

## Covid-19 Matrix 20 April 2022

### Control measures:

- Ensure good hygiene for everyone
- Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes
- Keep occupied spaces well ventilated

### Contact UKHSA Health Protection Team if there is:

- A higher than previously experienced and/or rapidly increasing number of staff or student absences due to acute respiratory infection.
- Evidence of severe disease due to respiratory infection, for example if a pupil or staff member is admitted to hospital.

Essex: 0300 303 8537 option 1

Greenwich: 0344 326 2052

**The DfE incident support helpline:** 0800 046 8687

### Links:

- [Guidance for people with symptoms of a respiratory infection including COVID-19, or a positive test result for COVID-19](#)
- [Living safely with respiratory infections, including COVID-19](#)
- [Ventilation of indoor spaces to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory infections](#)
- [COVID-19 guidance for people whose immune system means they are at higher risk](#)
- [UK Health Security Agency \(UKHSA\) health protection in education and childcare settings](#) advice on preventing the spread of infections, which diseases to vaccinate for, how long to keep children away from school, managing infectious diseases and cleaning the environment
- [DfE emergency planning and response](#) how schools and trusts should plan for and deal with emergencies, including significant public health incidents

# Staff

<b>Staff Member Situation</b>	<b>From 1st April 2022</b>
<b>Symptomatic or positive test</b>	If you test positive for Covid-19 or have symptoms of a respiratory infection, such as COVID-19 <sup>1</sup> , and you have a high temperature, you are asked to inform your manager and arrangements will be made for you to work from home for 5 days. Staff are asked to avoid contact for 10 days with those at higher risk <sup>2</sup> . You will be paid as normal during this period  If you are too ill to work you should report your sickness in the usual way. You will be paid normal sick pay. Any sickness absence will count towards triggers in the Attendance Management Procedure
<b>Close Contact - Fully Vaccinated</b>	You should attend work as normal
<b>Close Contact - Unvaccinated</b>	You should attend work as normal

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<sup>1</sup> Symptoms of COVID-19, flu and common respiratory infections include: continuous cough, high temperature, fever or chills, loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell, shortness of breath, unexplained tiredness, lack of energy, muscle aches or pains that are not due to exercise, not wanting to eat or not feeling hungry, headache that is unusual or longer lasting than usual, sore throat, stuffy or runny nose, diarrhoea, feeling sick or being sick

<sup>2</sup> Those at higher risk are older people, those who are pregnant, those who are unvaccinated, people of any age [whose immune system means they are at higher risk of serious illness](#), people of any age with [certain long-term conditions](#)

# Pupils

<p><b>Pupils</b></p> <p>It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional.</p>	<p><b>From 1st April 2022</b></p>
<p><b>Positive Test</b></p>	<p>If a pupil tests positive for Covid-19 they should stay at home for 3 days after the day they took the test.</p>
<p><b>Unwell &amp; high temperature</b></p>	<p>If a pupil is unwell and has a high temperature they should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend.</p>
<p><b>Mild symptoms</b></p>	<p>Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting.</p>
<p><b>Close Contact</b></p>	<p>Attend school as normal.</p>