

Managing Covid 19 in Schools from January 2021 opening - Risk Assessment - Version 4.05

Section 3 - Mass Asymptomatic Testing for Secondary and SILC settings - daily serial testing for close contacts is not to be undertaken at the present time unless part of the NHS evaluation programme.

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Area of control		Control Measures	Additional / altered measures / notes	Implemented by: Initial	Date Completed			
Secondary and SILC schools - currently twice weekly staff testing 3 / 4 days apart (where possible) and 2 tests (3 -5 days apart) for pupils on return to school. Detailed guidance is available on the								
DfE Schools Portal. Through schools where the Primary / Nursery and Secondary bases are on the same site should follow the Secondary schools testing process if safe access to the Secondary								
testing area is available. If based on separate sites the Primary / Nursery process should be followed.								
	1.1	Assessing and identifying the staff and area(s) to be used.						
	1.1.1	Identify which staff and pupils have given consent for tests to be carried out.	Email sent to all staff with details of lateral	Director of Operations	15/01/2021			
	1.1.2	Identify the number of testing bays and testing personnel likely to be needed. Use	Testing areas set up at Boston Spa	Director of	15/01/2021			
	1.1.3	Identify appropriate staff / volunteers to carry out the roles required. Consideration	The Director of Operations and Educarers	Director of	15/01/2021			
	1.1.4	Staffing levels should be sufficient to allow breaks for staff and to reduce risk of	See above		15/01/2021			
		Identify 1 / more than 1 suitable dedicated testing area(s) in the school. Testing						
		a. Adequate space to follow the layout requirements for the testing areas, bays each	One testing area per site - Boston Spa	Director of	15/01/2021			
	1.1.5	b. Adequate ventilation (in line with Section 2 of this risk assessment) and lighting.	In place	Director of	15/01/2021			
		c. A non porous floor and readily cleansable surfaces. Temporary floor coverings	Rooms have non porous floor	Director of	15/01/2021			
		d. Privacy - it should not be possible for passers by / staff and pupils in other areas	One person tested at a time	Director of	15/01/2021			
	1.2	Setting up the Testing Area.						
	1.2.1	Set up the testing area in accordance with the "How to Guide ". It is recommended	Only one person tested at at time. Separate	Director of	15/01/2021			
	1.2.2	It is recommended signage and floor marking is used to identify the entrance and	Exit marked and staff directed to exit on	Director of	15/01/2021			
	1.2.3	Testing bays should be set up and provided with the facilities outlined in the How to	In place	Director of	15/01/2021			
	1.2.4	Suitable seating should be available if persons taking the tests need to or wish to do	Seat available at each table for use by	Director of	15/01/2021			
	1.2.5	Consider if alternative tables / facilities are required for persons in wheelchairs.	N/A					
	1.2.6	Fixed or standing mirrors may be easier for some persons to use whilst taking the	Mirrors purchased for the testing	Director of	15/01/2021			
	1.2.7	To provide a degree of privacy to persons undertaking the test consider the use of	N/A					
	1.2.8	Closely located toilets and wash basins for the sole use of staff working in the	Wash basin available in art room at Boston	Director of	15/01/2021			
	1.2.9	Depending on the time of day / length of time the testing area is in operation, a	There is a daily timetable in place, reviewed	TLCOs/TLIs	Ongoing			
		In addition to or instead of timers in each bay, it may useful to provide a large clock	Timers and clock avaible in the testing room	Director of	15/01/2021			
	1.2.11	It is recommended bins are provided in each bay and at each station in the testing	Waste dispoals bins availble by each table	Director of	15/01/2021			
ST 1. Setting Up the Testing Area.		Consider pre-making up testing kits / processing kits and placing in individual	Test prepared for each person prior to	Educarers	Ongoing			
3 , 3		containers. It may also help to mark up processing desks to keep tests separate	entering					
		whilst they are processing. For example:						
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		,	As one person is tested at a time. One	Educarers	Ongoing
	1.2.13	onto the DHSC log and school log and those that have already been entered. For example :	sheet per school site can be used		
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	2.1	All staff / volunteers involved in the testing process must complete the online	Training has been completed, certificates	Director of	15/01/202
ST 2. Training / competency	2.2	Carry out several dummy runs before starting the testing for real. This will enable	Dummy runs undertaken	Director of	15/01/202
. ,	2.3	It is recommended schools start with testing staff initially and limit numbers on the	See above	Director of	15/01/202
	2.4	Staff competency at their roles should be assessed at regular intervals throughout		Director of	Ongoing
ST 3. Storage and management of	3.1	Testing kits should be stored between 2'C and 30'C.and the antigen LFD devices	Kits stored in HH/IB office (Boston Spa	Director of	Ongoing
Testing Materials / Supplies for the	3.2	Storage areas should be lockable and access restricted to authorised personnel		Director of	Ongoing
Testing area.	3.3	Checks of supplies should be undertaken at the end of each session to ensure		Director of	Ongoing
			Contract in place with PHS to dispose of all	Director of	Ongoing
	4.1	a. Swabs, tissues and cartridges - go into yellow / clear bags and need to be	See above	Educarers	Ongoing
ST 4. Waste Disposal		, 1 3 3 3 1	See above	Educarers	Ongoing
		c. General waste - includes LFD packaging and general waste - goes into black	See above	Educarers	Ongoing
	4.2	Waste in yellow / clear bags and 'tiger' bags does not need to be disposed of as	See above	Educarers	Ongoing
	4.3	Healthcare waste needs to be stored in a secure location / receptacle whilst	See above	Facilities staff	Ongoing
	5.1	Staff working in the testing area must don and doff PPE in line with the guidance in			
ST 5. PPE	5.2	Staff working in the testing area should wear and change PPE as identified below.	Staff have supply of PPE for use whilist	Educarers	Ongoing
	5.3	Staff processing / handling the tests should wear IIR masks and eye protection /	See above	Educarers	Ongoing
	5.4	Staff undertaking cleaning of the area should wear IIR masks and eye protection /	See above	Facilities staff	Ongoing
	5.5	All other staff working in the testing area e.g. co-ordinating supplies and	See above	Educarers	Ongoing
	5.6	Persons taking the test should wear a face mask / face covering at all times	See above	Test subject	Ongoing
	5.7	Staff directly assisting persons to undertake tests should wear IIR masks and eye	See above	Educarers	Ongoing
	5.8	All Testing centre staff must not leave the testing area without removing and	See above	Director of	Ongoing
		Before the Test			
	6.1	It is recommended schools pre-register staff and pupils who have consented to the	Staff are provided with guidance on to	Director of Operations	15/01/202
	6.2	To inform staff and pupils and to alleviate anxiety around the testing process it is	Staff have been provided with the leaftet on	Director of Operations	15/01/202
	6.3	, , ,		Educarers	Ongoing
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	6.5	Consent to be tested can be withdrawn at any stage including during the test. This	Staff are advised that they can withdraw	Director of	Ongoing
	6.6	Where a school feels it may not be appropriate or safe to test a pupil who has	Families to be asked w.c. 1.2.21 if they wish		w.c. 1.2.21
	6.7	Only staff and pupils currently attending the site and not working from home are	See 6.3- weekly testing currently in place	TLCOs/TLIs	Ongoing
	6.8	Staff that have had a positive PCR test in the last 10 days should not take a LFD	This is taken into account when the	TLCOs/TLIs	Ongoing
ST 6. Conducting the tests	6.9		Staff are given a regular appointment time	TLCOs/TLIs	Ongoing
	6.10	All persons taking tests should be advised in advance not to attend if they have any	Staff are advised that they must not attend	Educarers	Ongoing
	6.11	Where possible, testing should be carried out in the morning to limit the potential During the Test	Tests are timetabled during the day to best	TLCOs/TLIs	Ongoing
	6.12	Access to the testing area should be controlled and social distancing between those	Tests are timetabled one ar a time to	Educarers	Ongoing
	6.13	Persons being tested should wash their hand / sanitise immediately before / upon	Those being tested are asked to sanitise	Test subject	Ongoing
	6.14	Persons undertaking the test should be informed they must sanitise their hands	See above	Test subject	Ongoing
		Persons being tested should be asked to read the testing instructions and / or have	Test instructions are displayed on the table	Test subject	Ongoing
	6.16	It is recommended that the processing staff open the correct end of the swab	Test subjects are supported in the opening	Educarers	
	6.16	Once the test swabbing has been undertaken it is recommended the processing	The rack is placed on the table ready for the	Educarers	Ongoing
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			In place	Educarers	Ongoing
	6.19	Once the processing staff have confirmed the swab is safely in the vial the person	In place	Educarers	Ongoing
		Tests should be handled and processed in line with the guidance in the How to			
	6.21	Results should be actioned as below in 7.			

