

Tiers of restrictions

We anticipate that the school will usually remain fully open to all, with the additional requirement that face coverings should be worn by staff and pupils in year 7 and above when moving around the premises in areas outside classrooms where social distancing cannot be maintained ([tier 1](#)).

In the exceptional circumstances where some level of restriction to education is required in a local area, local and national partners will carefully consider which of the tiers is the most appropriate one to implement. Under the Coronavirus Act 2020, **ultimately the decision to order the closure of school and childcare settings is one for central government.**

Tier 1

The default position for areas in national government intervention is that education and childcare settings will remain open. An area moving into national intervention with restrictions short of education and childcare closure is described as 'tier 1'. The only changes in education settings is that where pupils in year 7 and above are educated, face coverings should be worn by adults and pupils when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing cannot easily be maintained.

All secondary schools should remain open and continue to allow all their children and young people to attend, on site, with no other restrictions in place.

Tier 2

Secondary schools move to a rota model, combining on-site provision with remote education. They continue to allow full-time attendance on site to vulnerable children and young people and the children of critical workers. All other pupils should not attend on site except for their rota time.

In all areas of national government intervention, education settings where pupils in year 7 and above are educated, face coverings should be worn by adults and pupils when moving around the premises,

outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing cannot easily be maintained.

Tier 3

Secondary schools would allow full-time on-site provision ***only to vulnerable children, the children of critical workers and selected year groups (to be identified by Department for Education)***. Other pupils should not attend on site. Remote education to be provided for all other pupils.

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Tier 4

All nurseries, childminders, mainstream schools, colleges and other educational establishments allow full-time attendance on site only to our priority groups: vulnerable children and the children of critical workers. All other pupils should not attend on site. AP, special schools and other specialist settings will allow for full-time on-site attendance of all pupils. Remote education to be provided for all other pupils.

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