



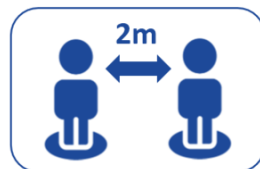
THE ABBEY SCHOOL
A BUSINESS & ENTERPRISE ACADEMY



Re-opening for Y10s and Y12s

What are we doing to mitigate risks of spread of Covid-19?

Presentation for Parents, Carers, Staff and Students

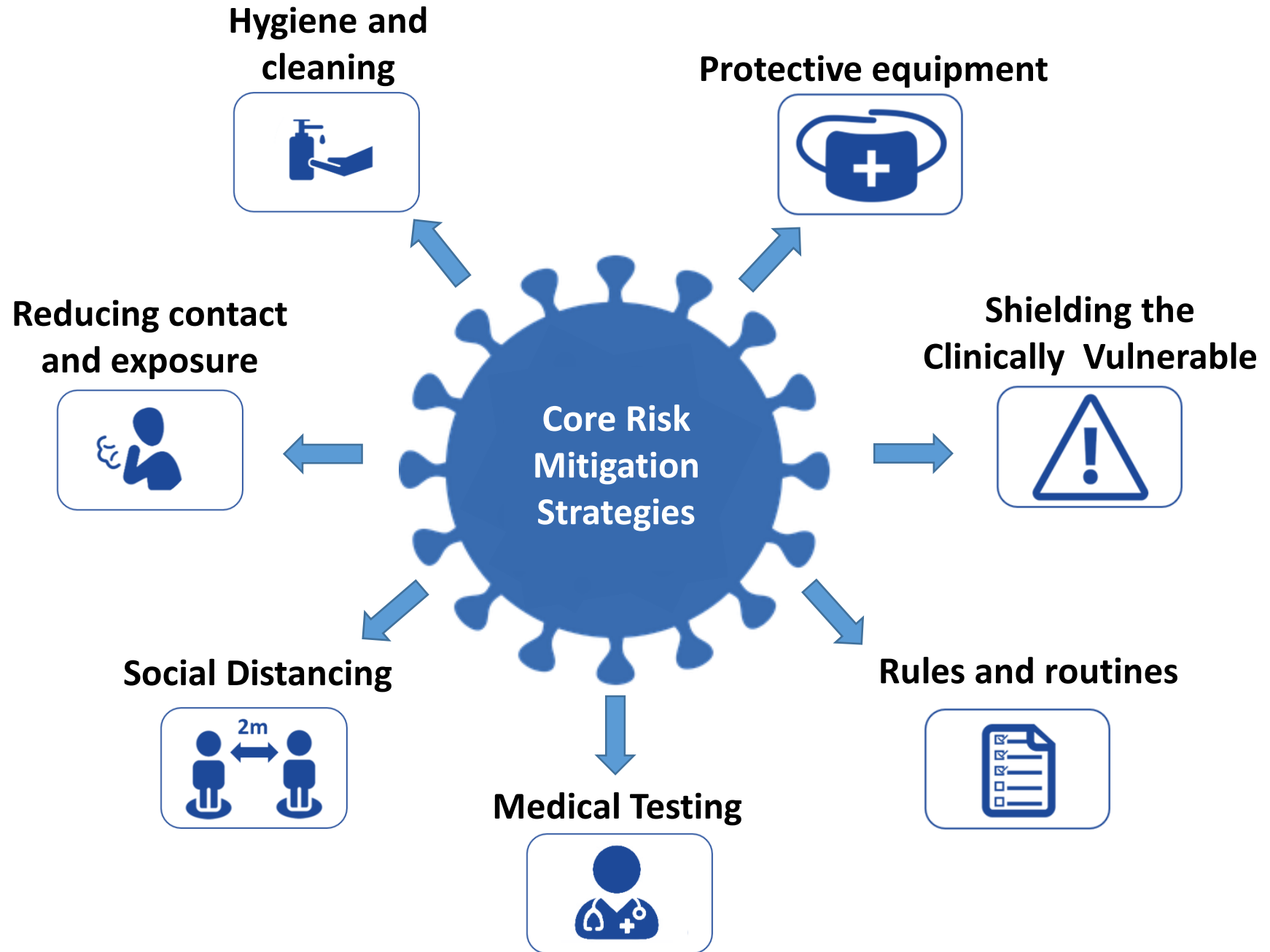


Protecting against Covid-19...



- This presentation gives an indication of protective measures that the school is taking to support community safety.
- It is understandable that all members of the school community will want to know what steps are being taken to minimise risk when students and staff return.
- Through putting in place a range of tight measures and controls we are able to mitigate risk considerably, though we are unable to completely remove it.

