



## Dane Court Grammar School: Covid-19 Risk Assessment 2021-2022: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

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The measures contained in this risk assessment are based on current government guidance:

- [School coronavirus \(COVID-19\) operational guidance](#)
- [Coronavirus: advice for pregnant employees](#)
- [Safe working in education, childcare and children's social care](#)
- [COVID-19: Actions for out-of-school settings \(applies from Step 4\)](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): grassroots sports guidance for safe provision including team sport, contact combat sport and organised sport events](#)

HAZARD	CONTROL MEASURES	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE
<p>Contact with someone suffering from coronavirus</p>	<p>Everyone will be asked not to come into school if they need to self-isolate under <a href="#">current government guidance</a>. If students or staff have travelled abroad, they will be asked to follow <a href="#">current government guidance</a>.</p> <p>Anyone self-isolating with symptoms will be advised to do so in line with current government guidance, and to access <a href="#">testing</a> and engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.</p> <p>If a symptomatic person comes into school or develops symptoms while in school, or if a student has a positive test while at school, they will be sent home immediately or isolated until they can be picked up.</p> <p>999 will be called if they are seriously ill or injured or their life is at risk.</p> <p>In the case of a student who needs to be supervised before being picked up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A window will be opened in the room to allow for fresh air ventilation</li> <li>● If a distance of 2 metres can't be maintained, supervising staff will wear a fluid-resistant surgical mask</li> <li>● If contact is necessary, supervising staff will also wear disposable gloves and a disposable apron</li> <li>● If there's a risk of splashing to the eyes, such as from coughing, spitting or vomiting, supervising staff will also wear eye protection</li> </ul> <p>Supervising staff will wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds after the student has been picked up.</p> <p>We will provide home testing kits to parents/carers collecting symptomatic children, and to staff who've developed symptoms at school, if they are unable to get a test elsewhere.</p> <p>In exceptional circumstances, if parents/carers cannot collect their child and they agree it's safe to do so, the student can walk, cycle or scoot home. If the student cannot be collected or travel home independently, we will make alternative arrangements to transport the student home. In this case one of the following steps will be taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Use of a vehicle with a bulkhead or partition that separates the driver and passenger; or</li> <li>● The driver and passenger will maintain a distance of 2 metres from each other; or</li> <li>● The driver will use PPE (the same PPE as when supervising a symptomatic student, as explained above) and the passenger will wear a face mask if they are old enough and able to do so</li> <li>● We will speak to the local authority about sourcing a vehicle that would provide appropriate protection for the driver, and we will inform the driver that the student is displaying symptoms or has tested positive.</li> </ul>	<p>MDJ, SLT, CH, AS, first aiders, SH</p>

	<p>A deep clean will take place in the areas that the symptomatic person or student who has tested positive has been, and PPE will be disposed of properly, following <a href="#">decontamination guidance</a>.</p> <p><b>Rapid testing programme:</b></p> <p>For all students (including new Year 7 students) at the start of the autumn term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Students will be offered 2 on-site lateral flow tests, 3 to 5 days apart before the start of term.</li> </ul> <p>Following the initial 2 on-site tests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We will provide students with lateral flow tests, which they should take twice a week at home</li> <li>● This asymptomatic testing for students will be in place until the end of September, when the government will review</li> </ul> <p>We will retain a small asymptomatic testing site (ATS) on-site until further notice in order to offer testing to students who are unable to test themselves at home.</p> <p>Staff should do twice weekly home tests whenever they are on site until the end of September, when this will also be reviewed.</p> <p>Testing remains voluntary.</p> <p>We report test results to NHS Test and Trace wherever this is required by current government guidance.</p> <p>If the school becomes aware that a student or a staff member has tested positive for coronavirus, either with a lateral flow test or PCR test, and needs advice on next steps, the school will contact the DfE helpline on <b>0800 046 8687</b> and select option 1. (If no advice is required, the school will report the case using the DfE's '<a href="#">online attendance form daily return</a>').</p>	
<p>Contact with coronavirus when getting to and from school</p>	<p>Everyone will be encouraged to walk or cycle into school. We have provided additional bike storage at the Fairfield Road entrance to accommodate additional bicycles.</p> <p>Anyone who needs to take public transport will be referred to <a href="#">government guidance</a>.</p> <p>Anyone wearing reusable face coverings will be expected to bring a plastic bag to keep these in when not in use. Disposable face coverings will be disposed of in a bin.</p> <p>Everyone will be asked to wash their hands before and after putting on or removing a face covering.</p>	<p>MDJ, SLT, CH, AS</p>

