



The System of Controls; Protective Measures for Schools – Return to School September 2020

The Government guidance has been issued, informing schools of a system of controls, if we as a school follow the guidance set out here it will effectively reduce risks in our school community and create an inherently safer environment.

1. Minimise Contact	2. Clean hands thoroughly more often than usual	3. Ensure good respiratory hygiene	4. Enhanced Cleaning	5. Minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing
<p>Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school.</p>	<p>School will ensure that pupils clean their hands regularly, including when they arrive at school, when they return from breaks, when they change rooms and before and after eating.</p> <p>Hand sanitizer and wash stations will be available.</p>	<p>The 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach continues to be very important.</p> <p>We will ensure there are enough tissues and bins available in school and posters are placed around school reminding staff and children.</p>	<p>We have in place a cleaning schedule that ensures cleaning is enhanced and includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1. more frequent cleaning of rooms and shared areas that are used by different groups • 2. frequently touched surfaces being cleaned more often than normal • 3. toilets will need to be cleaned regularly and pupils will be encouraged to clean their hands thoroughly after using the toilet. 	<p>The purpose of 'bubbles' is to minimise contacts and mixing between people, reducing the transmission of coronavirus. We will do all we can to maintain this whilst still delivering a broad and balanced curriculum. Within bubbles, children and adults must also take measures to distance themselves where at all possible.</p>



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6. Where necessary, wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)	7. Engage with NHS Test and Trace process	8. Manage confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community	9. Contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice
<p>PPE is only needed in a very small number of cases, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. where an individual child or young person becomes ill with coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms while at schools, and only then if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained 2. where a child or young person already has routine intimate care needs that involves the use of PPE, in which case the same PPE should continue to be used 	<p>Parents/carers will need to be ready and willing to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Book a test if they or their child are displaying symptoms. 2. Staff and pupils must not come into the school if they have symptoms, and must be sent home to self-isolate if they develop them in school. 3. Provide details of anyone they or their child have been in close contact with if they were to test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test and Trace 4. Self-isolate if they have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), or if anyone in their household develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) 	<p>If we become aware of a positive case we will contact the local health protection team. This team will also contact schools directly if they become aware that someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) attended the school – as identified by NHS Test and Trace.</p> <p>The health protection team will carry out a rapid risk assessment to confirm who has been in close contact with the person during the period that they were infectious, and ensure they are asked to self-isolate.</p>	<p>If schools have two or more confirmed cases within 14 days, or an overall rise in sickness absence where coronavirus (COVID-19) is suspected, they may have an outbreak, and we will work with the local health protection team who will be able to advise if additional action is required.</p>

Anyone who displays symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19) can and should get a test.

Tests can be booked online through NHS testing and tracing website, or ordered by telephone via NHS 119.



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In the event of a local outbreak:

If a local area sees a spike in infection rates that is resulting in localised community spread, appropriate authorities will decide which measures to implement to help contain the spread. The Department for Education will be involved in decisions at a local and national level affecting a geographical area, and will support appropriate authorities and individual settings to follow the health advice. The PHE health protection team or local authority may advise a school or number of schools to close temporarily to help control transmission. Schools have been advised to create a contingency plan for this eventuality. This may involve a return to remaining open only for vulnerable children and the children of critical workers, and providing remote education for all other pupils.

Remote Education

- We will offer immediate remote education to all pupils in the form of a learning platform.
- The learning provided will follow our current curriculum with access to high quality online resources.
- We will use this platform to upload any home learning.

Curriculum

- Children will receive learning opportunities for a range of subjects each day, that is meaningful and ambitious.
- There will be an expectation that the work children complete will be uploaded for teachers to monitor and feedback.
- Work can be tailored to children's needs so that knowledge and skills are built incrementally.

St Thomas' Remote Education Support

Resources

- We will provide pupil work books to use alongside our online learning.
- High quality curriculum resources and videos to support learning.
- Oak National Academy videos will be provided for all curriculum areas.

Communication

- Staff will be able to use this platform as a communication tool with parents and children.
- We can provide frequent, clear explanations of new content.
- We can provide feedback and set specific tasks for children to complete.