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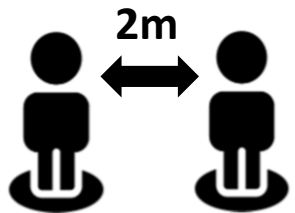
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You should wash your hands regularly using the products provided throughout the day

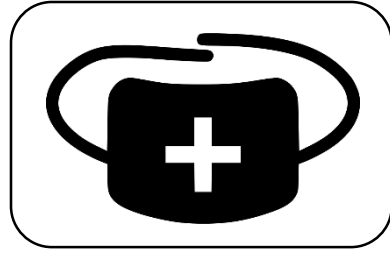


You should avoid spreading the virus by sneezing into your elbow and reduce exposure by not sharing equipment



You should attempt to maintain a social distance by following one way signs and floor markings

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Face masks are to be worn by staff if attending to community members that are showing Covid-19 symptoms

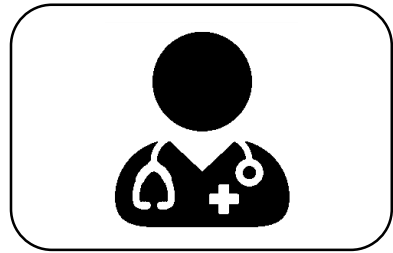


If you are a clinically vulnerable member of the community you should take extra care of yourself by staying home



Strictly follow the changes to rules, routines and protocols for all members of the community during this period

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You can be tested for Covid-19 so that if negative you have confidence to return to the school community rather than continue to self-isolate





Protocols for hygiene and cleaning



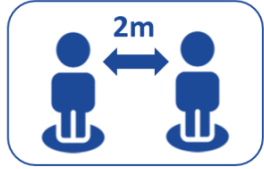
- Hands must be washed by students and staff on arrival at school, after break times and after eating for at least 20 seconds each time.
- Staff and students will be issued with a small bar of soap on their return to school for their own personal use.
- Hand gel will be located in visible positions around the school site and outside sinks are available to ensure that there is sufficient capacity.
- Changes to cleaning protocols to ensure that surfaces and door handles are regularly wiped down.



Protocols for reducing accidental transmission



- Staff and students should always sneeze into their elbows and avoid facing others when they do so.
- It will be more important than ever that each student uses only their own equipment – no sharing of pencils and pens!
- Doors will be left open to reduce the need for touching and windows will also be regularly opened to promote a flow of air through the buildings.
- Outdoor education is promoted to reduce transmission.



Promoting social distancing around the school



- Classrooms are to be reorganised to ensure that some social distancing can take place. This may mean removing some furniture or changing the layout with one student per desk.
- Middle toilet cubicles will be closed off.
- Staggered start and finish times to lessons along with a strengthening of one-way corridor rules.
- Those that display symptoms or live with those that are will need to continue to self-isolate.



Use of PPE such as face masks where appropriate



- Government recommendations are that staff do not use face masks in their normal day-to-day roles.
 - However, school leadership will support staff and students that temporarily want to use these until the end of July 2020. We will be able to provide face coverings to those that want one.
- First aid staff should use face masks if dealing with an unwell child and needing to get closer than 2m.
- First aid staff should use additional PPE such as a face shield, disposable gloves and apron if needing to make contact with an unwell child with Covid-19 symptoms.



Making sure we protect the clinically vulnerable



- Clinically vulnerable people are those who are:
 - Aged 70 or older
 - Under 70 with an underlying health condition listed below (that is, anyone instructed to get a flu-jab each year on medical grounds):
 - Chronic (long-term) mild to moderate respiratory diseases, such as asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), emphysema or bronchitis
 - Chronic heart disease, such as heart failure
 - Chronic kidney disease
 - Chronic liver disease, such as hepatitis
 - Chronic neurological conditions, such as Parkinson's disease, motor neurone disease, multiple sclerosis (MS) or cerebral palsy
 - Diabetes
 - A weakened immune system as a result of certain conditions, treatments like chemotherapy
 - Pregnant women will also be considered as part of this group
- They should remain at home but government guidance is that those that live with them can come in.
 - In reality we will work with staff and students on a case-by-case basis in such instances. **Where such individuals do come in they should take extra care** – such as wearing a face mask.



