



COVID Contingency Mitigation (updated November 2021)

In the event of increases in cases of COVID-19, we have a number of stages of mitigation we will implement before moving to full Borlase@Home for learning.

The current stage of mitigation in place at Borlase is indicated by an orange **highlight**.

Stage 1 mitigation: ventilation, testing and hygiene

Our first stage of mitigation is a regular programme of lateral flow testing, good hand hygiene and ventilation.

Stage 2 mitigation: crowded area mask wearing and increased social distancing

This stage of mitigation involves a continuation of standard COVID-19 practices of good hand hygiene, a regular testing regime and effective ventilation as set out in Stage 1.

In addition, it involves the **compulsory wearing of masks in corridors, queues and crowded areas**.

It also involves transitioning from in-person assemblies and multi-person meetings to online meetings using Google Meet.

Stage 3 mitigation: classroom mask wearing and increased social distancing

This stage of mitigation involves a continuation of standard COVID-19 practices of good hand hygiene, a regular testing regime and effective ventilation as set out in Stage 1.

In addition, it involves the **wearing of masks in classrooms as well as in crowded areas** such as the school canteen and corridors.



Stage 4 mitigation: single year group rolling COVID-19 home school programme

In the event of the school not having **insufficient staff to open safely** for all students, we would instigate a rolling programme of year groups alternating between Remote learning and attending school on site. In doing this, our aim would be to first protect the live teaching of core exam group Years 11-13.

Week 1 of rolling COVID-19 school-home programme: Years 11-13 all in school					
Remote learning			Year group in school		
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7					
Year 8					
Year 9					
Year 10					

Week 2 of rolling COVID-19 school-home programme: Years 11-13 all in school					
Remote learning			Year group in school		
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7					
Year 8					
Year 9					
Year 10					

This would mean that over a two-week cycle of 10 school days, students would have the following split.

Year 7	7 days on site	3 days in Remote learning
Year 8	7 days on site	3 days in Remote learning
Year 9	8 days on site	2 days in Remote learning
Year 10	8 days on site	2 days in Remote learning
Year 11	10 days on site	0 days in Remote learning
Year 12	10 days on site	0 days in Remote learning
Year 13	10 days on site	0 days in Remote learning



Stage 5 mitigation: dual year group rolling COVID-19 home school programme

In the event of the school staffing situation worsening further, we would move to a situation in which we had more than one Year Group off site at a time.

Week 1 of rolling COVID-19 school-home programme: Years 11-13 all in school					
Remote learning			Year group in school		
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7					
Year 8					
Year 9					
Year 10					

Week 2 of rolling COVID-19 school-home programme: Years 11-13 all in school					
Remote learning			Year group in school		
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7					
Year 8					
Year 9					
Year 10					

This would mean that over a two-week cycle of 10 school days, students would have the following split.

Year 7	5 days on site	5 days in Remote learning
Year 8	5 days on site	5 days in Remote learning
Year 9	5 days on site	5 days in Remote learning
Year 10	5 days on site	5 days in Remote learning
Year 11	10 days on site	0 days in Remote learning
Year 12	10 days on site	0 days in Remote learning
Year 13	10 days on site	0 days in Remote learning



Stage 6 mitigation: the reintroduction of whole-school bubbling and the restructuring of the school day

In the event of the pandemic's course worsening on a more sustained basis we would look to reintroduce the comprehensive whole-school mitigation measures that we had in place in the Autumn term 2020.

This would include strict Year Group bubbles, staggered breaktimes and controlled movement around the school site so as to dramatically reduce the number of potential close contacts a student or member of staff would have in a single day.

Stage 7 mitigation: school lockdown and continued education through Borlase@Home

The final stage of our mitigation plan is reserved for a whole school lockdown scenario. It implies the return of Borlase@Home, as put in place in the first lockdown (March-July 2020) and second lockdown (January-March 2021).

