

# TODMORDEN HIGH SCHOOL

## RISK ASSESSMENT

Updated 14 January 2022

### Testing

All staff and all pupils should test twice weekly at home, with lateral flow device (LFD) test kits, 3-4 days apart. Testing remains voluntary and continues to be encouraged. Government guidance sets out who should obtain a PCR test (following a LFD test), this can be arranged on line. Results from LFD tests should be logged with the NHS website.

### Isolation

From 17 January 2022, the self-isolation advice has changed. It is now possible to end self-isolation after 5 days, testing twice beforehand (coming out then on day six).

### Contacts

All adults who are fully vaccinated and children (aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months), identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 – regardless of strain – should take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days. Anyone over the age of 18 years and 6 months who is not vaccinated, must isolate in line with government guidelines if they are identified by Test and Trace as a close contact.

### Face coverings

Government guidance recommends that face coverings should be worn by pupils, staff and adult visitors when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms, and in corridors and communal areas. Where pupils in Year 7 and above are educated, they should (as a temporary measure) wear a face covering in the classroom. This does not apply in situations where wearing a face covering would impact on the ability to take part in exercise or a strenuous activity, for example in PE lessons. The Government set out that they do not 'ordinarily expect teachers to wear a face covering in the classroom if they are at the front of the class, to support education delivery', (but can do by way of personal choice, or if they are travelling within the classroom). Face coverings do not need to be worn when outdoors. Schools comply with the Equality Act 2010 which includes making reasonable adjustments for disabled staff and disabled pupils. Some are less able to wear face coverings, the reasons for this are not always visible. It is understood that there will be people on site who are covered by exemptions to the face covering mandate. When wearing a face covering, staff, visitors and pupils should ensure it is applied and removed safely, and if single-use, it should be disposed of carefully in a household waste bin and not recycled.

### Additional Measures

The School has prepared to test pupils for Covid on-site during the first week of January 2022.

The School will ensure that doors and windows are open in classrooms to facilitate good ventilation and continue to promote good hand hygiene.

The School will significantly reduce visitors to the school, reverting to business essential only.

The School will make available to colleagues that are clinically vulnerable, or pregnant, an individualised Risk Assessment at Work.

The School will support students and staff who wish to act in keeping with Calderdale Public Health guidance in relation to isolation and release days.

The Activity What are the Hazards?	Who might be affected?	Managed or Unmanaged Risk (M/U)	What additional controls have been put in place to reduce the risk of infection in accordance with Public Health advice?	Residual Risk (L, M, H)
An adult or child enters the building with Covid-19	All on site and in close contact	M	No-one will enter the site if unwell. Anyone with Covid symptoms will be asked to leave the building and advised to book a PCR test, returning only if the result is negative, this will apply if one symptom or more is present (from any of the symptoms listed at the time). Visitors are permitted, but must follow any relevant Covid-19 measures that are in place at the time of their visit. These will be communicated via the Reception Team.	L
Confirmed case of Covid-19			<p>If a student or colleague receives a positive Covid-19 test, either via a Lateral Flow Test (LFT) or a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Test, they will report the case to the school and isolate for a length of time predetermined by the NHS</p> <p>If the confirmed case is via a LFT, the individual will need to arrange for a confirmatory PCR test. If this test is taken within 2 days of the LFT and is returned as negative, the individual can end their isolation, providing they do not have any Covid-19 symptoms</p> <p>Close contacts will be identified by NHS Test and Trace. Close contacts who are students will not be required to self-isolate, in line with current requirements, however, they will be advised to take a PCR test</p> <p>Close contacts who are colleagues will not be required to isolate if they have received both vaccinations. Those colleagues who have not received both vaccinations (and are not part of a control group/and, or are medically exempt) will be required to isolate.</p>	L
Control Measures	All on site	M	Where appropriate doors and windows will be open, and/ or opened within the school day to ensure ventilation, circulation and clean air flow. Poorly ventilated spaces will be identified with steps taken to improve air flow.	L
Access to face coverings	All on site	M	Face coverings are in use in enclosed and crowded spaces (indoors). The school will retain a stock of face coverings for use on occasion if students, staff or external visitors require a covering, and they do not have a personal supply.	L

Fire and Lockdown	All on site	M	In the event of any alarm sounding, all doors will be closed, with door stops being removed.	L
Symptomatic person on site	All applicable	M	<p>If a colleague is symptomatic, they must inform the Headteacher and their line manager and leave site immediately. If a student is symptomatic, they will report to Student Reception where they will be isolated until their removal from the site can be arranged. This room will be ventilated.</p> <p>Any colleague in direction supervision of a student with symptoms will have access to full PPE Any person with symptoms must isolate until they receive a negative PCR test result.</p>	L
CEV individuals	As diagnosed	M	All CEV individuals are able to attend the school, unless advised by their GP or clinician in writing.	L
Educational Visits and Trips	Students	M	Risk assessments will be completed for individual educational visits.	L
Covid Outbreak	All on site	M	<p>If an outbreak is declared, the school will follow all directions from Public Health and Infection Control Team.</p> <p>Actions will be bespoke to the outbreak.</p>	L