

## PHASES FOR LIVING SAFELY WITH COVID WITHIN SCHOOLS

Following a large Omicron Variant Outbreak in school-age children during Term One and January 2022, we see a decrease in the number of positive cases in our community. While there continues to be a medium risk in schools, the COVID-19 testing programs in schools and strict adherence to these protocols will be the strongest protections. These protocols will reduce the risk of transmission of the virus in schools as we learn to live with the COVID-19

**As these Phases are relaxed, more responsibility will be needed by Schools, School Staff, Parents and Students to be more attentive to prevent exposure that can result in catching COVID.**

**NOTE: THE ORDER TO QUARANTINE FALLS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE CMO, NOT THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION. WHILE THESE PHASES ARE TO BE ADHERED TO, ANY POSITIVE CASES/OUTBREAKS IN SCHOOLS AND THE QUARANTINING REQUIREMENT, AS A RESULT, WILL BE DIRECTED BY THE CMO AND ADHERED TO BY ANY PERSON REQUIRED TO QUARANTINE. MASK WEARING AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE IS RECOMMENDED TO REDUCE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19**

**THESE PROTOCOLS WILL BE REVIEWED REGULARLY, CONSIDERING THE OUTBREAKS IN THE COMMUNITY AND THE VACCINATION STATUS OF STAFF AND STUDENTS. ROUTINE SALIVA SCREENING/LATERAL FLOW TESTING WILL CONTINUE FOR STAFF AND STUDENTS IN ALL SCHOOLS.**

PHASES CATEGORIES		
PHASE 1	PHASE 2A	PHASE 2B
<p><b>Island Outbreak</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Outbreak to be determined by Health</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ The school has less than 80% of staff and/or less than 80% of students participating in the Saliva Screening / At-Home LFT Program.</li> <li>❖ Participation shall be determined by being enrolled in the screening program and completing Saliva Screening (2 consecutive tests) / At-Home LFT Program (4 consecutive tests).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ The school has 80% or more staff and 80% or more students participating in the Saliva Screening / At-Home LFT Program.</li> <li>❖ Participation shall be determined by being enrolled in the screening program and completing Saliva Screening (2 consecutive tests) / At-Home LFT Program (4 consecutive tests).</li> </ul>
<b>DOE TO REPORT TO BPSS SCHOOLS LEVELS OF PARTICIPATION</b>		
Classroom closures are possible.	Classroom closures are possible.	Classroom closures are unlikely.
School closures are possible.	School closures are unlikely.	
<b>Protocol Adherence Level</b>		
Strict and consistent adherence is required to all safety and health protocols.		
<b>Entry Procedures</b>	<b>Entry Procedures</b>	<b>Entry Procedures</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Temperature checks</li> <li>❖ COVID-19 Questionnaire</li> <li>❖ Hand hygiene</li> <li>❖ Symptom monitoring during entry and the school day.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Temperature checks, optional</li> <li>❖ COVID-19 Questionnaire, optional</li> <li>❖ Hand hygiene</li> <li>❖ Symptom monitoring during entry and the school day.</li> </ul>	
<b>Parent/Visitor/Authorized Worker Entry</b>	<b>Parent/Visitor/Authorized Worker Entry</b>	<b>Parent/Visitor/Authorized Worker Entry</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Permitted for emergency work</li> <li>❖ Self Reported <b>NEGATIVE HOME LFT RESULT</b> within two days of visit or <b>SELF SUPPLIED NEGATIVE LFT RESULT</b> upon arrival and observed by the school</li> <li>❖ All must sign in, complete the entry procedures, wear a face mask for the duration of the visit, and only enter pre-arranged locations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Permitted: Only parents, authorised workers, and visitors who display no signs of an illness can enter by declaring a self-reported, <b>NEGATIVE HOME LFT RESULT</b> within two days of the visit or administering a <b>SELF-SUPPLIED NEGATIVE LFT</b> upon arrival observed by the school</li> <li>❖ All must sign in, complete the entry procedures, wear a face mask for the duration of the visit, and only enter pre-arranged locations.</li> </ul>	

Mask Use	Mask Use	Mask Use