	7.1	Positive result - individual and their household should start self isolation following	In place - subjects advised that this course	Director of Operations/Educa	Ongoing
ST 7. Test Results and Actions to Take.		· ·		·	
	7.2		In place	Director of Operations/Heads Ongoing	
	7.3	Negative result - individual and household can continue as normal.	In place	Educarers	Ongoing
	7.4	<u>Invalid result</u> - the individual should re-take a LFT as soon as possible and relevant	Tests are repeated immediately in the case	Educarers	Ongoing
ST 8. General	8.1	Social Distancing - staff working in the testing area should maintain a 2m distance	In place	Educarers	Ongoing
	8.2	Regular reviews and quality assurance checks should be carried out of the testing		Educarers	Ongoing
ST 9. Hygiene / cleaning	9.1	touched with an anti-viral wipe. This should be overseen by the processing staff or	Test subjects asked to wipe down area after		
			use		
		staff assisting with test administering. If persons taking the test are not capable of			
		doing this / there are doubts as to the thoroughness of the cleaning these areas			
		should be cleaned / wiped by testing centre staff wearing the appropriate PPE as		Test subject	Ongoing
	9.2	Cleaning should be carried out regularly following schools cleaning procedures,	Cleaning briefed on cleaning requirements -	Facilities staff	Ongoing
	9.3	Spillages – any spillages should be cleaned up immediately and thoroughly by staff	As above	Facilities staff	Ongoing
	9.4	Once the area has had the final thorough clean of the day it should be secured and	Room locked when not in use.	Facilities staff	Ongoing
PT 10. Record keeping / Reporting.	10.1	Schools must keep records of: a) the consent forms and any withdrawal of consent,	COVID register kept by Directions of	Director of Operations	Ongoing
	10.2	Records must be kept in accordance with GDPR requirements.	See above	Director of Operations	Ongoing
	10.3	There is an example register on the School Portal. Schools can amend and tailor	In place	Director of Operations	Ongoing
	10.4	All positive results should also be reported as usual via the PCIF 01 Form to DCS	Results also recorded on COVID tracker	Director of Operations	Ongoing