

# Keeping schools safe this Autumn term

As we approach the festive season, let's make it our mission to spread Christmas cheer, not Covid-19!

Following recent recommendations from the Berkshire West Health Protection Board, we have advised schools to consider implementing the below measures for the remainder of the Autumn term:

<b>Recommendations</b>	<b>Primary schools</b>	<b>Secondary schools</b>
<b>Face coverings</b>	To be worn in communal areas by staff and visitors, including by parents/guardians at drop-off and pick-up. Parental decision can be made for primary-aged pupils	To be worn in communal areas by staff, children and visitors, as well as by children on public and dedicated transport to and from school, and by parents/guardians at drop-off and pick-up
<b>Close contacts of positive cases (including household contacts)</b>	Take a PCR test on day 3 and remain at home until the result is known. Or, at the parent's discretion, the child can take a daily lateral flow test for 7 days, in addition to the one-off PCR test on day 3. If the lateral flow tests remain negative the child can attend school	Take a daily lateral flow test for 7 days, if the result is negative they can continue to attend school. If the result is positive they must stay home and take a confirmatory PCR test. Also take a one-off PCR test on day 3
<b>Regular testing</b>	Staff and their families to continue taking twice-weekly rapid tests	Staff, pupils, and their families to continue taking twice-weekly rapid tests
<b>Additional measures</b>	Consider reducing mixing year groups in assemblies, and break/lunch times. Keep risk assessments for any events and large gatherings, social mixing under review	Keep risk assessments for any events and large gatherings, social mixing under review

Each school will review its operations based on staffing and local circumstances, so what might be possible in one might not in another.