

Risk Assessment – updated guidance

6 January 2021

In addition to your current controls add the following for **Secondary schools**:

:No	Hazard	Those at risk	Current control	Risk rating
1	Spreading Covid-19	All	Due to high levels of community transmission staff and pupils will wear face coverings at all times, apart from when eating meals and drinking. Staff and pupils have been shown how to don and doff face coverings correctly and the limitations of their protection.	Low
			Lateral Flow Testing for Covid-19 will be undertaken for staff on a weekly basis Lateral Flow Testing will be undertaken for pupils twice, where the tests are between 3 and 5 days apart on their return to school The government guidance and Standard Operating Procedure is being followed and a separate risk assessment has been developed for this activity. The daily testing of pupils will not be undertaken due to the levels of community transmission and following advice from the Public Health team	Low

In addition to your current controls add the following for **Primary schools**:

:No	Hazard	Those at risk	Current control	Risk rating
1	Spreading Covid-19	All	Due to high levels of community transmission staff will wear face coverings at all times, apart from when eating meals and drinking. Staff and pupils have been shown how to don and doff face coverings correctly and the limitations of their protection.	Low

In addition to your current controls add the following for **Special schools**:

:No	Hazard	Those at risk	Current control	Risk rating
1	Spreading Covid-19	All	Due to high levels of community transmission staff and, where reasonably practicable, pupils will wear face coverings at all times, apart from when eating meals and drinking.	Low

			Staff and, where practicable, pupils have been shown how to don and doff face coverings correctly and the limitations of their protection.	
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Please note the following summary guidance on effective wearing of face coverings:

- Face coverings are for the protection of those around the wearer, as they help to reduce the aerosol spread caused during breathing and speaking. Where they are close fitting, they may also provide a limited protection benefit to the wearer (this has yet to be proven).
- Staff and pupils will need to have at least two face coverings each day at school, as they may only be worn once. Once taken off the face covering must be stored in a plastic bag that is separate from the clean face coverings
- Hands must immediately be sanitised before putting on and after taking off a face covering
- A face covering is only effective if it covers all the breathing zone, e.g. the nose and mouth
- Only touch the straps of the face covering
- Hand sanitisation and Social distancing controls must remain in place at all times, as they are more effective at preventing spread of the virus than the controls of wearing a face covering

For more guidance on wearing face coverings see the face covering guidance.