

Tattenhall Park Primary School COVID-19 operational guidance
September 2021 (following 17/8/21 guidance)

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>DFE Guidance</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Tattenhall Park Primary School Operational Plans</u></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Tracing Close Contacts</u></p> <p>Key changes from 19th July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools, colleges and EY settings will no longer carry out routine contact tracing. • Close contacts will be identified and contacted by NHS Test and Trace • Schools, colleges and EY settings will not routinely be contacted to provide details of close contacts. They may be contacted in exceptional cases. • Symptomatic individuals, and those who record a positive test, will still need to isolate in line with current guidance. <p>This means, if there is a positive case within school or, we no longer need to isolate the whole bubble or other identified contacts as we have been doing up to now. Individuals will be contacted by test and trace if they need to isolate and they must follow this advice.</p> <p>Key changes from 16th August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close contacts who are fully vaccinated or under 18 years old will not need to self-isolate. • All close contacts will be advised to take a PCR test. • If that PCR test result is positive, the individual must isolate and NHS Test and Trace will then work with them to identify any of their own close contacts who will follow the same procedure. <p>What is not changing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anyone who has symptoms must isolate and take a PCR test • Individuals who return a positive LFT result will need to self-isolate immediately and order a confirmatory PCR test. • Household contacts must still isolate with the individual who has tested positive – this is now confirmed information. • Self-isolate and household isolate remains as 10 days 	<p>There will be two risk assessments on the website:</p> <p>The Covid 2021 risk assessment entitled September 2021/Step 4 Arrangements and the ‘which will become and be titled our ‘Outbreak Management Plan’- this will use the measures under which we operated last year to control the risk of the virus spreading.</p> <p>If advised to reintroduce measures by Public Health England (PHE), Outbreak management Plan will be implemented, parents will be notified via text and email that we are stepping up to enhanced measures, moving from the 2021 risk until the school is told to step down by PHE.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Face Coverings</u></p> <p>Face coverings from Step 4: face coverings will no longer be advised for pupils, staff and visitors either in classrooms or in communal areas.</p> <p>The government has removed the legal requirement to wear masks but recommends and expects face coverings to be worn in crowded places (the school gate would be an example of this) and on public transport, including school transport.</p>	<p>Parents are not expected to wear masks on site, nor staff/visitors in corridors or communal areas. However, people are most welcome to wear one should they wish to. They are advised by the government in crowded places.</p> <p>In the event of an outbreak, and if directed to by Public Health England, staff and parents would be expected to wear masks on site (see outbreak management plan).</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Bubbles</u></p> <p>Pupils will no longer be in Bubbles from the commencement of Step 4 and will mix at play, lunch and in the dinner hall. However, wherever possible, staff will stay with their named year group and not move between these.</p>	<p>Our outbreak management plan will specify the use of bubbles in the event of an outbreak.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Stepping measures up and down</u></p> <p>If we have several confirmed cases within 14 days, the school may have an outbreak. Schools should call the dedicated advice service who will escalate the issue to your local health protection team where necessary and advise if any additional action is required, such as implementing elements of your outbreak management plan.</p> <p>Schools can reach them by calling the DfE helpline on 0800 046 8687 and selecting option 1 for advice on the action to take in response to a positive case.</p>	<p>See School Outbreak Management Plan</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Control measures</u></p> <p>You should:</p> <p>1. Ensure good hand hygiene for everyone. Frequent and thorough hand cleaning should now be regular practice. You should continue to ensure that pupils clean their hands regularly. This can be done with soap and water or hand sanitiser.</p>	<p>1. During the day, a member of staff in each year should wipe high frequency touch surfaces e.g. door handles in their work areas with an anti-spray and paper roll.</p>