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Students from P1/K/Y1 – S4/ Gr. 12/Y11/ IB must wear masks while <u>indoors</u> at all times. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ <u>All</u> students in the Morning Care and Afterschool Programs must wear face masks when indoors.</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ Staff must wear masks at all times when <u>indoors</u> and less than 6 feet from others when <u>outdoors</u>.</li> <li>❖ Masks <b>MUST</b> be worn by <u>all</u> students while lining up for and during entry and exit when moving around the building when lining up for transportation of any kind.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Students can remove their masks outdoors and indoors while in their classrooms and maintain social distancing.</li> <li>❖ Staff <b>MUST</b> wear masks at all times when <u>indoors</u> and less than 6 feet from others when <u>outdoors</u>.</li> <li>❖ If there are positive cases <b>IN A CLASS OR YEAR GROUP THAT MIXES CLASSES</b>, masks <b>MUST</b> be worn for the class or year level affected.</li> <li>❖ Masks <b>MUST</b> be worn by <u>all</u> students while lining up for and during entry and exit when moving around the building when lining up for transportation of any kind.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Students can remove their masks outdoors and indoors while in their classrooms and maintain social distancing.</li> <li>❖ Staff <b>ARE ENCOURAGED TO</b> wear masks at all times when unless they are 6-feet away from others.</li> <li>❖ If there are positive cases <b>IN A CLASS OR YEAR GROUP THAT MIXES CLASSES</b>, masks <b>ARE ENCOURAGED TO</b> be worn for the class or year level affected.</li> <li>❖ Masks <b>SHOULD</b> be worn by all students while lining up for and during entry and exit when moving around the building when lining up for transportation of any kind.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Frequent <u>outdoor</u> mask breaks and outdoor classes with physical distancing are advised.</li> <li>❖ Masks <b>MUST</b> be worn <b>AT ALL TIMES</b> while on a mini-bus or any form of public transportation (including staff and the driver). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Around-the-neck, over the-nose masks/ gaiters or masks with vents is not permitted.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
Hand Hygiene		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Hands should be washed with soap and water for 20 seconds and dried completely with a single-use paper hand towel. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Alternately: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Students under 6 years can use Baby Wipes/Wet Ones.</li> <li>➢ Students 6 years and older can use an ethanol alcohol-based hand sanitiser. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Hands should be sanitised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ During entry.</li> <li>➢ Before eating.</li> <li>➢ Before and after outdoor play.</li> </ul> </li> <li>➢ During transitions between classroom activities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ After using the bathroom.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
Physical Distancing	Physical Distancing	Physical Distancing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ In classrooms, desks must be separated by at least 3 feet.</li> <li>❖ Students will use the outdoor ground markers and indoor floor markers when lining up.</li> <li>❖ Students should sit facing the same direction and in a staggered manner if sharing a long table.</li> <li>❖ Students cannot share personal belongings or materials.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ In classrooms, desks must be separated by at least 3 feet.</li> <li>❖ Students will use the outdoor ground markers and indoor floor markers when lining up.</li> <li>❖ Students can share a round, long table or kidney table (and they will be wearing their face masks), with physical distancing and open doors and windows, as possible.</li> <li>❖ Students are discouraged from sharing personal belongings or materials.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ In classrooms, desks must be separated by at least 3 feet.</li> <li>❖ Students will use the outdoor ground marker and indoor floor markers when lining up.</li> <li>❖ Students can share a round, long table or kidney table with physical distancing and open doors and windows as possible.</li> <li>❖ Personal belongings or materials should be wiped down each time if sharing is necessary.</li> </ul>
Ventilation		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Critical practice is keeping all windows and doors open every day. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Exceptions are rooms with windows that do not open or during inclement weather.</li> <li>➢ Air-conditioning systems (Recirculating-only systems are not advised) must be enhanced and maintained frequently.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Heaters must be used sparingly while rooms are occupied, as this virus can be more easily transmitted in warmer temperatures and higher humidity.</p>		
