

**DOWNHAM PREPARATORY SCHOOL and MONTESSORI NURSERY**  
**and DOWNHAM NURSERY**

July 2021

**CORONAVIRUS RISK ASSESSMENT and GUIDELINES**

**Summer School**

**Supervision of children who are unwell**

Children displaying any symptoms of ill health during the day will have their temperature taken immediately. If a child develops a persistent dry cough or a temperature we will contact their parent or carer and ask them to collect their child. Children who are unwell will be taken to the medical room and be supervised by a member of staff until they are collected. The medical room will then be thoroughly disinfected.

**Handwashing**

Children and staff are to wash their hands for **30** seconds (new guidelines; 20 seconds still leaves some germs) with soap and water and dry them with a paper towel. We are not using hot-air hand driers as these blow particles into the surrounding area. Before children eat their snack and lunch, they will be supervised whilst they also apply hand sanitiser.

**Social Distancing in the school grounds**

Please drop your children off in the playground where they will be greeted by staff. The children will then their own belongings inside.

We are not required to have separate 'bubbles' in place, therefore the children will mix with the whole group each day.

When collecting your children please wait on the playground at a safe distance from others, the children will be on the field, and we will send them to you. If it is wet weather we will dismiss children from the walkway door that leads onto the playground.

**Lunches**

Please provide your child with a lunch, snack and drink.

For hygiene reasons we will not be using our water fountains and we would ask that you do provide your child with plenty to drink. If they finish their drink before the end of the day, we will supply them with water in a disposable cup or allow them to refill their bottle from drinking water taps.

**Staff Testing**

Staff who are working during summer school will continue to test using Lateral Flow's twice a week.

**Cleaning**

The cleaners will continue to deep clean all the areas of the school that we are using: classrooms, door handles, lavatories, banisters etc, with anti-bacterial products.

## **Tissues**

A supply of tissue will be kept in every room. If a child uses a tissue, they will be instructed to put it in the sealed bin. There will be a bin, with a bin liner in each room. This bin is not to be used for any other purpose.

Each room will also have a supply of anti-bacterial hand sanitiser and anti-bacterial cleaning spray, (with a disposable cloth.)

## **Lavatories**

Staff will check the children's lavatories and cloakrooms whenever possible and ensure all W.C.s have been properly flushed and that there is enough soap and paper towels. The toilets go back to being male and female as bubbles are no longer required.

## **Ventilation**

We will continue to have windows and doors open in rooms that are in use to keep the air well ventilated.

## **Visitors**

To minimise the risk of infection we are asking parents and visitors to make an appointment if they wish to speak with staff, or have informal discussions outside.

## **Clothing and personal possessions**

Children can wear their own clothes for Summer School. Please ensure shoulders are covered and you provide a sun hat each day. Children need to wear sensible footwear, such as trainers as they will be taking part in many outdoor activities.

**Tracing close contacts and isolation** Direct Quote from Schools Covid-19 Operational Guidance (Published on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021)

Settings only needed to do contact tracing up to and including 18 July. Close contacts will now be identified via NHS Test and Trace and education settings will no longer be expected to undertake contact tracing.

As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case to identify close contacts. Contacts from a school setting will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case specifically identifies the individual as being a close contact. This is likely to be a small number of individuals who would be most at risk of contracting COVID-19 due to the nature of the close contact. You may be contacted in exceptional cases to help with identifying close contacts, as currently happens in managing other infectious diseases.

Settings will continue to have a role in working with health protection teams in the case of a local outbreak. If there is an outbreak in a setting or if central government offers the area an

enhanced response package, a director of public health might advise a setting to temporarily reintroduce some control measures.

**This policy was revised and re-written on 20/7/2021 in line with the new guidelines  
Actions for out-of-school settings (holiday clubs).**