



Making School Safer:
Actions Taken to Reduce the Risk of Infection from Covid - 19
September 2023

Whilst we can offer no guarantees regarding the safety of the site in relation to exposure to COVID-19, the following actions have been taken in response to UKHSA guidance in order to reduce the risk of transmission, with a particular emphasis on enhanced hygiene practices. These actions will be reviewed as Government guidance is updated. The full response to the guidance can be found here - <https://frankwise.oxon.sch.uk/professionals/policies-statements-and-reports/>

- Hand soap and hand sanitiser has been placed in every classroom and at other key locations such as reception
- Pupils will be instructed to wash hands at key routine periods and in response to pupil specific need, such as having coughed into their hand
- Tissues will be located in all classrooms and other key locations. Closed lid pedal bins to be emptied daily as minimum, but more frequently if there are high levels of use
- Anti-bacterial sprays and wipes will be located in all classrooms and key locations for frequent use
- All classrooms and in use areas will be cleaned daily by contract cleaners
- Signage has been installed at key locations within the school to emphasise the importance of enhanced hygiene
- CO2 monitors are in use and ventilation is actively monitored. Heaters have been bought to support the maintenance of a comfortable temperature
- HEPA filters have been located in all classrooms and rooms with no suitable ventilation
- External entrances will be used where possible, to reduce the volume of people entering and exiting the main entrance
- Staff will use routine Personal Protective Equipment as usual. Where appropriate, this will be supplemented by single use Fluid Resistant face masks and/or visors where necessary, for feeding (e.g. tube feeding), medical procedures, personal care or behavioural support that requires sustained close contact or involves pupils with poor saliva control or who may spit
- Shared teaching spaces will be cleaned and ventilated between uses by different classes
- Outside equipment will be wiped or sprayed with anti-bacterial spray prior to use and between use by more than one child whenever practicable to do so

- When children are collected from and returned to the buses, congestion will be actively managed in order to reduce the risk of close contact between pupils and masks will be worn by those who wish to do so.

Management of someone who develops an infection

If a child develops symptoms consistent with COVID-19, have a high temperature, or appear to be too unwell to be in school, then they will be moved away from the class group until a parent or carer can come and collect them and should not be sent home on transport. During this time staff will wear a face mask, gloves and a disposable apron. A pupil's temperature will only be taken if there is good reason to do so, such as the child appearing to be hot or clammy or generally unwell.

The child should remain off school until they no longer have a temperature that needs to be controlled by medication, and they feel well enough to be in school.

If they test positive for COVID-19 they will need to remain off school for a minimum of **three** days and until they no longer have a temperature that needs to be controlled by medication, and they feel well enough to be in school.

If an adult tests positive for COVID-19 they will need to remain off school for a minimum of **five** days and until they no longer have a temperature that needs to be controlled by medication, and they feel well enough to be in school.

Where there are children who have been identified by their families or by clinicians as being at high risk of becoming seriously unwell, are likely to be in contact with children or adults returning at three days or five days, we will discuss this with the family to agree what is in the best interests of their child.