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SEPTEMBER 2020 REOPENING PLAN



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Introduction

The release of the Government guidance for the reopening of schools has provided us with guidelines to support the planning for the full reopening of our academy to all students to support them pastorally and academically.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

The guidance is in 5 sections. The first section sets out the actions, leaders should take to minimise the risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19) in the academy. This is public health advice, endorsed by Public Health England (PHE).

The rest of the guidance is focused on how the Department for Education (DfE) expects schools to operate in this new context. This includes:

- Academy operations
- curriculum, behaviour and pastoral support
- assessment and accountability
- contingency planning to provide continuity of education in the case of a local outbreak

Week commencing Tuesday 1st September

Our priority as an academy, in the first instance, is to support the full-time return to the academy site. Whilst many of you have been working with our key worker/vulnerable learners and Year 10 provision, there are staff that have been working from home for a variety of agreed reasons that will need reassurance of school systems. You will be required to attend an SLT briefing as a department so that the risk assessments and procedures can be discussed in detail.

Parents have been informed of the days that students are due to return, Wednesday 2nd September – Year 7 only, Thursday 3rd September – Year 7, 10 and 11 only, Friday – all year groups. This will allow us to share in detail with each year group the expectations of them through a year group assembly and allows us to slowly build numbers in the academy to test the planned operations. Students and staff will need to understand that school will be very different both in terms of the building and the academy day.

Staff will start to deliver the Recovery Curriculum as part of form time and the life skills curriculum, a focus on overcoming the anxieties a return to academy will bring, whilst identifying and narrowing learning gaps.

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Revised School Timetable

Year group	08:50	09:10	10:10	10:15	10:30	10:35	10:50	10:55	11:10	11:30	12:30	12:55	13:00	13:25	13:30	14:00	15:00
11	Form Time	Lesson 1	lesson 2					Break	Lesson 3	Lesson 4/5			Lunch	Lesson 6			
10	Form time	Lesson 1	lesson 2				Break	Form Time	Lesson 3	Lesson 4/5			Lunch	Lesson 6			
9	Form time	Lesson 1	lesson 2		Break	lesson 2	Form Time	Lesson 3	Lunch	Lesson 4/5			Lesson 6				
8	Form time	Lesson 1	lesson 2	Break	lesson 2			Form Time	Lesson 3	Lunch	Lesson 4/5			Lesson 6			
7	Form Time	Lesson 1	lesson 2					Break	Lesson 3	Lesson 4/5	Lunch	Lesson 4/5	Lesson 6				



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Structure of academy day

Start of the day (Gates open 20 mins before the start time)

- Year 7 & 11 (Start 8:50am)

Both year groups use the student entrance. Year 11's stay on the outdoor courts and the Year 7 students walk around into the back tarmacked area. Students will line up in form groups and be escorted into the building.

- Year 8,9,10 (Start 8:50am)

Students will be guided onto the MUGA. They will then be escorted a year group at a time into the building and straight to period 1.

Breaktime

- Year 7 & 11 will have breaktime as normal, but the year 11 will be located in the main canteen area and the year 7 will be in the main hall.
- Year 8,9 & 10 will have a breaktime during period 2 – teacher accompanies their class down to the canteen. Staff to rota in a toilet break if needed.

Lunchtime

- Students will be located in two different areas for their lunch.

Week A

Canteen: Year 7 (Only year group on lunch at this time during period 4)

Canteen: Year 8,10 (Full selection of food)

Main hall: Year 9,11 (Pasta bar & cold food)

Week B

Canteen: Year 7 (Only year group on lunch at this time during period 4)

Canteen: Year 9,11 (Full selection of food)

Main hall: Year 8,10 (Pasta bar & cold food)

Lesson transitions

- Students will follow a one-way system around the academy building.
- Students will enter and exit Science labs via the outside of the building.
- Bells will not be in operation. Students and staff will be told when to move.
- Lockers will not be in use at all to ensure minimum movement around the building.

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End of day

- Students dismissed year group at a time.
 - 1 bell (2:53pm) Year 7
 - 2 bells (2:55pm) Year 8
 - 3 bells (3:00pm) Year 9
 - 4 bells (3:04pm) Year 10
 - 5 bells (3:08pm) Year 11, if they are not in an intervention session
- Detention will still run *Venue to be confirmed.
- No extra-curricular activities will be running at the moment including homework club.
- Year 11 intervention will still be run *timetable to follow.

