

# Covid-19 update from the Education and Skills Team

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## Not an Enhanced Response Area but...

Leaders will note the latest amendments to the Contingency Framework over the page. Cases in Derby have been lower than in surrounding areas but we have been discussing the situation at the beginning of this week with the local health team and with Dr Robyn Dewis. She has confirmed what we suspected from school reports:

- We are now seeing cases increasing in the City, including in schools.
- The majority of cases are now the more transmissible Delta variant.
- This is a reminder to us all about the importance of your control measures. It is an opportunity to review procedures/ policies and risk assessments - including hand hygiene, distancing measures, face coverings, ventilation etc.
- Vaccination is now open to all adults and this is a great moment to be promoting vaccination with your staff and families.

In order to support this promotion, do leaders have any requests for further information? Have you been asked any challenging questions that we can help with?

We are all still working together with each other and are here for you, should you need us.

You will also note the continued promotion of regular testing over the page with links to posters and other materials.

You are exhausted – we know that. If we can just hang on for the next few weeks...

Stay safe and thank you

Pauline, Jo and the E&S team

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## Amended National Tuition Programme for 2021/22

“There are three subsidised tutoring options for academic year 2021-22:

- tuition partners – state-funded schools are able to access subsidised, high-quality tuition from an approved list of tuition partners spanning a wide-range of topics
- academic mentors – some schools prefer to use tutors as an ‘in class’ resource to work alongside the pupil’s teacher, to address a range of interventions, focusing on 1-1 and small group sessions with pupils
- school-led tutoring – a grant payment to all state-funded schools, based on the number of pupil premium students. This payment is ring-fenced to fund tutoring provision that can be locally sourced by schools. The DfE will continue to offer tuition partners and academic mentors for schools to access.”

For further information, see [tutoring options for academic year 2021-22](#).

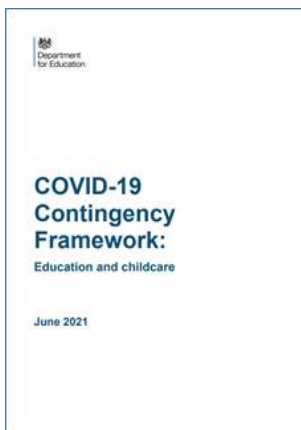
## Testing posters and resources for secondaries

The Public Health England COVID-19 resource centre has been updated [with new testing resources](#) to support your communications to parents and students in secondary schools. This includes:

- social and poster resources – to stress the importance of continued testing and reporting in settings and on school social media channels
- a test explainer kit with practical resources to support self-testing at home, including the vital step of reporting

<https://coronavirusresources.phe.gov.uk/back-to-school/resources/>

## Enhanced Response Areas – be ready!



<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-local-restrictions-in-education-and-childcare-settings>

New amendments have been made in the eventuality of increased outbreaks leading to Enhanced Response Areas:

- Schools need to be prepared for the re-introduction of schools as AST sites and for increased home testing.
- Schools need to be prepared for the re-introduction of face coverings in communal and/or classroom areas.
- Other potentially affected arrangements are residential trips, open days, transition days, performances and parents coming onto school premises.
- Attendance restrictions could be considered as a last resort (so leaders should be prepared to re-institute the remote education arrangements). As previously, vulnerable children would be prioritized to continue to access face to face education – there are details in this updated guidance.
- Adaptations to the planned Holiday Activities and Food Programme could be made if advised by Health so that eligible children can be provided with food parcels and remote activities.

Directors of Public Health have the responsibility to advise these measures if there are outbreaks. Please continue to alert CCT and us when there are positive cases in your schools. Sadly, this isn't over yet.