

Covid Update for Schools post 16th August 2021.

- No longer any bubbles, so assemblies and lunchtimes resume all together.
- Contact tracing now not by school, but only by NHS track and trace.
- Individual NOT required to isolate if they live with someone who is positive or are a close contact AS LONG AS they are fully vaccinated or under 18 years old.
- Anyone advised they are a close contact recommended to get a PCR test within 2 days.
- Staff and pupils should ATTEND SCHOOL if advised they are a close contact and waiting for a PCR test result, but avoid public transport.
- If school experiences a large number of positive cases a director of public education might advise a setting to reintroduce some control measures.
- The school has a contingency plan (outbreak management plan) if advised to take extra measures.
- Face coverings no longer advised in schools for anyone.
- Good hygiene, cleaning regimes and keeping areas well ventilated remain in place: Frequent handwashing and sanitizing remain good practice. Frequently touched surfaces should be frequently cleaned – eg toys Poorly ventilated spaces need to be well ventilated.
- Staff or pupils should not come into school if they have symptoms or a positive test and should still isolate for 10 days.
- Staff should continue twice weekly LFD device testing until at least the end of September.
- Pupils developing symptoms in school should be isolated and sent home.
- All children are required to attend school unless isolating, as above.
- All social distancing measures have ended in the workplace.
- Wraparound care is no longer in bubbles.
- Please phone or email the office as an initial contact please.