The Recovery Curriculum

The aims of the recovery curriculum are:

1. To follow a structure and routine.
2. To learn how to co-regulate or self-regulate emotions and behaviour.
3. To build trust and relationships.
4. To learn how to socially interact with adults and peers.

Context:

The initial research during 'lockdown' has shown that students have experienced five key losses while being out of a 'normal' educational setting. Schools will therefore need to consider these losses in their curriculum design and the preparations for students returning to the academy in September.

The five losses are:

1. Routine
2. Structure
3. Friendship
4. Opportunity

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5. Freedom

It is vital that all staff within an education setting acknowledge the anxiety and stresses that students and staff will have about returning to school in September. Anxiety is a block to learning as cortisol prevents the learning imprint taking place on the brain which reduces the chance of long-term consolidation and the retrieval of knowledge.

The video below explains how the hormones associated with stress and anxiety impact the ability of the brain to retain information.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hyg7lcU4g8E>

How can we address these issues in the academy?

The key to addressing these losses in school is centred around **trust** and **relationships and** ensuring that students are provided with a sense of hope through **compassionate leadership**.

There are four 'levers' that need to be used within schools to get students back into learning again:

Lever 1: Relationships – Relationship building will form the most significant part of what we do in schools to build up trust again with students and show empathy towards the situation and stresses that they will have encountered. It is vital that staff show consistency in their approach and in the implementation in any changes to the behaviour for learning policy. The connections between students and teachers will need to be rebuilt around **compassionate leadership** and ensuring a strong emphasis on routine and structure.

Lever 2: Community – Discussions with students and families will contribute significantly to the initial planning for students return to school. At Ercall Wood this has been achieved during lockdown by phone calls from tutors and the pastoral team, and all students have been sent a mental health survey to complete to assist us with planning their return to school.

Lever 3: Transparent Curriculum – Teachers will need to consider the gaps that may now exist in student's knowledge and ensure that the key building blocks are re-taught before we are able to move on. It is vital that teachers take time to discover the gaps that exist in students' knowledge and they plan their curriculum as a department, but also to address the needs of the individuals they teach. The plan for addressing these gaps must be shared with students so it is transparent to all involved they will be re-taught, which will alleviate any anxiety for those students who may not have been able to complete as much home learning as others due to personal circumstances.

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Lever 4: Metacognition – A key lever will be teaching students how to learn within a school environment again, and how to learn within your curriculum area. The consistency of implementing the teaching and learning expectations will also be key to ensure consistency across the academy. All departments should ensure that they address the key learning skills that are likely to have been impacted in recent months, e.g. single channelled listening, maintaining their attention, sensory regulation and social communication and interaction. Time should also be given to developing students’ confidence, self-esteem, and resilience.

This will take place during form time and life skills lessons to ensure all areas are covered and that we can get back to our core business of teaching and ensuring our students achieve.

National & Trust Staff Guidelines

This document provides generic Trust guidance to LCT staff that are preparing to return to work in line with Government publications ‘**Guidance for full opening: schools**’: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

System of controls – Advice from Government Guidance

This is the set of actions schools must take. They are grouped into ‘prevention’ and ‘response to any infection’ and are outlined in more detail in the sections below.

Prevention:

- 1) 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
- 2) clean hands thoroughly more often than usual
- 3) ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ approach
- 4) introduce enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents and bleach
- 5) minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible

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- 6) where necessary, wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)

Numbers 1 to 4 must be in place in all schools, all the time. Number 5 must be properly considered, and schools must put in place measures that suit their particular circumstances. Number 6 applies in specific circumstances.

Response to any infection:

- 7) engage with the 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

Numbers 7 to 9 must be followed in every case where they are relevant.