<p>2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes. 3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated. 4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.</p> <p>Pupils, staff and other adults should follow public health advice on when to self-isolate and what to do. They should not come into school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test result or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19 (for example, they are required to quarantine). If anyone in your school develops COVID-19 symptoms, however mild, schools should send them home and they should follow public health advice.</p> <p>For everyone with symptoms, they should avoid using public transport and, wherever possible, be collected by a member of their family or household. If a pupil is awaiting collection, they should be left in a room on their own if possible and safe to do so. A window should be opened for fresh air ventilation if possible.</p> <p>Appropriate PPE should also be used if close contact is necessary, further information on this can be found in the use of PPE in education, childcare and children’s social care settings guidance. Any rooms they use should be cleaned after they have left.</p> <p>The household (including any siblings) should follow the PHE stay at home guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Pupils and staff will continue with frequent hand washing and use of hand sanitiser. Hand sanitizer will be continued to be provided. 3. Lidded bins for used tissues will be in place in all school areas and will be emptied daily. 4. Areas will be continued to be well ventilated. 5. Quarantine room will still be in place at the front of school.
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>First Aid</u></p> <p>Each year group has a first aid kit. If a pupil needs any medication – including Piriton, they will receive this in the school office. All other first aid will be delivered in the classroom.</p> <p>Epi pens – Epi pens are stored in the classrooms where children require them. They are also stored in the office. Diabetes management- to be agreed with the pupil and parent at a discrete location as near to the classroom as possible. Asthma inhalers- these are stored in the child’s classroom in a plastic box.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Asymptomatic Testing</u></p> <p>Staff should undertake twice weekly home tests only if they are coming on site until the end of September, when this will also be reviewed.</p> <p>There is no need for primary age pupils (those in year 6 and below) to test over the summer period.</p>	<p>School will not provide staff with testing kits, as they are not expected to test over the summer (unless coming onto site). Staff wishing to continue to test can obtain packs from their local pharmacy or ordered online. Packs are available to commence testing in the 10 days prior to returning to school.</p>

Confirmatory PCR tests

Staff and pupils with a positive LFD test result should self-isolate in line with the stay at home guidance. They will also need to get a free PCR test to check if they have COVID-19.

Whilst awaiting the PCR result, the individual should continue to self-isolate. **If the PCR test is taken within 2 days of the positive lateral flow test, and is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD test and the pupil can return to school, as long as the individual doesn't have COVID-19 symptoms.**

Clinically vulnerable children and adults

All CEV children and young people should attend their education setting unless they are one of the very small number of children and young people under paediatric or other specialist care who have been advised by their GP or clinician not to attend.

Clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) people are no longer advised to shield but may wish to take extra precautions to protect themselves, and to follow the practical steps set out in the CEV guidance to minimise their risk of exposure to the virus. Staff in schools who are CEV should currently attend their place of work if they cannot work from home. DHSC will publish updated guidance before Step 4.

Admitting children into school

In most cases, parents and carers will agree that a pupil with symptoms should not attend the school, given the potential risk to others. If a parent or carer insists on a pupil attending your school, you can take the decision to refuse the pupil if, in your reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with COVID-19. Your decision would need to be carefully considered in light of all the circumstances and current public health advice.

