



Summary of the system of controls needed in schools from September

Taken from: [DfE Guidance for full opening of schools](#)

This is the set of actions all schools **must** take. They are grouped into 'prevention' and 'response to any infection'

Prevention:

- 1) minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school
- 2) clean hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds and more often than usual
- 3) ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
- 4) enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents and bleach
- 5) minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible
- 6) where necessary, staff will wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)

Numbers 1 to 4 must be in place in all schools, all the time.

Number 5 must be properly considered and schools must put in place measures that suit their particular circumstances.

Parents need to be aware that, in the usual class size of around 30, it will not be possible to maintain social distancing throughout the day and this is not expected. However, we will be minimising contact between groups by keeping classes/ year groups in separate pods or bubbles and strictly limiting opportunities to mix between pods/bubbles. This will mean that there will be no whole school gatherings and class/ year group start and finish times will have to be staggered.

Number 6 applies in specific circumstances where staff need to administer first aid, intimate care or treat someone with symptoms of COVID-19.

Response to any infection:

- 7) engage with the NHS Test and Trace process
- 8) manage confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community
- 9) contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice

Numbers 7 to 9 must be followed in every case where they are relevant.

How these (and any other additional measures necessary) will be implemented in individual schools will depend on the age of the children and local circumstances. Please refer to communication from your child's school about this which went out at the end of last term.