Trust Principles for staff

- 1) Do not come to work if you have coronavirus symptoms or go home as soon as these develop (informing your manager) <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection> and access a test as soon as possible <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>
- 2) Clean your hands more often than usual - with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly or use alcohol hand rub or sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered.
- 3) Use the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
- 4) Avoid touching your mouth, nose and eyes.
- 5) Clean frequently touched surfaces and resources often using standard products that will be provided. Cleaners are in place to routinely clean common areas throughout the day (e.g. toilets and corridors, classrooms will be cleaned at the end of each day.)
- 6) Think about ways to modify your teaching approach to keep a distance from children in your class as much as possible, particularly close face to face support (noting that it's understood that this is not possible at all times, which is why hygiene and hand cleaning is so important).
- 7) Maintain 1m social distancing in class for students where possible
- 8) Arrange your classroom to sit students in rows where possible, avoiding students sitting face to face.
- 9) Consider avoiding calling students to the front of the class or going to their desk to check on their work if not necessary.



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- 10) Help your class to follow the rules on hand cleaning, not touching their faces, 'catch it, bin it, kill it' etc. including by updating your classrooms displays with posters.
- 11) Prevent your class from sharing equipment and resources (eg, stationery).
- 12) Keep your classroom door and windows open if possible for air flow.
- 13) Limit the number of children from your class using the toilet by only allowing one out of class at any one time, in cases of medical need only, otherwise students should be encouraged to use the toilet at break and lunch.
- 14) Limit your contact with other staff members, and don't congregate in shared spaces, especially if they are small rooms.
- 15) Make sure you have read the school's updated risk assessment, behaviour policy addendum and know what role in it you are being asked to take.

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Ercall Wood Academy Specific Risk Assessment

Communication

Theme	Control Measures (What precautions are in place)	Additional Actions
Parents and Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to date guidance to be sent to families on protection from Covid 19 • Parents to receive a protocol for their child to follow, stating the expectations on students at all times during commute to and from school and during the school day. • Addendum added to the behavioural Policy in relation to following building management plans and First Aid policy, to be shared with staff • Full school rules to be reimplemented and expectations informed to parents and students via letter • Full school uniform to be worn • Parents to supply their child with antibacterial sanitiser if they wish to • All Students to follow the identified protocols, identified to them and their parents via academy communication. • Students to receive a briefing on their first day in school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documents to be sent out before end of the summer term and again prior to the start of term • Website will be updated if any of the plans have to change. • Protocol written by Mr Gummery.
Staff, Governors and LCT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reopening plan and LCT wide risk assessment shared with staff before end of summer term • Feedback given to Union representative or Staff governor • Plans taken to LCT board on 13th July • Plans shared with regional union representatives on 16th July • Any changes to plan shared with staff prior to the start of term • All staff to receive a “tool box talk” on Tuesday 1st September in small groups delivered by Mr Gummery in preparation for students return. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any updates to plan shared with staff over the summer holidays in preparation for the start of term

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Social Distancing - Minimise risk of parents/adults and Students coming into close contact with each other

Theme	Control Measures (What precautions are in place)	Additional Actions
Movement to and from school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students to be informed to walk to school if possible Take the necessary precautions and government advice given to those using public transport. If car drop off is required, drop off zone and top car park to be used only, parents are not to leave their vehicle Parents cannot enter the academy building (Phone contact only) Students to walk to school individually, or in small groups following government guidance. SLT to monitor extended school grounds to stop social gathering No parents or unauthorised adults to enter the building at any time. Parents to telephone with any queries or email 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SLT, KSL and SSMs – School entrance and back gate, corridors, tutor base areas Teachers – In classrooms to receive students Registers taken by staff on Bromcom system Parents and Students to observe social distancing guidelines when dropping off and collecting their children. Signs outside indicating to keep 2m distance
Entrance and exit into school	<p>Entrance School gates will be open 20 minutes before the start of the academy day. Parents should not drop student off before this time.</p> <p>8:50am start of form time (Students will be marked late after this time)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 – 8:50am start. Enter via the student entrance and be guided around the back by student leaders and staff to the year 7 waiting area. Year 11 – 8:50am start. Enter via the student entrance and wait on the basketball court area. <p>8:50am start of period 1 (Students will be marked late after this time)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 8, 9 & 10 – Meet on MUGA to the right-hand side of the academy. The day will start at 8:50am. Register to be taken every lesson and tutor period using the bromcom system, unless otherwise advised. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students / Parents to made aware of Entrance point via letter Antibacterial Gel stations at all Entrance points Staff teaching the students will be present in class on time to receive the students Hand sanitiser to be available at staff entrance and should be used on entrance and prior to exit

