COVID-19 Guidance for Schools

System of controls – An extract from GOV.uk

This is the set of actions schools must take as outlined by the Government. They are grouped into 'prevention' and 'response to any infection' and are outlined in more detail in the following sections.

Symptoms of COVID-19

1. High temperature
2. New, continuous cough – this means coughing for a lot more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
3. Loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

Prevention

1. Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school
2. Where recommended, use of face coverings in schools.
3. Clean hands thorough, more often than usual.
4. Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
5. Introduce enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using stand products such as detergents and bleach.
6. Minimise contact between individual and maintain social distancing wherever possible.
7. Where necessary, wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).

Number 1 to 5 must be in place in all schools, all the time.

Number 6 must be properly considered and schools must put in place measure that suit their particular circumstances.

Number 7 applies to specific circumstances.

Response to any infection

8. Engage with the NHS Track and Trace process.
9. Manage confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community.
10. Contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice.

Numbers 8 to 10 must be followed in every case where they are relevant.

For more guidance regarding the opening of schools, please click on the below link

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools