

## SCHOOL RISK ASSESSMENT – COVID-19

### UPDATES AND CHANGES

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Section	Question or Issue	Amendment Made
1.0	What is PHE NW response and guidance?	Link to Version 7.0 of PHE North West Resource Pack for Schools embedded in the risk assessment: <a href="#">PHE NW Resource pack for Schools Version 7.0</a>
1.3	When can a child or member of staff return after being positive?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the test result from a PCR test is positive, the member of staff or pupil will remain in self-isolation for 10 days starting from the onset of symptoms or date of the test if asymptomatic. The staff member or pupil can return to school on the 11<sup>th</sup> day, if they are well enough to do so.</li> </ul>
1.4	Should the school ask parents of close contacts to book a PCR?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The school will inform parents of pupils in the class with a confirmed positive case <b>and advise them to book for a PCR test</b>. The school will also inform staff members who have been close contacts and advise them to book a PCR test. However, there will be no direction to self-isolate unless symptoms are present.</li> </ul>
1.5	How will the school respond, in an appropriate manner, to an increase in positive cases within a phase?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The school will discuss the outbreak with Lancashire Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures for 10 school days, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Re-introducing mandatory staff face masks for corridors and communal areas (or where there is close proximity of people which includes parents entering/leaving the school grounds).</li> <li>Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor events, trips, performances.</li> <li>Re-introduce virtual Collective Worship.</li> <li><b>Reducing indoor mixing across phases/classes.</b></li> <li><b>Temporarily halt clubs/buddy system if they mix phases.</b></li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Depending on the potential rate of transmission, the above measures will be tiered to allow for a staggered response. Therefore, an initial response will include the SLT checking ventilation measures, cleaning regime, LFT testing and hand hygiene measures and introducing restrictions on mixing across phases and adapting school routines. If cases continue to rise, a second wave of measures, including posting events, clubs etc. will be introduced.</b></li> <li><b>The SLT will consult with Lancashire COVID response team to confirm that appropriate measures are put in place that help to reduce the risk of transmission without impacting negatively on pupils' education.</b></li> <li><b>The measures will be reviewed daily, with a final review at the end of a 10 school day period. If it is deemed that the measures have been successful, the restrictions will be lifted to the 'limited restrictions' level, including ventilation, hand hygiene, cleaning regime etc.</b></li> </ul>