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students to use antibacterial dispenser when they enter the school and at end of day. <p>Exit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students dismissed year group at a time. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 bell (2:53pm) Year 7 - 2 bells (2:55pm) Year 8 - 3 bells (3:00pm) Year 9 - 4 bells (3:04pm) Year 10 - 5 bells (3:08pm) Year 11, if they are not in an intervention session 	
Staff Entrance & Exit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter and exit through normal staff entrance. Staff should maintain social distancing and avoid congregating in groups Staff are permitted to be in the building during the operating hours of 7:00am and 6:00pm Staff to use hand sanitiser on entering and leaving the building 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff to be reminded and encouraged to wash hands more frequently and follow general principals of infection control guidelines. Staff encouraged to not congregate in groups
Break Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A rolling break is in operation, students will be led down to the canteen and asked to sit on designated seats. Those wishing to purchase food will be asked to walk around to the back of the academy to queue up. Toilets on the bottom floor can be used at this time. The teacher will escort the students back to lesson. 	
Lunch Protocol	<p>Canteen protocols</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students are to walk around the back of the academy building and line up for lunch under the outdoor shelter. Those wishing to go straight outside can use the court areas. The field may be used depending on the weather. Students are in charge of their own litter. From a health & safety point, those leaving their own litter for others to clean up will be sanctioned. <p>Main Hall</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SLT, KSL, Student support managers and lunchtime supervisors cover lunch supervision. Consideration given to redeployment of some support staff to aid supervision if necessary. Staff escort year group to corridor then take own lunch break.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students are to line up for their food and then find a seat inside to eat.• Those wishing to go straight outside will be guided through the back of the hall.• This is a multi-use hall, so mess must be kept to a minimum.• Students are in charge of their own litter. From a health & safety point, those leaving their own litter for others to clean up will be sanctioned.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff return to classrooms to receive class returning from lunch
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Operations

Theme	Control Measures (What precautions are in place)	Additional Actions
Building organisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All internal doors (including classroom) will be left open to minimise the requirement to touch handles and school ventilation systems set to normal operating mode. • Routine cleaning will take place throughout the day for common touch points such as bannisters • A one-way system will be implemented in the main school corridors and stairs to prevent the year bubbles from crossing paths with each other, this will be indicated by signs and upheld by staff • Teacher area at the front of the class is clearly marked if required by staff • Desks are kept clear apart from resources required for the lesson • Staff member allocated to teach the class, where possible (this should be on most occasions) should be ready in the class with the door open • Students will walk straight into all classrooms for all lessons and sit where directed by staff • Students to wipe down any ICT equipment used • Staff should endeavour to maintain social distance (2M) between students and other staff • Use of staff rooms and other social areas should be kept to a minimum by staff, large gatherings of staff should be avoided 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleaning provisions in each classroom to disinfect resources if necessary, such as for keyboards • Spray bottles and disposable cloth and wipes available as necessary • Resources to be cleaned between use as required • Use classroom screens to display resources where possible • Once students are in the room, leave the door open to allow air flow and ventilation • Classrooms to be cleaned at the end of the day and more frequently at the discretion of staff and students if required
Classroom Organisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year bubbles will move around the school following the one-way system, if two different half-year groups are within a department, the leaving can be staggered to prevent mixing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom format to be choice of teacher but must support social distancing where possible and face forward • Catch it, bin it, kill it posters displayed