Disinfecting & Cleaning	Disinfecting & Cleaning	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Sharing materials and equipment is discouraged.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Sharing materials and equipment is discouraged.</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ High-touch surfaces, such as desks/tables, chairs, light- switches, doorknobs, computer keyboards and mice, should be disinfected after each use and at the end of every day.</li> <li>❖ Classrooms and bathrooms should be cleaned by custodians at the end of every day.</li> <li>❖ Deep cleaning of classrooms, ceiling fans, air-conditioners, window sills, high surfaces, and all shared rooms should occur during <u>all</u> school breaks and be completed by school custodians.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ High-touch surfaces, such as doorknobs, light switches, computer keyboards and mice, should be disinfected at the end of every day.</li> <li>❖ Classrooms and bathrooms should be cleaned at the end of every day.</li> <li>❖ Deep cleaning of classrooms, ceiling fans, air-conditioners, window sills, high surfaces, and all shared rooms should occur during <u>all</u> school breaks and be completed by school custodians.</li> </ul>	
<b>Class Bubbles</b>	<b>Class Bubbles</b>	<b>Class Bubbles</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Each preschool, primary school, and middle school class is considered a “bubble” and will remain separate from other class bubbles throughout a school day, with no mixing or merging.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Each preschool, primary school, and middle school class is considered a “bubble.” A year-level group of classes is a “pod.”</li> <li>❖ A year-level pod can mix and merge for specified activities described in Phase 2b.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Schools to allow mixing and merging of the whole school for all or additional activities, with appropriate social distancing, mask-wearing is <b>ENCOURAGED</b> and sanitising.</li> </ul>
<b>Staff Socializing at School</b>	<b>Staff Socializing at School</b>	<b>Staff Socializing at School</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ All teachers/staff (regardless of vaccination status) must continue to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Practice mask-wearing at all times when indoors, maintain physical distancing indoors and outdoors, and good hand hygiene.</li> <li>➢ Remain only with their class bubble, avoid socialising in other classrooms, and minimise the use of the communal staff areas, as possible.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ All teachers/staff (regardless of vaccination status) must continue to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Consider mask-wearing at all times when indoors, maintain physical distancing indoors and outdoors, and good hand hygiene</li> <li>❖ Staff will exercise cautious socialising in communal staff areas and other classrooms and follow the protocols described above in point #1.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Outdoor Play</b>	<b>Outdoor Play</b>	<b>Outdoor Play</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Develop a Play Plan.</li> <li>❖ Each class bubble will play in a separate and designated area from any other class bubble.</li> <li>❖ Play locations can be rotated for each class bubble.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Can resume for the whole school without a Play Plan.</li> <li>❖ Should an Outbreak occur in a school, the school must revert to using a Play Plan and keeping each year-level pod separate and not merging with any other year-level pod.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Can resume for the whole school without a Play Plan.</li> </ul>
<b>Assemblies</b>	<b>Assemblies</b>	<b>Assemblies</b>
<p>Not permitted indoors, but can be held outdoors, with one class bubble at a time, with face masks and physical distancing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>INDOORS</b> - Students and staff <b>WILL</b> wear face masks for the duration in a well-ventilated room and practice social distancing</li> <li>❖ <b>OUTDOORS</b> – Students and staff are <b>ENCOURAGED</b> to wear face masks for the duration and practice social distancing.</li> <li>❖ The presenter/speaker will stand at least 10 feet in front of the front row of students and remove their face mask, but don it as soon as the presentation is finished.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>INDOORS</b> - Students and staff are <b>ENCOURAGED</b> to wear face masks for the duration in a well-ventilated room and social distancing is <b>ADVISED</b>.</li> <li>❖ <b>OUTDOORS</b> – Students and staff are <b>ENCOURAGED</b> to wear face masks for the duration and practice social distancing.</li> <li>❖ The presenter/speaker will stand at least 10 feet in front of the front row of students and remove their face mask, but don it as soon as the presentation is finished.</li> </ul>