Changes in our rules and routines (1 of 3)



- Limited numbers of students will initially return from June:
- **Year 12**
 - 09:30 to 12:30 on the days their subjects are timetabled
 - 1 x 3 hour lessons each day
 - Block A = Mon, Block B = Tue, Block C = Wed & Block D = Thu
 - So in most cases students only in from Monday to Thursday
- **Year 10**
 - Year 10 (T Band) from Monday June 8th – then alternate days
 - Year 10 (J Band) from Tuesday June 9th – then alternate days
 - Lessons will be split into 3 x 1.5 hour sessions (09.30 to 14.30)
 - Classes of 8 students



Changes in our rules and routines (1 of 3)



- There may initially be limited on-site catering so it is recommended that staff and students should bring a packed lunch (if needed). As and when this situation changes we will update you.
- Morning line-up for Year 10s will happen in a socially distanced manner with a focus on students' hands having been washed and having their own equipment.
- Classroom entry procedures will be amended temporarily to avoid lining-up outside classrooms, but retaining 'Entry 2'.
- Curriculum changes will be implemented which will be shared.



Changes in our rules and routines (2 of 3)



- We recognise that at present attendance of students by parents is a difficult personal choice. The government still expect us to make enquiries where students have not attended, but parents will not be fined.
- Changes to signage around the school site to promote a one-way system, social distancing and an emphasis on personal hygiene
- On-going amendments to the school timetable and school-day structure to ensure staggered start and finish times and to respond to the various other protective and logistical challenges.



Changes in our rules and routines (3 of 3)



- Some teaching activities may be limited or changed to ensure a focus on the academic core and to tackle learning deficits.
- We are looking to reduce student and staff movement around the site and spread lunch and break times out; this will become critical if this period of disruption extends much into the next academic year.
- Revised protocols for 'drop off' and 'pick up' as well as more generally for the start and end of the school day will be introduced.
- We are prioritising capital refurbishment improvements to heating in A Block and toilet facilities across the site in the coming months.



Medical Testing to support a safe return to school



- Essential workers, such as staff in schools, can get a throat and nose swab test to tell you if they have Covid-19.
- It is possible to self-refer for a test if you are worried or for the school to refer any symptomatic staff that are self-isolating. This should promote a swift return to work where negative results are provided.
- Tests can be completed through a home-test kit or a drive-through centre with results back within 72 hours. ([Link](#))
- At present students cannot be referred by the school but families in our community can self-refer. In future months there is the possibility of an antibody test to identify those who already have immunity to the disease and potential vaccination. Until that time we are reliant on procedures outlined above.



Medical Testing to support a safe return to school



NHS Self Test Video



[Video Link](#)

NHS Drive-Through Test Video



[Video Link](#)

Risk Levels



Stage of Outbreak	Abbey Risk Level	Summary of Measures in Place
Risk of NHS becoming overwhelmed with patients	5	School closed so teaching and learning delivered online
Transmission in the local area is high or rising exponentially	4	Only very partial school opening with heavy focus on risk mitigation
Virus is in general circulation in the local area	3	Heavy focus on social distancing and hygiene - major changes to school day
Reported number of cases and transmission is low	2	Minimum social-distancing with minor changes to working
Covid-19 is no longer present in the local area or SE England	1	No social-distancing with focus on increased awareness

Risk Levels



Stage of Outbreak	Abbey Risk Level	Additional hygiene rules	Protocols to slow spread	Social distance systems	Use of PPE in school	Clinically vulnerable at home	Changes to routines	
Risk of NHS becoming overwhelmed with patients	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	School closed – all learning online
Transmission in the local area is high or rising exponentially	4	Many	Many	Heavy Focus	Personal choice	+ living with	Significant	Key worker children & vulnerable
Virus is in general circulation in the local area	3	Many	Many	Heavy Focus	Personal choice	Case-by-case	Significant	Partially open to targeted year groups
Reported number of cases and transmission is low	2	Fewer	Fewer	Light Focus	First Aiders	Case-by-case	Some	Open to all students with high risk mitigation
Covid-19 is no longer present in the local area or SE England	1	Focus on awareness	Focus on awareness	None	Very Rarely	None	Very Few	Open to all with near normal risk mitigation

Note

The 'Abbey Risk Level' is likely to be similar to the national risk level but may vary dependent on perceived variation of risk in the school local community

...and finally



- We are responding to national and Kent guidance as quickly as we reasonably can whilst trying to listen to all of our stakeholders.
- We may need to regularly adjust the rules, protocols and routines to the changing advice from the DfE and national or local risk levels.
- Significant short or medium-term changes will have to be made to how we use our school and ask that staff, students and other community members support us.
- The safety of everyone at The Abbey School will always be the overriding concern in all that we do.



Thank You

More information will follow.

If you have any queries or concerns please contact us on:

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If you are a staff member then please use the normal channels of communication.