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All children will have a designated chair in a seating plan for each lesson, which will be spaced in accordance to government guidelines where possible and class size permits this. • Classrooms will be reorganised into agreed format by teacher, this should be in rows, avoiding close proximity face to face seating. • Teacher will have a marked safe zone for teacher at the front of the class, if requested. • Teachers are advised to teach from the front of the class and avoid prolonged close contact with students unless this is necessary to support any complex SEND needs, for these students their support should be provided as normal. • Students are required to bring their own stationary equipment. If a teacher must provide equipment the students are to keep it for future use. • Equipment either needs to be cleaned prior to another year bubble using it or left aside for 48 hours (72 hours for plastic and glass) • Science equipment must be meticulously cleaned before being used by a second year bubble. • School books can be taken home by staff and students, rules on hand washing should be initiated before and after use • Marking can take place in school or at home, hand hygiene should be maintained prior to and after marking, books do not need to be left for 48 hours prior to marking • If students bring a coat and bag, they must be kept on the back of their chair when not being worn. • There will be a supply of tissues in each classroom. Children will be encouraged to follow the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach. • There may be an additional risk of infection in environments where you or others are singing, chanting, playing wind or brass instruments or shouting. This applies even if individuals are at a distance. Consider physical distancing and playing outside wherever possible, limiting group sizes to no more than 15, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff and students are welcome to bring in personal supplies of antibacterial steriliser and wipes if they choose as an addition to the cleaning programme and resources in classrooms • Packs of wipes to be provided to departments who will routinely need to wipe down equipment
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	<p>positioning students back-to-back or side-to-side, avoiding sharing of instruments, and ensuring good ventilation. Singing, wind and brass playing should not take place in larger groups such as school choirs and ensembles, or school assemblies.</p>	
PE lessons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students should be kept in consistent groups • Sports equipment should be cleaned between use by different groups • Outdoor sports prioritised where appropriate or large indoor spaces where outdoor is not possible, maximising distance between students <p>Schools should refer to the following advice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • guidance on the phased return of sport and recreation and guidance from Sport England for grassroot sport • advice from organisations such as the Association for Physical Education and the Youth Sport Trust 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wipes to be provided to aid the cleaning of sports equipment
Bathroom facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students informed that they are to toilet at the start of the day and at break and lunch • Children should only use the toilet during lesson time if they have a medical toilet pass. • Students will follow the one-way system when accessing a toilet • Children must wash their hands after visiting the toilets • Toilet use will be monitored by SLT and student support managers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff and student toilets should be cleaned at least once during the day and at the end of the school day to reduce risk of contamination of surfaces.
Cleaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily meeting between operations manager and site staff • Cleaning programme agreed and signed off by Principal and operations manager with cleaning contractor • Use of toilets will be monitored by cleaning and staff • Taps and door in toilets will be cleaned at regular intervals throughout the day by the day-time cleaning team. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract cleaner onsite all morning, additional capacity added in afternoons • Lunchtime staff to clean canteen tables between each year group at break and lunch

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operations manager and site staff will check that each set of toilets have been cleaned and report accordingly if standards are not being met • All toilets are accessible to all year groups, there is no requirement to identify year group specific toilets • Toilets will receive a full clean through the day • Door handles and common touch points will be cleaned regularly during the day around the school • All classrooms/areas used will be cleaned thoroughly each evening • All classrooms will be provided with cleaning materials that can be used by staff and students in addition to the general cleaning cycle • Canteen area tables wiped down prior to each year group accessing the canteen area. 	
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Staff and Students responsibilities

Theme	Control Measures (What precautions are in place)	Additional Actions
Procedures and Policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Out of hours provision (breakfast and afterschool club) will not run for the first month, provision will be reviewed at this point. • All school policies, including the behaviour policy, will be in full operation. • Afterschool detentions will be held, maintaining social distancing • Withdrawal/isolation arrangements to be reimplemented • On call will be in operation 	
Hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff and students will wash their hands or use sanitiser on entry to the academy and all classrooms, and on a regular basis throughout the day, washing hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand sanitiser stations on all entrances to school • Soap and hot water available throughout the day

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will wash or sanitise their hands when they enter the building, when entering classrooms, when entering the canteen and at end of day. Students will wash their hands after using the toilet to ensure good hygiene. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hand washing to be encouraged by staff PHE Hand washing posters displayed
Face masks/ Coverings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff and students are encouraged to wear face mask during the transitions around the academy building. 	
Pupil Clothing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children will wear full uniform to school, it does not need to be washed any more than normal 	
Staff Clothing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As with students, there is no requirement for staff to wash their clothes more frequently than normal. The usual staff dress code will be reimplemented. Staff footwear should be appropriate for school use, no open toe flip flop or backless sandal type shoes. 	
PPE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personal Protective Equipment will be provided to staff who wish to wear it. PPE available includes Face visor for first aiders providing one to one supervision, face mask, disposable gloves, disposable aprons. It remains optional to all staff if they wear PPE but we advise staff returning to school who had previously been identified as clinically vulnerable to wear PPE, this includes new mothers returning from maternity leave. 	PPE to be collected daily from Student Services if required by staff

What happens if someone becomes unwell?