<p>Spreading infection due to touch, sneezes and coughs</p>	<p>Handwashing facilities are available in all toilets and there are many hand-sanitising stations located throughout the school, including at all entrances/exits.</p> <p>Everyone in school will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Frequently wash their hands with soap and water for 20 seconds and dry thoroughly, or use alcohol-based hand sanitiser to cover all parts of their hands</li> <li>● Be encouraged not to touch their mouth, eyes and nose</li> <li>● Use a tissue or elbow to cough or sneeze, and use bins for tissue waste</li> <li>● Be encouraged to practise good respiratory hygiene and promote the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach</li> </ul> <p>Supplies for soap, hand sanitiser and disposable paper towels and tissues will be topped up regularly and monitored to make sure they're not close to running out.</p> <p>Bins for tissues will be emptied throughout the day.</p>	<p>MDJ, SH, AS, all members of staff</p>
<p>Spreading infection through contact with coronavirus on surfaces</p>	<p>Cleaning staff will regularly clean frequently touched surfaces using standard cleaning products (e.g. bleach, detergent), including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Banisters</li> <li>● Bathroom facilities (including taps and flush buttons)</li> <li>● Door and window handles</li> <li>● Light switches</li> <li>● Fingerprint scanners</li> </ul> <p>Items that need laundering (e.g. towels, flannels, bedding) will be washed regularly in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, on the warmest water setting. These items will not be shared between students between washes.</p> <p>Areas of the school that are used by students will be cleaned thoroughly at the end of the day.</p> <p>If a person with coronavirus symptoms comes into school, a deep clean will take place in the areas that the person has been in, following <a href="#">decontamination guidance</a>.</p> <p>Cleaning supplies will be topped up regularly and monitored to make sure they're not close to running out.</p>	<p>MDJ, AS, SH, all teaching staff</p>
<p>Spreading infection due to excessive contact and mixing between</p>	<p>We will follow the government's <a href="#">guidance</a> for lessons involving drama, singing, chanting, shouting or playing instruments (particularly wind or brass instruments). Rooms will be as well-ventilated as possible.</p> <p>Indoor and outdoor performance can go ahead. We will consult with the guidance on <a href="#">performing arts</a> and <a href="#">delivering outdoor events</a> when planning performances.</p>	<p>MDJ, SLT, HODs: Music, PE, Drama all teaching staff, including visiting</p>

students and staff in lessons	<p>Outdoor sports will be prioritised where possible - where it is not, we'll use large indoor spaces with sufficient ventilation.</p> <p>For team sports, we will follow the <a href="#">government guidance on team sport</a>. Both indoor and outdoor sporting competitions can take place.</p> <p>Specialists, therapists, clinicians and other support staff for students with SEND should provide interventions as usual. These staff will be advised to be rigorous about hand washing and respiratory hygiene.</p>	coaches and teachers
Spreading infection due to excessive contact and mixing between students and staff outside of the school	<p>Students who routinely attend other settings on a part-time basis, such as an alternative provision setting, should be able to continue attending both settings.</p> <p>Educational day visits and domestic residential visits can resume (with full risk assessments)</p>	MDJ, SLT, AS, SM
Spreading infection due to the school environment	<p>Checks to the premises will continue to make sure the school is up to health and safety standards.</p> <p>This will include checking that all fire doors are operational at all times, and that the fire alarm system and emergency lights have been tested and are fully operational.</p> <p>Areas in use will be well ventilated by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Using ventilation units - if possible, systems will be adjusted to full fresh air or, if not, then systems will operate as normal as long as they are within a single room and supplemented by an outdoor air supply. These systems will be maintained in accordance with the manufacturers' recommendations</li> <li>● Opening windows</li> <li>● Propping open internal and external doors, where fire safety and safeguarding wouldn't be compromised</li> </ul> <p>A comfortable temperature will be maintained alongside increased ventilation by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Opening high level windows in preference to low level to reduce draughts</li> <li>● Increasing the level of ventilation while spaces are unoccupied (e.g. between classes, during break and lunch, when a room is unused). This means keeping windows slightly open while the room is occupied and opening more widely while unoccupied</li> <li>● Rearranging furniture where possible to avoid direct drafts</li> </ul> <p>Bins will be provided in classrooms and other key locations to dispose of tissues and any other waste.</p>	MDJ, IW, AS, RB

Individuals vulnerable to serious infection coming into school	We will follow the <a href="#">government guidance for pregnant employees</a> . Staff who are 28 weeks pregnant or beyond, or staff who are pregnant with underlying health conditions, will be offered further flexibility to work from home in a different capacity.	MDJ, SLT links, CH, AS
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