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This action card provides advice on measures that are likely to be reasonable to take to minimise the risk of coronavirus in schools.

It should be used in conjunction with current [Welsh Government regulations](#) and other [\(more general\) guidance](#).

Context

- This action card is relevant to the following settings: primary schools, secondary schools (including sixth forms), special schools, special post-16 providers, infant, junior and middle schools, PRUs, boarding schools and independent schools.
- The reasonable measures below must be considered as part of the school's coronavirus risk assessment.
- When deciding which reasonable measures best apply to your situation you should:
 - refer to the 'hierarchy of controls' within the Local COVID-19 Infection

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Control Decision Framework for Schools

- consult with your staff, local authority, TTP leads and Incident Management (IMT) as applicable
- This is not an exhaustive list and other reasonable measures not referred to below may be appropriate.

What reasonable measures should I consider taking to minimise the risk of exposure to coronavirus?

1. The most effective way to prevent transmission of COVID-19 in schools is to stop infection being brought into the school. Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 must self-isolate and not attend school. Anyone developing symptoms should also self-isolate immediately and book a test.
2. If a learner, staff or visitor becomes unwell or symptomatic while attending the school, they should leave the school immediately and follow the advice on Test, Trace, Protect (TTP), including self-isolating and arranging a test.
3. Encourage those eligible to take up the offer of two doses of COVID-19 vaccination.
4. Retain attendance records to support TTP contact tracers if needed.
5. Actively encourage staff and parents/carers to report any positive tests to you directly.
6. Encourage learners to maintain physical distance wherever possible.
7. Ensure staff maintain physical distance.
8. Maximise natural or mechanical ventilation (avoiding the use of recirculating fans).
9. Make as much use as possible of the available outdoor space.
10. Encourage all learners and staff to wash their hands regularly.
11. Ensure appropriate cleaning regimes are in place.
12. Using face coverings where advised.
13. Follow the [guidance for schools](#).

Communicate

It will be important for you to continue to communicate with staff, learners, and parents/carers the key COVID-19 messages and interventions relevant to your school. Assets and warn and inform letters to help communicate key messages are available as part of the framework.

Links to key guidance

[Alert level 0: guidance for employers, businesses and organisations](#)

[Self-isolation](#)

[Test Trace Protect: coronavirus](#)

[HSE – Risk Assessment during the coronavirus pandemic](#)

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