- If anyone becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough, a high temperature (hot to touch on the front or back) or a loss or change to the sense of smell or taste, in an education or childcare setting, they must be sent home and advised to follow the COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection guidance.
- If a child is unable to leave immediately and is awaiting collection, they should be moved to the main reception where they can be isolated in the Hygiene Room, with appropriate adult supervision with full PPE. The door will be left opened unless the student needs to use the toilet in there.
- The room will be cleaned and disinfected using standard cleaning products before being used by anyone else.
- Signage will be added to prevent use of the room until it has been cleaned.

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- Appropriate full PPE will be worn by first-aid staff caring for the child while they await collection.
- Medical room to be used as an additional first aid room to be used for non-Covid related illness/injury

What happens if there is a suspected or confirmed case of coronavirus in a setting?

Staff members and parents/carers must be ready and willing to:

- book a test if they are displaying symptoms. Staff and students must not come into the school if they have symptoms and must be sent home to self-isolate if they develop them in school. All children can be tested, including children under 5, but children aged 11 and under will need to be helped by their parents/carers if using a home testing kit
- provide details of anyone they have been in close contact with if they were to test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test and Trace
- self-isolate if they have been in close contact with someone who develops coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)

Anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) can and should get a test. Tests can be booked online through the NHS testing and tracing for coronavirus website or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet. Essential workers, which includes anyone involved in education or childcare, have priority access to testing.

All schools will be provided with a small number of home testing kits that they can give directly to parents/carers collecting a child who has developed symptoms at school, or staff who have developed symptoms at school, where they think providing one will significantly increase the likelihood of them getting tested. Advice will be provided alongside these kits.

Schools should ask parents and staff to inform them immediately of the results of a test:

- if someone tests negative, if they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating. They could still have another virus, such as a cold or flu – in which case it is still best to avoid contact with other people until they are better. Other members of their household can stop self-isolating.
- if someone tests positive, they should follow the ‘stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection’ and must continue to self-isolate for at least 7 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has

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gone. The 7-day period starts from the day when they first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days.

Manage confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community

School will contact the local health protection team, as soon as there is a confirmed positive test result. 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.

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.

The health protection team will work with the school to guide us through the actions we need to take. Based on the advice from the health protection team, we will send home those people who have been in close contact with the person who has tested positive, advising them to self-isolate for 14 days since they were last in close contact with that person when they were infectious. Close contact means:

- direct close contacts - face to face contact with an infected individual for any length of time, within 1 metre, including being coughed on, a face to face conversation, or unprotected physical contact (skin-to-skin)
- proximity contacts - extended close contact (within 1 to 2 metres for more than 15 minutes) with an infected individual
- travelling in a small vehicle, like a car, with an infected person

The health protection team will provide definitive advice on who must be sent home. Staff must keep a record of students in each group, by taking the Bromcom register for each lesson, and record any close contact that takes places between children and staff in different groups, for example if in nurture provision or the ISR.

A letter will be provided to schools, on the advice of the health protection team, to send to parents and staff if needed. We must not share the names or details of people with coronavirus (COVID-19) unless essential to protect others.

Household members of those contacts who are sent home do not need to self-isolate themselves unless the child, young person or staff member who is self-isolating subsequently develops symptoms. If someone in a class or group that has been asked to self-isolate develops symptoms themselves within

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their 14-day isolation period they should follow ‘stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection’. They should get a test, and:

- if the test delivers a negative result, they must remain in isolation for the remainder of the 14-day isolation period. This is because they could still develop the coronavirus (COVID-19) within the remaining days.
- if the test result is positive, they should inform school immediately, and must isolate for at least 7 days from the onset of their symptoms. Their household should self-isolate for at least 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.

We are not allowed to request evidence of negative test results or other medical evidence before admitting children or welcoming them back after a period of self-isolation.

Containing an outbreak

If we have two or more confirmed cases within 14 days, or an overall rise in sickness absence where coronavirus (COVID-19) is suspected, we may have an outbreak, and will continue to work with our local health protection team to seek advice if additional action is required.

We may be advised that a larger number of other students self-isolate at home as a precautionary measure – this could be the whole site or additional year groups.

In consultation with the local Director of Public Health, where an outbreak in a school is confirmed, a mobile testing unit may be dispatched to test others who may have been in contact with the person who has tested positive. Testing will first focus on the person’s class, followed by their year group, then the whole school if necessary, in line with routine public health outbreak control practice.

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