

Public Health

3. Levels and proposed additional control measures advised by Suffolk County Council

3.1 Objectives of additional control measures

- 1. To ensure face-to-face education is maintained as far as possible across all educational and early years settings and minimise disruption to students' education
- 2. To protect the health and wellbeing of children and staff in the context of emphasising the importance of face-to-face education
- 3. Measures should affect the minimum number of children for the shortest time

3.2 Proposed additional control measures from 15 November

The table on the next page summarises the additional control measures advised for educational and childcare settings in Suffolk, depending on their 'level'. Please see <u>Appendix 2</u> for a simple flowchart to support school and setting leaders to identify which level they are on. Please also see the accompanying more detailed definitions of the <u>thresholds</u> (section 4) and the <u>control measures (section 5)</u>. If there are any questions about this guidance or your setting doesn't meet setting types by early years, primary, secondary school or above, please email <u>CYPC19@Suffolk.gov.uk</u>

This is Suffolk County Council Public Health advice and cannot be mandated and will be reviewed every two weeks.

Table 1: Recommended control measures in educational settings in Suffolk from 15 November

Threshold	Criteria to revoke measures	Early Years (children aged 0-4)	Primary (pupils aged 4-11)	Seco (stue
Level 1 – applies to all Suffolk settings whether or not there are any COVID- 19 cases at the setting	When the Suffolk COVID- 19 case rate amongst 10– 19-year-olds is either at or below the regional <u>and</u> national rates, it will be	All routine control and IPC measures, e.g., hand washing, ventilation, cleaning, excluding symptomatic individuals from the setting, promotion of vaccination to eligible staff.	All routine control and IPC measures, e.g., hand washing, ventilation and CO2 monitoring, cleaning, excluding symptomatic individuals from the setting, promotion of vaccination to eligible staff.	All r wash LFD indiv to el
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per Level 1

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⁸ The Group/Cohort are not official close contacts of the cases (e.g., a friendship group), but a wider group (e.g., a whole year group) that may be affected and deemed at risk through the risk assessment of the outbreak by SCC and the setting.



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⁹ There is no national guidance or specific evidence at what threshold should attendance restrictions be considered. We suggest 15 cases / 30% as a guide which SCC CYP are in agreement. E.g., Cumbria introduce attendance restrictions at higher level 4 - 20 cases / 40%. ¹⁰ Attendance restrictions will be a case-by-case decisions where level 2 actions have not broken the chains of transmission. The 15 cases / 30% of a group threshold acts as a guide and not a strict threshold. If you consider your setting's current situation is Level 3, please contact <u>CYPC19@suffolk.gov</u> before taking any action.

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¹³ As Suffolk is in a ERA, recommendation will be made by the local operational outbreak management team, including Public Health and Children and Young People Services representatives. Regional schools commissioner will be kept updated.

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