Staff/Parent-Teacher/PTA Meetings	Staff/Parent-Teacher/PTA Meetings	Staff/Parent-Teacher/PTA Meetings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Remote is advised for <u>staff meetings</u>.</li> <li>❖ Staff meetings can be held <u>outdoors</u> with face masks and physical distancing.</li> <li>❖ Single-/two-parent, <u>Parent-Teacher meetings</u> can be held indoors with a teacher, with scheduled meetings, sign-in attendance lists for contact tracing, masks, physical distancing, and hand sanitising. Lines/queues should be avoided.</li> <li>❖ No in-person, full <u>PTA meetings</u> can be held.</li> <li>❖ No <u>indoor</u> staff luncheons are permitted.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Remote <u>staff meetings</u> are advised, but if in-person, they will include all attendees wearing face masks (when indoors), with physical distancing (when indoors or outdoors).</li> <li>❖ Those attending in-person self report a <b>NEGATIVE HOME LFT RESULT</b> within two days of the visit or administer a <b>SELF-SUPPLIED NEGATIVE LFT</b> upon arrival observed by the school to enter the meeting before entry. All attendees must wear a face mask for the duration and practice distancing at all times.</li> <li>❖ Single-/two-parent, <u>Parent-Teacher meetings</u> can be held with a teacher with scheduled meetings, sign-in attendance lists for contact tracing, mask use for the duration, physical distancing, and hand sanitising. Lines/cues should be avoided.</li> <li>❖ Remote <u>PTA meetings</u> are advised.</li> <li>❖ Indoor staff luncheons are permitted in a large, well-ventilated space, e.g., cafeteria or school hall.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Remote staff meetings are advised, but if in-person, they will include all attendees wearing face masks (when indoors), with physical distancing (when indoors or outdoors).</li> <li>❖ Single-/two-parent, <u>Parent-Teacher meetings</u> can be held with a teacher with scheduled meetings, sign-in attendance lists for contact tracing, mask use for the duration, physical distancing, and hand sanitising. Lines/cues should be avoided.</li> <li>❖ Schools may provide a hybrid option for <u>PTA meetings</u>. Those attending in-person self report a <b>NEGATIVE HOME LFT RESULT</b> within two days of the visit or administer a <b>SELF-SUPPLIED NEGATIVE LFT</b> upon arrival observed by the school to enter the meeting before entry. All attendees must wear a face mask for the duration and practice distancing at all times.</li> <li>❖ Attendance lists should be maintained for at least 21 days.</li> <li>❖ Indoor staff luncheons are permitted in a large, well-ventilated space, e.g., cafeteria or school hall.</li> </ul>
Meals	Meals	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Meals brought in lunch boxes from home are the best option.</li> <li>❖ Outdoor lunch areas are encouraged, with physical distancing and no crowding when students line up.</li> <li>❖ Only hot lunch/cafeteria providers approved by the Department of Health are permitted with individual meals provided.</li> <li>❖ No indoor staff luncheons are permitted.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Meals brought in lunch boxes from home are the best option.</li> <li>❖ Outdoor lunch areas are encouraged, with physical distancing and no crowding when students line up.</li> <li>❖ Only hot lunch/cafeteria providers approved by the Department of Health each year are permitted.</li> <li>❖ For a Pizza Friday or a once-weekly hot dog day, crowding (if lining up) must be avoided, and the Lunch Duty teacher must supervise students.</li> <li>❖ Middle and Senior School students can use a microwave to heat lunches while practising physical distancing if lining up. They should wash their hands before using the microwave and be supervised to prevent crowding.</li> <li>❖ Indoor staff luncheons are permitted with physical distancing in a large, well-ventilated space, e.g., cafeteria or school hall.</li> </ul>	
Small-Group Activities	Small-Group Activities	Small-Group Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ In classrooms, preschool and primary school children cannot participate in cooperative play. Parallel play is recommended.</li> <li>❖ Circle Time will include the use of wipeable cushions and the 3 feet physical distance between students – and no sharing of materials can be in classrooms.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ In classrooms, preschool and primary school, children <u>can</u> participate in cooperative play (puzzles, blocks, pegboards), hands are sanitised with soap and water before and after activities.</li> <li>❖ Circle Time will include the use of wipeable cushions and the 3 feet physical distance between students.</li> <li>❖ Kidney tables can be used with all students wearing a face mask. The teacher can wear a clear mask to facilitate communication.</li> <li>❖ After sanitising hands, students in the <u>same class bubble</u> can resume <u>indoor</u> water play, Playdoh, and sand play together.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ In classrooms, preschool and primary school, children <u>can</u> participate in cooperative play (puzzles, blocks, pegboards), hands are sanitised before and after activities.</li> <li>❖ Circle Time will include the use of wipeable cushions and the 3 feet physical distance between students.</li> <li>❖ Kidney tables can be used with up to 4 students.</li> <li>❖ After sanitising hands, students in the <u>same class bubble</u> can resume <u>indoor</u> water play, Playdoh, and sand play together.</li> </ul>

