



## Education Resources

### Risk Assessment “Covid-19 Exposure – Reducing the Risks in Schools” Addendum - 19 April 2021

Further guidance has been issued by the Scottish Government which sees some small changes for the return of schools following spring break on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April. The full link can be found here:

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance on reducing the risks in schools - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/resources/consultation-papers/coronavirus-guidance-reducing-risks-schools/)

The changes which secondary schools are asked to incorporate into school life are as follows below:

- **Relaxation of 2m distancing between pupils (in school and on dedicated school transport) (Concern 2 in risk assessment: Increased risk of exposure to Covid as a result of direct or close contact with others)**

It is no longer necessary to maintain strict 2m distance between young people, however it remains extremely important that secondary schools should continue to encourage physical distancing between young people wherever practicable and emphasise the importance of physical distancing in general as part of the FACTS. As before, 2m distancing between adults and between adults/young people remains a fundamental protective measure.

**Comments:**

- **Face Coverings (Concern 2 in risk assessment: Increased risk of exposure to Covid as a result of poor personal hygiene)**

Scottish Government Guidance issued in February 2021 advised that face covering use should be increased to be worn by S1 – S3 pupils within the classroom setting and not just senior phase pupils. This guidance is to continue and essentially means that all staff and pupils in secondary schools must wear a face covering at all times - classrooms, communal areas and when moving about the school.

**Comments:**

- **Extend Lateral Flow Testing include S1-S3 pupils (Concern 7 in the risk assessment: Enhanced and targeted protection with at-home asymptomatic testing)**

All pupils S1 – S6 and all staff are to be actively encouraged to participate in the programme to add a further element of mitigation against Covid-19. Continue with the work started pre-spring break including the distribution of kits now delivered.

**Comments:**

- **Any other local changes to processes:**

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