



Schools COVID-19 operational guidance

From Step 4 (currently July 19 onwards)

This is a summary of [this document](#). Hampstead School will maintain all existing control measures until Friday 23 July.



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Mixing and bubbles

- **It will no longer be recommended that children are kept in consistent ‘bubbles’**
- **Students in different bubbles will be able to share facilities and resources**
- **Staggered starts and ends to the day can cease**
- **Assemblies can take place as normal**
- **Access to dining facilities can return to normal**



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Tracing and contacts

- **Schools will not be expected to undertake any contact tracing**
- **NHS Track and Trace will work with the positive case to identify close contacts**
- **Schools will only be asked to support in exceptional cases**
- **From 16 August, children under 18 will not be required to self isolate if identified as a close contact**
- **Instead, they will be advised to take a PCR test**



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Face coverings

- **Face coverings will not be advised for pupils, staff or visitors in classrooms or communal areas**
- **They will not be recommended on transport to school or college**

Schools will need to maintain an ‘Outbreak Plan’. In these circumstances, the school will work with the local public health team to introduce the appropriate control measures.

‘Measures in schools should only be considered as a last resort’.



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Control measures

- **Ensure good hygiene for everyone**
 - **Hand hygiene (hand sanitising to continue)**
 - **Respiratory hygiene ('catch it, kill it, bin it')**
 - **Use of PPE in very specific circumstances**

- **Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes**

- **Keep occupied spaces well ventilated**

- **Follow public health advice on testing, self isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19**



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Asymptomatic testing

- **All secondary school pupils should receive two on-site lateral flow device tests, 3 to 5 days apart, on their return in the autumn term**
- **Pupils should then continue to test twice weekly at home until the end of September**
- **Staff should undertake twice-weekly testing at home until the end of September**
- **Anyone who receives a positive LFD result should self-isolate in line with guidance and access a free PCR test**



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Remote education

- **Schools should maintain their capacity to deliver high quality remote education for the next academic year**

Ofsted

- **Ofsted will return to a full programme of routine inspections from September 2021 and will aim to inspect every state-funded school within the next five academic years.**
- **This will mean an extension of up to six terms in the inspection interval for schools.**