There are no longer staggered starts. School times will revert to normal

YR- Y6

Doors open 8.45am

Registration 9.00am

Pick up 3.15pm

Squirrels Nursery

8.45-11.45 – morning session

11-45-12.30- lunch

12.30-2.45 or 3.30- afternoon depending on funded hours

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Attendance</u></p> <p>School attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age and it is priority to ensure that as many children as possible regularly attend school. Parents travelling abroad should bear in mind the impact on their child's education which may result from any requirement to quarantine or isolate upon return.</p>	<p>Taking of term time holiday is actively discouraged. Please refer to attendance policy.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Pupil wellbeing and support</u></p> <p>Some pupils may be experiencing a variety of emotions in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, such as anxiety, stress or low mood.</p>	<p>We will screen all pupils on return to school and identify those who need additional support. This may be provided via PSHE, group intervention or 1-1 as is appropriate. Sometime children may require a more informal approach of “checking-in”. Staff and parents will be signposted to CWAC https://westcheshirechildrenstrust.co.uk/our-way-of-working/recovery-model/ Which offers useful advice on a range of problems.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Remote Education</u></p> <p>Tattenhall Park Primary will continue to deliver high quality remote education for next academic year, including for pupils who are abroad, and facing challenges to return due to COVID-19 travel restrictions, for the period they are abroad. The remote education provided will be equivalent in length to the core teaching pupils would receive in school. School will work collaboratively with parents to put in place reasonable adjustments so that pupils with special educational needs can successfully access remote education.</p>	<p>Please refer to the school's Remote Learning Policy.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Educational Visits</u></p> <p>Given the likely gap in COVID-19 related cancellation insurance, if you are considering booking a new visit, whether domestic or international, you are advised to ensure that any new bookings have adequate financial protection in place. You should undertake full and thorough risk assessments in relation to all educational visits and ensure that any public health advice, such as hygiene and ventilation requirements, is included as part of that risk assessment. General guidance about educational visits is available and is supported by specialist advice from the Outdoor Education Advisory Panel (OEAP).</p>	<p><u>When booking future educational trips, the school will ensure the review will include a check on whether financial protection is adequate.</u> <u>The risk assessments and review of outside providers will also include:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Hygiene</u> - <u>Ventilation</u> - <u>Outbreak procedures</u>

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>School meals</u></p> <p>The school will continue to provide free school meal support to any pupils who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals and who are learning at home during term time.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>School Workforce</u></p> <p>School leaders are best placed to determine the workforce required to meet the needs of their pupils.</p> <p>Clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) people are advised, as a minimum, to follow the same guidance as everyone else. It is important that everyone adheres to this guidance, but CEV people may wish to think particularly carefully about the additional precautions they can continue to take. Further information can be found in the guidance on protecting people who are CEV from COVID-19.</p> <p>Social distancing measures have now ended in the workplace and it is no longer necessary for the government to instruct people to work from home. Employers should be able to explain the measures they have in place to keep CEV staff safe at work. The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has published guidance on protecting vulnerable workers, including advice for employers and employees on how to talk about reducing risks in the workplace.</p> <p>We welcome your support in encouraging vaccine take up and enabling staff who are eligible for a vaccination to attend booked vaccine appointments where possible even during term time.</p>	<p>School will continue to promote the vaccination programme and encourage and support all staff to attend appointments.</p> <p>Staff who feel they are particularly vulnerable and have concerns at this time, should come to speak to the senior leadership team.</p> <p>Should staff choose to wear face masks, this will be supported by school. Wearing a face mask in a busy place will be encouraged (this would include gate duty for example).</p> <p>Staff are encouraged to keep the classroom/ work spaces well ventilated and ensure there is an exchange of stale air when the classroom is not in use (opening outside doors, for example).</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Uniform</u></p> <p>Pupils will continue to have an indoor and outdoor PE day each week and, on those days, pupils must ensure there is an appropriate PE kit available.</p> <p>Please ensure children have warm clothes to add layers for outside PE lessons: e.g. t-shirt, hoodie, leggings/ jogger bottoms or similar.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wraparound care</u></p> <p>Out-of-school settings and wraparound childcare providers can offer provision to all children, without restriction on the reasons for which they may attend.</p> <p>We are no longer recommending that it is necessary to keep children in consistent groups ('bubbles'). This means that bubbles will not need to be used for any summer provision or from the autumn term.</p>	<p>We will recommence our wraparound care in the joint school and community space. The contingency plans will be as they were previously last academic year-moving to phase bubbles if the need arises. Other school contingency measures will also be adopted.</p>

<p>You should make sure your contingency plans (outbreak management plans) cover the possibility that in some local areas it may become necessary to reintroduce 'bubbles' for a temporary period, to reduce mixing between groups.</p>	
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