodium hydrogen</p>	Staff, pupils and volunteers	<p>These components do not have any hazard labels associated with them, and the manufacturer states that there are no hazards anticipated under conditions of use as described in other product literature. This is the case for exposure to: eye, skin, inhalation, ingestion, chronic toxicity, reproductive and developmental toxicity, carcinogenicity, and medical conditions aggravated by exposure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep out of reach of pets and young children</li> <li>• Do not let the product enter drains</li> <li>• Spillages to be wipe up with a paper towel with a</li> </ul>	<b>M</b>	Follow the user instruction to mitigate against inhalation, skin contact or ingestion of these chemicals.		

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phosphate), NaH <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (sodium phosphate monobasic), NaCl (Sodium Chloride)		cloth and disposed of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not use if the solution has expired</li> </ul>			
<b>Storage of kits</b>  Contact between samples and sample testers increasing the transmission of COVID19	Staff, pupils and volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site Manager to deliver all test kits to appropriate storage area.</li> <li>Stocks to be secured to prevent unauthorised access to the test kits.</li> <li><b>Inside and at a temperature between 2 and 30 degrees, out of direct sunlight/heat.</b></li> <li>Stocks to be broken down for distribution</li> </ul>	<b>M</b>		
<b>Date of original Assessment: Jan 2021</b>	<b>Date of this Assessment: Jan 2022</b>	<b>Review March 2022</b>	<b>Reference: GRA 91.2 – V7</b>	<b>Name of Assessors: Principal A Cush</b>	
<b>Overall Risk Rating (H, M L):</b> The risk rating for the overall risk is <b>Medium</b> due to the nature of the virus and the potential consequences.		Managers signature: A Cush			
RESIDUAL RISK RATING			ACTION REQUIRED		
HIGH (H) Strong likelihood of fatality / serious injury occurring			The activity must not take place at all. You must identify further controls to reduce the risk rating.		
Medium (M) Possibility of fatality/serious injury occurring			You must identify controls to reduce the risk rating. If it is not possible to lower risk further you will need to consider the risk against the benefit Monitor risk assessment at this rating more regularly and closely		
LOW(L) Minimal risk			No further action needs to be taken reviewed annually		

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