Encore Classes and Lab Classrooms	Encore and Labs Classrooms	Encore and Labs Classrooms
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Primary School and Preschool teachers will go into the classroom to deliver their curricula (i.e., for visual arts, music, computer coding, and health education).</li> <li>❖ Middle schools will allow each class bubble of students in a year-level to go to up to <u>2</u> classes a day.</li> <li>❖ No <b>indoor</b> singing, loud talking or shouting (in classrooms or play rehearsals/ performances in a hall), or use of woodwind instruments is permitted.</li> <li>❖ Middle and Senior Schools will maintain seating plans for each class/cohort in a year-level for different classrooms.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Primary School and Preschool students can attend <u>2</u> Encore classes (i.e., visual arts, music, computer coding, or health education) in its location.</li> <li>❖ Middle schools will allow each class bubble of students in a year-level pod to go to up to <u>3</u> encore classes a day.</li> <li>❖ Classrooms with Labs can be used with year level Pods.</li> <li>❖ Unless wearing face masks and maintaining 6 feet physical distancing, no <b>indoor</b> singing, loud talking or shouting (in classrooms or play rehearsals/ performances in a hall), or use of woodwind instruments is permitted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ <u>Indoor</u> and <u>outdoor</u> individual or small groups in brass or woodwind lessons are permitted, with physical distancing.</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ Schools will maintain seating plans for each class/cohort at a year-level for different classrooms.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Primary School and Preschool students can attend Encore classes (i.e., visual arts, music, computer coding, and health education) in their locations.</li> <li>❖ Middle schools will allow each class bubble of students in a year-level pod to go to up to <u>3</u> encore classes a day.</li> <li>❖ Classrooms with Labs can be used with year level Pods</li> <li>❖ Unless maintaining 6 feet physical distancing, no <b>indoor</b> singing, loud talking or shouting (in classrooms or play rehearsals/ performances in a hall), or use of woodwind instruments is permitted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ <u>Indoor</u> and <u>outdoor</u> individual or small groups of students in brass or woodwind lessons are permitted, with physical distancing.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Physical Education Classes	Physical Education Classes	Physical Education Classes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Each class bubble will remain separate from any other for <u>indoor</u> P.E. classes, even if there are two or more classes in a year-level.</li> <li>❖ <u>Two</u> class bubbles in the <u>same</u> year-level can have <u>outdoor</u> P.E. classes together, and equipment must be disinfected between uses. Hands must be washed/sanitised before and after class.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Each class bubble will remain separate from any other for <u>indoor</u> P.E. classes, even if there are two or more classes in a year-level.</li> <li>❖ <u>Two</u> class bubbles in the <u>same</u> year-level can have <u>outdoor</u> P.E. classes together and equipment must be disinfected between uses. Hands must be washed/sanitised before and after class.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Can take place with appropriate COVID mitigation. Refer to Department of Youth and Sport return to sport guidance.</li> </ul>
Sports Days, Intra-mural Sports, & Inter-School Sports	Sports Days, Intra-mural Sports, & Inter-School Sports	Sports Days, Intra-mural Sports, & Inter-School Sports
