



# Living with Covid 19.

# Arrangements at EPMS.

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# Key information



Schools must continue to comply with health and safety law and put in place proportionate control measures.

The risk assessment will be distributed to all staff and regularly reviewed as a 'living document' as the circumstances in school may change.

We will continue to work closely with local public health teams. This includes having active arrangements in place to monitor whether the controls are effective and working as planned.



# Key information



All schools should have effective control measures in place.

Ensuring good hygiene for all.  
(1)

Appropriate cleaning regimes  
(2)

Keeping occupied spaces well ventilated  
(3)

Following advice from PH regarding cases and outbreaks (4)



# Hand hygiene



Meet, greet, sanitise and seat will still be in place until at least Easter.

End, send and sanitise will still be in place until at least Easter.

**\*This is in line with our risk assessment and to allow for any potential outbreaks as measures are being eased. \***

Pupils will clean their hands regularly. This can be done with soap and water or hand sanitiser.

The 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach continues to be very important.

PPE will be available for first aid staff.



# Cleaning



We will continue to maintain an appropriate cleaning schedule. This will include regular cleaning of areas and equipment, with a particular focus on frequently touched surfaces.

Enhanced cleaning will take place in the first aid room and classrooms that have had a significant number of cases.

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# Ventilation



When school is in operation, it is important to ensure it is well ventilated and that a comfortable teaching environment is maintained.

## **Effective immediately**

At least 1 window open in classrooms, shared offices or communal areas.

Air conditioning units can be used within classrooms and offices.

This guidance will be updated if outbreak measures are required.

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# Cases



In most cases, parents and carers will agree that a pupil with the key symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend the school, given the potential risk to others.

If a parent or carer insists on a pupil attending school where they have a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19, we can take the decision to refuse the pupil if, in our reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with COVID-19.



# Self isolation



Remove the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test.

Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days.





# Outbreak measures



A director of local public health teams might advise us that face coverings should temporarily be worn in communal areas or classrooms (by pupils, staff and visitors, unless exempt).

## Stepping measures up and down

We will have a detailed contingency plan in place outlining how we would operate if we need to take extra measures in exceptional circumstances.

The measures would be in response to increased cases within the school or local area. Guidance would be taken from the contingency framework plan.



# Contact tracing



End routine contact tracing. Contacts will no longer be required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests.



# Key information



Other protective  
measures.



# Face coverings



Face coverings continue to be advised for pupils, staff and visitors in classrooms or communal areas until 11 March 2022.

Please note this is a direct request from Central Bedfordshire Council.



# Testing



From 21 February, staff and pupils in mainstream secondary schools will not be expected to continue taking part in regular asymptomatic testing and should follow asymptomatic testing advice for the general population.

**\*\*Spare test kits will be given out to the school community next week. \*\***

In the event of an outbreak, a school may also be advised by their local health team or director of public health to undertake testing for staff and students of secondary age and above for a period of time.



# Breakfast club



Pupils from different key stages will be allowed to attend breakfast club from 28.02.

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# Outside space



Pupils can mix at break and lunchtime as bubbles no longer exist.

We will be continuing with separate key stage playgrounds and areas on the field.



# Clubs



Clubs will continue to be delivered in line with clear and detailed risk assessments.

Pupils from different key stages can mix in the clubs from 07.03.

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# Lunches



We can return to a full lunch programme in line with our risk assessment. To allow the kitchen team to organise their resources and menus we will be following the schedule below:

## WK 28.02

KS3 lunches in the hall on the reduced menu/packed lunches.

KS2 in classrooms with reduced menu/packed lunches

## WK 07.03

KS3 lunches in the hall on the reduced menu/packed lunches.

KS2 in the hall with reduced menu/packed lunches. KS2 will go to the hall 10 minutes early during lesson 3.

## WK 14.03

KS3 lunches in the hall on a full menu/packed lunches.

KS2 in the hall on a full menu/packed lunches. KS2 will go to the hall 10 minutes early during lesson 3.

## WK 21.03

KS3 lunches in the hall on a full menu/packed lunches.

KS2 in the hall on a full menu/packed lunches. KS2 will go to the hall 5 minutes early during lesson 3.

## WK 28.03

KS3 lunches in the hall on a full menu/packed lunches.

KS2 in the hall on a full menu/packed lunches.



# Assemblies



We can return to a full collective worship programme in line with our risk assessment.

WK 28.02

Year group assemblies

WK 07.03

Year group assemblies

WK 14.03

Key stage assemblies

WK 21.03

Key stage assemblies

WK 28.03

Whole school assembly

Key stage sessions in the church for Easter celebrations.

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# Visits and trips



Visits and trips will continue to be run in line with clear and detailed risk assessments. They should reflect any public health advice or in-country advice of the international destination.

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# PE



Pupils will continue to wear PE kits.

The changing rooms will not be used at this time.

The situation will be reviewed at Easter.



# Attendance



School attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age and it is a priority to ensure that as many children as possible regularly attend school.

Where a child is self-isolating (awaiting a test result) or in quarantine because of COVID19, they should be recorded as code X (not attending in circumstances related to coronavirus).

Where they are unable to attend because they have a confirmed case of COVID-19 they should be recorded as code I (illness).



# Remote education



Where appropriate, we will support those who are self-isolating because they have tested positive to work or learn from home if they are well enough to do so.

Work will be uploaded to the google classroom to support learning at home.

Further information will be included in the update remote learning policy.

