

## **Addendum 3 to Version 10 Coronavirus Risk Assessment with effect from 29 November 2021 for that version of the risk assessment.**

*(To be appended to Version 10 Coronavirus Risk Assessments)*

### **Rationale**

From 29 November 2021 changes to the Government document, “*Schools COVID-19 operational guidance*” has introduced additional temporary control measures that need to be added to, or amended, in the current Coronavirus Risk Assessments:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1036663/Schools\\_guidance\\_update\\_for\\_Omicron\\_-\\_29\\_Nov.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1036663/Schools_guidance_update_for_Omicron_-_29_Nov.pdf)

### **Changes for all settings:**

Where reference is made in the Risk Assessments to Public Health England or PHE, this should now be substituted by United Kingdom Health Security Agency (UKHSA)

### **In “General site management. (all settings) - Harm to all occupants from direct and indirect contact with Covid-19”**

#### **Add:**

As a temporary measure, for the remainder of this term, all staff and adult visitors in Nursery/pre-school, Primary and Secondary settings are to wear face coverings indoors when moving around in corridors and in communal areas.

#### **Remove:**

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

#### **Insert:**

All individuals who have been identified as a close contact of a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant of COVID-19, irrespective of vaccination status and age, will be contacted directly and required to self-isolate immediately and asked to book a PCR test. They will be informed by the local health protection team or NHS Test and Trace if they fall into this category and provided details about self-isolation.

Further actions for educational settings may be advised by a local Incident Management Team (IMT) investigating a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant of COVID-19.

For everyone else, isolation rules are unchanged. Individuals are not required to self isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 who is not a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19 who is not a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

**Remove:**

All staff and pupils travelling to England from overseas must adhere to travel legislation, details of which are set out in government travel advice. The rules for entering England from the RAG list countries can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/red-amber-and-green-list-rules-for-entering-england>

**Insert:**

All travellers arriving into the UK will need to isolate and get a PCR test by 'day two' after arrival. They may end their isolation once they receive a negative result. If the result is positive, they should continue to isolate and follow rules on isolation following a positive test. Unvaccinated arrivals aged over 18 will follow the existing, more onerous, testing and isolation regime. All Red list arrivals will enter quarantine. The rules on travelling to England from another country during coronavirus (COVID-19) can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-to-england-from-another-country-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

**In "Classrooms and children/pupils/students in all year groups - Harm to children/pupils/students and staff from direct contact with Covid-19"**

**Remove:**

All educational visits can recommence, with the exception of international visits.

**Insert:**

Educational visits to indoor settings, or using transport, should be postponed for the remainder of the Autumn term.

**Remove:**

No international visits are to take place earlier than 1 January 2022. However, planning for such visits can be carried out. Schools must ensure that adequate financial protection is in place in the event of changes to COVID-19 restrictions in either this country, or the destination country. Schools are advised that the travel lists may change during a visit. They must comply with international travel legislation and should have contingency plans in place to account for these changes.

**Insert:**

No international visits are to take place earlier than 1 January 2022. However, planning for such visits can be carried out. Schools must ensure that adequate financial protection is in place in the event of changes to COVID-19 restrictions in either this country, or the destination country. Schools are advised that the travel lists may change during a visit. They must comply with international travel legislation and should have contingency plans in place to account for these changes. Schools must consider whether to go ahead with planned international educational visits after this time,

recognising the risk of disruption to education resulting from the need to isolate and test on arrival back into the UK.

**Changes for Secondary settings only:**

**In “General site management. (all settings) - Harm to all occupants from direct and indirect contact with Covid-19”**

**Add:**

Face coverings are to be worn by students in year 7 and above when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas. This is a temporary measure. Students in these schools should also wear a face covering when travelling on public transport and dedicated transport to and from school.