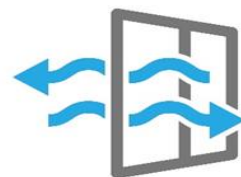


## Reducing COVID transmission and improving safety in schools

<p>Avoid transmission by individuals with COVID symptoms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff, pupils, parents/carers told not to attend if they have any of the 3 main symptoms or if they have had these symptoms but they have been reduced by pain relief</li> <li>• Remind individuals not to attend if household contacts are awaiting test results</li> </ul>
<p>Avoid potential transmission by individuals with non-COVID symptoms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remind individuals not to attend but to contact school to discuss</li> <li>• Allow 48 hours for symptoms of illness – as any other condition</li> <li>• Access testing if advised or if circumstances suggest COVID is possible</li> </ul>
<p>Avoid transmission by asymptomatic individuals with high viral load</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LFT testing twice per week for staff</li> <li>• Mass testing of Y7+ on return</li> <li>• Targeted testing for those in school but with increased chance of COVID – returned from isolation, wider contacts of confirmed cases, individuals who require risk assessments</li> <li>• Negative LFT does not mean safe and immune</li> </ul>
<p>Avoid transmission by asymptomatic individuals with undetectable viral load</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social distance</li> <li>• Handwashing</li> <li>• Ventilation</li> <li>• Cleaning</li> <li>• Front facing desks</li> <li>• Limit bubble size</li> <li>• Face coverings</li> </ul>
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### Key messages

Vaccinated staff can still contract and may be able to transmit COVID-19



Open doors and windows when room is empty

- Review and revise risk assessment to include room ventilation, face coverings and shared resources
- Maintain social distance wherever possible, including within bubbles
- Limit bubble sizes and pupil mixing to minimise isolations

Avoid staff congregating when collecting tests, photocopying

### Minimise transmission opportunities and reduce close contacts

Limit social contact and follow isolation and Test & Trace advice

- Staff/pupils should not attend if they or any of their close / household contacts have any COVID symptoms
- Individuals who are unwell with non-COVID symptoms should not attend school before discussing with school to agree appropriate action, e.g stay at home or get PCR test

Regular reminders of symptoms and actions to be taken

### Act swiftly when symptoms arise

Vaccinated people can still get COVID

- Identify pupils who are at increased risk of serious illness from COVID and encourage vaccination for staff working very closely with them.
- Identify clinically vulnerable and extremely vulnerable staff and encourage them to be vaccinated when invited.
- Follow national advice on attendance of vulnerable individuals

### Promote vaccines uptake when offered

Vaccinated people still need to follow isolation advice

Negative LFT cases still need to follow all advice

### Make best use of LFT tests

- Identify and isolate asymptomatic cases in school through twice weekly testing for staff and secondary pupils.
- Identify and isolate asymptomatic cases in school at high risk by targeted testing, e.g, those returning from isolation as part of individual risk assessment/wider contacts when cases arise in addition to regular testing

Negative LFT doesn't mean virus free – not a secret super spreader at the time of testing

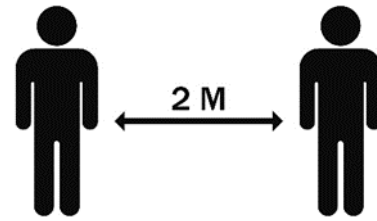


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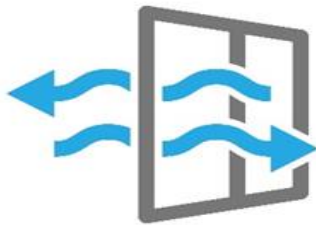
All adults / pupils in year 7 and above to wear masks in communal areas and recommended to wear in a classroom



Maintain Social Distancing



Regularly purge the air in classrooms and offices



Keep bubbles small and avoid cross over groups as far as possible



Remind staff to be aware of social distancing in communal areas e.g. photocopying area



Ensure regular cleaning of high touch points including communal phones, keyboards



Remember that a negative LFT does not necessarily mean you have not got the virus



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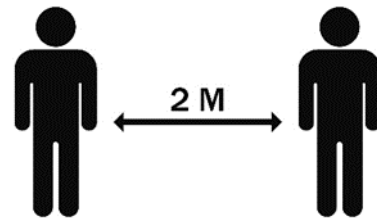


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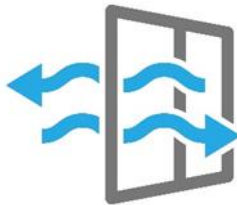
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