



## **MOORFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL – COVID 19 OPERATIONAL GUIDANCE – SEPT 2021**

While the country is in Step 4 of the roadmap, the Government will continue to manage the risk of serious illness from the spread of the virus. This marks a new phase in the government's response to the pandemic, moving away from stringent restrictions on everyone's day to day lives, towards advising people on how to protect themselves and others, alongside targeted interventions to reduce risk. As COVID19 becomes a virus we learn to live with, there is now an imperative to reduce the disruption to children and young people's education – particularly given that the direct clinical risks to children are extremely low, and every adult has been offered a first vaccine and the opportunity for two doses by mid-September.

Our priority is for you to deliver face-to-face, high quality education to all pupils. The DFE have worked closely with Public Health England (PHE) to produce this guidance.

### **Mixing and Bubbles**

- It is no longer recommended that children are in consistent bubbles, so children are now mixing freely around the school.
- Assemblies have resumed.
- There are no alternative arrangements in place to avoid mixing at lunchtime.

### **Tracing close contacts and isolation**

- Close contacts will now be identified via NHS Test and Trace who will work with the positive case to identify close contacts.
- Children under the age of 18 years will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case. They may be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and advised to take a PCR test. We would advise all individuals to take a test if advised to do so.

### **Face Coverings**

Face coverings are no longer advised for parents, pupils or staff

### **Control measures**

- We ensure good hygiene for everyone – frequent and thorough hand cleaning is now regular practice. Pupils clean their hands regularly with hand sanitiser or soap and water. The "catch it, bin it, kill it" approach continues to be very important.
- We have enhanced cleaning regimes in place.
- Occupied places are well ventilated and all classrooms have air filters.

- We follow PHE advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

If Moorfield Primary School should experience an outbreak of “COVID19” we will follow our Outbreak Management plan which is displayed on the school website.

<http://www.moorfieldprimaryschool.co.uk/key-information/return-to-school-covid19>