<p style="text-align: center;">Not permitted.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Students not regularly participating in the screening program (minimum 4 consecutive tests before the event or 2 consecutive Saliva tests) cannot participate.</li> <li>❖ Intra-mural sports and Sports Days can be held <u>outdoors</u> with <u>one year-level pod</u> at a time.</li> <li>❖ Non-participating students in the <u>same</u> year-level pod can be seated together as spectators, wearing masks, and practising physical distancing.</li> <li>❖ Sign-in attendance lists are required for parent spectators, remaining in assigned seating areas and seated at least 10 feet from the participants, wearing masks, physical distancing, and physical distancing in bathrooms.</li> <li>❖ Attendance lists for participating students, non-participating students and parent spectators will be maintained for up to 21 days, should contact tracing be required.</li> <li>❖ Parent spectators will produce a self-reported <b>NEGATIVE HOME LFT RESULT</b> within two days of the visit or administer a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Students not regularly participating in the screening program (minimum 4 consecutive tests before the event or 2 consecutive Saliva tests) cannot participate.</li> <li>❖ Intramural sports can be held <u>outdoors</u> and <u>indoors</u>.</li> <li>❖ Intra-Mural Sports, Sports Days and Inter-school sports must be held <u>outdoors</u>. Refer to Youth and Sports return to sport guidelines.</li> <li>❖ Non-participating students in the <u>same</u> year-level pod can be seated together as spectators, <b>ENCOURAGED</b> to wear masks and practice physical distancing.</li> <li>❖ Sign-in attendance lists are required for parent spectators, remaining in assigned seating areas and seated at least 10 feet from the participants, mask use, physical distancing, and physical distancing in bathrooms.</li> <li>❖ Attendance lists for participating students, non-participating students and parent spectators will be maintained for up to 21 days, should contact tracing be required.</li> </ul>

	<p><b>SELF-SUPPLIED NEGATIVE LFT</b> upon arrival observed by the school to enter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ All attendees must wear a face mask for the duration and practice distancing at all times.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Parent spectators will produce a self-reported <b>NEGATIVE HOME LFT RESULT</b> within two days of the visit or administer a <b>SELF-SUPPLIED NEGATIVE LFT</b> upon arrival observed by the school to enter.</li> </ul>
<b>School Leaving/ Graduation Ceremonies</b>	<b>School Leaving/ Graduation Ceremonies</b>	<b>School Leaving/ Graduation Ceremonies</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Remote, only for <u>indoor</u> events.</li> <li>❖ Can be held <u>outdoors</u> with only <u>one</u> class bubble at a time.</li> <li>❖ Only student spectators in the <b>same year-level</b>, physically distanced and wearing face masks when moving around, can attend.</li> <li>❖ Parent/supporting spectators are permitted for an outdoor event, with a sign-in/attendance list, physical distancing, mask use.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Can be held <u>outdoors</u> or <u>indoors</u> with 1 – 2 parent/supporters per participating student with an attendance list and a seating plan (all must remain in the assigned seat), physically distanced and wearing face masks when moving around.</li> <li>❖ An <u>indoor</u> event will include <b>one class bubble</b> at a time, with all students and staff/adults wearing face masks, a large and well-ventilated room, and physical distancing.</li> <li>❖ Audience members can attend by showing a self-reported <b>NEGATIVE HOME LFT RESULT</b> within two days of the visit or administering a <b>SELF-SUPPLIED NEGATIVE LFT</b> upon arrival observed by the school to enter.</li> <li>❖ Attendance maximum is dependent on the Government’s approved maximum group size at the time and space available with distancing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Can be held <u>outdoors</u> or <u>indoors</u> with 1 – 2 parent/supporters per participating student with an attendance list and a seating plan (all must remain in the assigned seat), physically distanced and wearing face masks when moving around.</li> <li>❖ An <u>indoor</u> event will include <b>one year-level pod</b> at a time, with all students and staff/adults wearing face masks, a large and well-ventilated room, and physical distancing.</li> <li>❖ Audience members can attend by showing a self-reported <b>NEGATIVE HOME LFT RESULT</b> within two days of the visit or administering a <b>SELF-SUPPLIED NEGATIVE LFT</b> upon arrival observed by the school to enter.</li> <li>❖ Attendance maximum is dependent on the Government’s approved maximum group size at the time and space available with distancing.</li> </ul>
<b>In-School Birthday Parties/Any Parties</b>	<b>In-School Birthday Parties/Any Parties</b>	
