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Trust Approach to Covid-Sept 2021 onwards.

This document encapsulates a range of previous documents and advice, plus, our own approach to ongoing issues with Covid 19.

Therefore, included in the above is new DFE Guidance, and ongoing statistical data.

[Schools COVID-19 operational guidance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/schools-covid-19-operational-guidance)

[Contact Tracing from Step 4 Onwards - Google Drive](#)

NB-YOU MUST BE AWARE OF AND FOLLOW YOUR SCHOOLS RISK ASSESSMENT

General practice:

Covid is still with us and is not going away! Yet we have entered Stage 4 of the Governments return to normality. The DFE/Government want to maximise the face-to-face aspect of educational provision and I would not disagree with this. This makes life challenging within schools, so you are asked to follow the guidelines below until further notice:

- Continue to Lateral Flow Test twice per week and report as appropriate
- When you enter School, follow the protocols advised which include washing hands/applying sanitizer etc. every day and frequently during the day
- Keep space where you can. At present 1m is advised where possible
- Do not come into work if you have the traditional Covid symptoms or those less well known. Test yourself first and then attend if your test is negative.
- Face masks are not compulsory but any member of staff can elect to wear one at any point if they wish to.
- Maintain one way system that helps flow of traffic in regards to pupils and staff
- Minimise numbers if staff in small areas such as offices or staff rooms to help reduce the potential spread
- Where possible allocate staff/pupils to specific toilets
- Where possible keep windows/doors etc open to assist with ventilation.
- Continued emphasis on cleaning as before

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New areas of change/adjustment as part of Stage 4:

- Advice from the DFE states: SEND settings should follow the guidance for Special schools and other specialist settings: coronavirus (COVID-19). In line with other settings, from 16 August you are no longer required to self-isolate if identified as a close contact of a positive case of covid-19. You should take a PCR test as soon as possible and there is no requirement to self-isolate whilst awaiting results. Based on the level of risk and known vulnerabilities of students and staff within the setting, you may wish to take additional precautions whilst awaiting test results such as wearing a face covering. You should also continue to regularly engage with LFD testing programmes where available. (Taken directly from the DFE)
HOWEVER, PLEASE SEE ADJUSTED APPROACH FOR LARWOOD ACADEMY TRUST BELOW
- If a child or colleague tests positive, and you are identified as a close contact, you will not need to self-isolate, unless you test positive yourself having arranged a PCR test. However, The Trust are working differently to this guidance in that if you are identified as a close contact, we will ask you to stay away from work until the result of your PCR test is know. We do not want to unknowingly allow extra spreading of the virus between case outbreak and conformation of test result for anyone classed as a close contact.
- Schools are no longer responsible for contact tracing
- Bubbles have been burst! That being the DFE have abolished them. In practice many schools will continue to have some form of grouping restraint-just in case.

We will monitor the situation closely as the term progresses. Our approach will be guided by the various sources of information in relation to the ongoing pandemic. I suspect there are still 'bumps in the road' ahead with this as winter comes into play. Yet, I do agree with the approach that we need to move on and adapt where it is possible to do so.

As always, if you have personal concerns, questions of changing circumstances in relation this, then please speak to your line manager or a member of SLT.

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