

Update: Public health advice to minimise risk		
Theme	Guidance	ACTIONS
a requirement that people who are ill stay at home	Ensuring that students and staff do not come into school if they have COVID-19 symptoms - high temperature, a new, continuous cough and a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste; or have tested positive in the last 10 days. Ensuring that anyone developing these symptoms during the school day is sent home. We need to ensure we follow this process and ensure all staff, parents/ carers and students are aware of it.	Ongoing reminders to staff and parents.
response to positive cases	Positive students and staff will isolate for the next 10 full days from when their symptoms started. They can return to school following this if they are well and do not have a high temperature.	Parents can inform us of positive students using covid-19@durring.com and staff will report using absence procedures. Work will be available on Google classroom for students and companies can support in accessing this.
response to contact with a positive case	<p>We were notified on the 13th December of an update in relation to Covid-19 testing for identified close contacts. The expectation now (from the DFE and wider government) is that, if notified by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact, all pupils and double vaccinated staff should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Take an LFD each day for 7 days and report the results through the Online Reporting System ONLINE REPORTING and to school on covid-19@durring.com · If they test negative, they can continue to attend school. · If they test positive, they should self-isolate and order a PCR test to confirm the result. If the PCR is positive, they must self-isolate for 10 days. If the PCR test is negative, they no longer need to self-isolate but should continue to carry out the remainder of the daily tests, and only need to isolate if it is positive. · Outside of school, they should continue to follow the advice set out in the Sunday 12 December press release PRESS RELEASE · Any adults who are not vaccinated, must isolate in line with government guidelines if they are a close contact of a positive case. · This approach will also be adopted over the winter break and on return in January. 	Updated guidance from 14th December. Letter to staff and parents.
robust hand hygiene	Ensure that students clean their hands regularly with soap and running water or hand sanitiser when they arrive at school, when they return from breaks, when they change rooms and before and after eating.	Reinstate duty staff at sanitising stations at the end of break time.

use of face coverings for students and staff	<p>Upon advice from our Director of Public Health (West Sussex): Face-coverings should be worn by adults and pupils at all times in non-classroom settings within the building. This includes when moving around the premises (corridors, communal areas, e.g. canteens and toilets, where social distancing cannot easily be maintained. Face-coverings do not need to be worn by pupils when outdoors on the premises. Transparent face-coverings, which may assist communication with someone who relies on lip reading, clear sound or facial expression to communicate, can also be worn. Those who rely on visual signals for communication, or communicate with or provide support to such individuals, are currently exempt from any requirement to wear face-coverings in schools or in public places.</p> <p>Face visors or shields should not be worn as an alternative to face-coverings. Some individuals are exempt from wearing face-coverings. This applies to those who: • cannot put on, wear or remove a face-covering because of a physical impairment or disability, illness or mental health difficulties; • speak to or provide help to someone who relies on lip reading, clear sound or facial expression to communicate. We will have a small contingency supply available for people who: • are struggling to access a face-covering; • are unable to use their face-covering as it has become damp, soiled or unsafe; • have forgotten their face-covering. No pupil will be denied education on the grounds that they are not wearing a face-covering.</p>	This is reinstated as a recommendation from 25th November and will become mandatory from 29th November until the end of term and then reviewed.
robust respiratory hygiene	Ensure enough tissues and bins available in the school to support students and staff to follow the "catch it, bin it, Kill it" approach. Face coverings can be worn by both staff and students.	When it is appropriate to do so following advice from Public Health we will return to recommending the use of face coverings in communal areas if cases should rise above 100 in our community or if advised by PHE. We will continue to ask all students attending the medical room to wear a face covering.
always keeping occupied spaces well ventilated.	Increased ventilation levels in classrooms in school without compromising thermal comfort.	We will ask all staff to have at least one window open in their teaching base. We have CO2 monitors which we are using in classrooms to raise awareness of staff about how much ventilation is required. Students will be encouraged to go outside at breaks when conditions are favourable. Assemblies will only happen in a year group if cases remain at a low level and not until the spring term (updated 24th November 2021).
enhanced cleaning arrangements	We have in place a cleaning schedule that ensures cleaning is generally enhanced and includes: more frequent cleaning of rooms/ shared area that are used by different groups; frequently touched surfaces being cleaned more than normal. We will follow up to date guidance from Public Health England for cleaning non-healthcare settings.	Enhanced cleaning is ongoing.
NHS test and trace/ PHE	We will engage with NHS Test and Trace as necessary and Public Health England health protection team. We will ensure that staff, parents/carers understand that they will need to be ready and willing to: book a test if they are displaying symptoms; provide details of anyone they have been in close contact with if they were to test positive for coronavirus or someone who tests positive.	We will call PHE when we reach 5 or more students in a company tutor group or teaching class. We will contact parents of children in this group and inform them if this threshold is reached and advise to take a LFT for 5 days and order a postal PCR. We will also do this with the class teachers.

LFT Testing - Students	Lateral flow testing (students) - students will be offered home testing. LFT kits will be given to students and will include enough tests for two weekly tests. We have asked for results to be communicated to us, in the event of a positive test we will follow the actions set out in this risk assessment. Upon a positive LFT test the student will need to isolate until a PCR test result. A negative PCR over-rules the LFT result and the student can return to school.	The medical room will offer lateral flow testing to students with symptoms if we have parental consent and we will confirm with a telephone call. In the event of more than 5 students in a form or group testing positive then we will ask all members of the group to order a postal PCR and take a LFT for 5 days. Update December: on return to school in January - all students will be tested on site.
LFT Testing - Staff	Lateral flow testing (staff) - staff will be offered home testing. LFT kits will be given to staff and will include enough tests for two weekly tests. Results will be communicated to us, in the event of a positive test we will follow the actions set out in this risk assessment. Upon a positive LFT test the staff member will need to isolate until a PCR test result. A negative PCR over-rules the LFT result and the staff member can return to school.	In the event of more than 5 students in a form or group testing positive then we will ask their teachers and TAs to order a postal PCR and take a LFT for 5 days.