

Return to school: Covid 19 update

As you will be aware the situation in relation to Covid 19 in educational settings will continue to change. We all work to the guidance provided to reduce the risk of Covid case transmission within school. Please read the information below which is provided as a brief summary as of 25th August 2021.

When in school:

- All students who have consented will complete two return-to-school LFD tests by the end of their first full week of school. This has been carefully organised to minimise disruption and be completed as efficiently as possible. Following this students will test themselves twice a week at home until the end of September (when this will be reviewed). Those who test positive should isolate, take a confirmatory PCR test and continue to isolate if the result is positive. Test kits will be provided to students.
- Students and staff will still have the option to wear a mask in/around the school building (however this is not mandatory)
- Students and staff will be expected to regularly sanitize their hands. The expectation remains that students will have with them a small bottle of personal use hand sanitizer. Staff will remind students to sanitize their hands regularly when in school.
- We will continue to prioritise good hygiene for everyone, maintaining appropriate cleaning regimes, keeping occupied spaces well ventilated, and following public health advice on testing and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

Your son/daughter will NOT need to isolate if they are a close contact of a positive case but will be advised to order a PCR test and if positive will need to isolate. Please ensure that:

- If your son/daughter (our student) tests positive for Covid 19 they should not attend school and we should be notified immediately (covid-19@durring.com). This will allow us to maintain a record of the number of active cases in school.
- Self-isolate straight away and get a PCR test as soon as possible if you have any of these 3 symptoms of COVID-19, even if they are mild and notify us immediately (studentservices@durring.com):
 - a high temperature
 - a new, continuous cough
 - a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

Please be aware that the above guidance/expectations (including the wearing of face masks) could change at any point and we will be advised by Public Health England in the event of an increase in cases to their published thresholds.

Thank you in advance for reading this and continuing to support the school in our approach to managing Covid 19.

Correct as of 25.8.21
(please be reminded that all Covid-related plans are subject to change)