

# BACK TO SCHOOL: GUIDANCE FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL PARENTS AND CARERS

## TESTING

Students will have two on-site tests at their school at the start of the Autumn term. They then should test at home twice a week and the results will need to be recorded on GOV.UK.

If your child tests positive, you will need to notify the school. Your child must not go to school for 10 days after testing positive and should not be tested again for 90 days.

## SELF-ISOLATION

Children under the age of 18 and 6 months who are a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 are not required to self-isolate. Close contacts will instead be advised to take a PCR test.

If your child has symptoms or tests positive, they must self isolate for 10 days. Any close contacts they have must also self-isolate if they are required to.

## VACCINATIONS

The COVID-19 vaccination is now being offered to 12-15 year olds with underlying health conditions or who are household contacts of the immunosuppressed.

Also, 16 and 17 year olds are being offered the vaccine.

There is further information available at [www.yourhealthrotherham.co.uk/covid-vaccine/](http://www.yourhealthrotherham.co.uk/covid-vaccine/).

## FACE COVERINGS & SOCIAL DISTANCING

Schools, colleges and out-of-school settings no longer expected to keep pupils in bubbles or reduce mixing in groups.

Face coverings are no longer recommended in education and childcare settings, unless the pupils are using dedicated school or public transport. Face coverings should be worn on transport.

## OUTBREAK

If there is an outbreak of COVID-19 at your child's school, you will be advised by the school if any changes are being made. It may be that the school begins implementing class bubbles or that face coverings and social distancing is mandatory. These measures may be temporary.

If you have any questions, you should contact your school for further information.

[www.rotherham.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.rotherham.gov.uk/coronavirus)

