

The Department for Education has released new Covid-19 operational guidance for schools and colleges.

The guidance comes ahead of the new school term (2021/22) and explains the actions leaders should take to reduce the risk of Covid-19 in their schools and colleges.

Key headlines include:

- Updates have been made to the contingency framework ahead of the autumn term, in line with wider government guidelines. The updated framework includes the new thresholds at which you might consider seeking public health advice and taking further action to reinforce measures already in place, updates to the circumstances in which local health protection teams or directors of public health might recommend you introduce some additional measures, and annexed guidance for managing cases in settings from 23 August. [Click here to read the updated framework.](#)
- The operational guidance for schools has been updated, with changes made to 'tracing close contacts and isolation'; 'face coverings'; 'stepping measures up and down'; and 'travel and quarantine' sections. [Click here to read the updated operational guidance for schools.](#)
- Operational guidance has also been updated for FE colleges and provides, reflecting the changes to self-isolation from 16 August in the 'tracing close contacts' section and including additional information about the contingency framework in the 'stepping measures up and down' section. [Click here to read the updated operational guidance for FE colleges and providers.](#)
- Further guidance for those responsible for transport to schools and colleges has also been released, including updates to information about contact tracing and isolation. [Click here to read the guidance for transport to schools and colleges during the Covid-19 pandemic.](#)

This new guidance is intended to enable school leaders to manage Covid-19 cases while continuing to deliver face-to-face, high-quality education to all pupils.

Please take the time to familiarise yourself with the above guidance documents and direct any questions you may have to edulog@doncaster.gov.uk