Not permitted.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Permitted with the following protocols: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ <b>Class</b> must have 80% or more participation in the screening program (min 4 consecutive tests before the event or 2 consecutive Saliva tests)</li> <li>➢ Small groups can participate.</li> <li>➢ Have all windows open and doors open as wide as possible for good ventilation.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Christmas Plays/Performing Arts Events</b>	<b>Christmas Plays/Performing Arts Events</b>	<b>Christmas Plays/Performing Arts Events</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Remote for parents, only for <u>indoor</u> events.</li> <li>❖ <u>Outdoor</u> events are permitted, with sign-in attendance lists for parent spectators, seating plans, mask use, physical distancing, and limited access to bathrooms (e.g., 1 – 3 people use a bathroom together to avoid crowding).</li> <li>❖ <u>One class bubble</u> can participate at a time, with 6 feet physical distancing between each participant and face masks are optional.</li> <li>❖ Attendance maximum is dependent on the Government’s approved maximum group size at the time.</li> <li>❖ Schools can require negative certified antigen tests for the audience.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Remote, recommended for <u>indoor</u> events.</li> <li>❖ <u>Outdoor</u> events or, if indoors, are permitted, with sign-in attendance lists for 1 – 2 parent spectators per student, remaining in assigned seats and seated at least 10 feet from the stage/ performers, seating plans, mask use, physical distancing, and limited access to bathrooms (e.g., 1 – 3 people use a bathroom together to avoid any crowding).</li> <li>❖ <u>One year-level pod</u> can perform <u>outdoors</u>, but <u>one class bubble</u> can perform <u>indoors</u> in the school hall, with good ventilation, 6 feet physical distancing between each participant and face masks are optional when performing, singing or playing an instrument. Face masks must be worn while <u>indoors</u> and waiting to perform, singing, playing an instrument, moving around the performance area, or going to the bathroom.</li> <li>❖ Audience members can attend by self-reported <b>NEGATIVE HOME LFT RESULT</b> within two days of the visit or administer a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Indoors and/or outdoor events are permitted, with sign-in attendance lists for parent spectators present, remaining in assigned seats and seated at least 10 feet from the stage/performers, using seating plans, good ventilation, mask use, physical distancing, and physical distancing in bathrooms.</li> <li>❖ One year-level pod can perform indoors, in the school hall with good ventilation, 6 feet physical distancing between each participant and face masks are optional when performing, singing, or playing an instrument. Face masks must be worn while <u>indoors</u> and waiting to perform, singing, playing an instrument, moving around the performance area, or going to the bathroom.</li> <li>❖ Audience members can attend by self-reported <b>NEGATIVE HOME LFT RESULT</b> within two days of the visit or administering a <b>SELF-SUPPLIED NEGATIVE LFT</b> upon arrival observed by the school to enter. Attendance maximum is dependent on the</li> </ul>

	<p><b>SELF-SUPPLIED NEGATIVE LFT</b> upon arrival observed by the school to enter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Attendance maximum is dependent on the Government's approved maximum group size at the time.</li> </ul>	Government's approved maximum group size at the time and space available with distancing.
<b>Field Trips/Excursions</b>	<b>Field Trips/Excursions</b>	<b>Field Trips/Excursions</b>
Not permitted.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Can resume with <u>one</u> class bubble (per mini-bus), wearing face masks and practising good hand hygiene, with good ventilation in the mini-bus (School staff and the driver must also wear a face mask).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Can resume with <u>two</u> class bubbles in the same year-level pod (per mini-bus), wearing face masks and practising good hand hygiene, with good ventilation in the mini-bus (School staff and the driver must also wear a face mask).</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Parents can accompany students, and parent cars can transport students from different households; if parents provide a self-reported <b>NEGATIVE HOME LFT RESULT</b> within two days of the visit or administer a <b>SELF-SUPPLIED NEGATIVE LFT</b> upon arrival observed by the school, all wear face masks, and the car windows are open.</li> <li>❖ If public transportation is used, students and staff must wear face masks for the duration of the journey.</li> <li>❖ Students and staff must follow the protocols and remain separate from any other group/individual at the field trip venue</li> </ul>	
<b>School Photographs</b>	<b>School Photographs</b>	<b>School Photographs</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Not permitted <u>indoors</u>*.</li> <li>❖ Schools must require the photographer to provide a self-reported <b>NEGATIVE HOME LFT RESULT</b> within two days of the visit or administer a <b>SELF-SUPPLIED NEGATIVE LFT</b> upon arrival observed by the school.</li> <li>❖ Can be conducted <u>outdoors</u>, with <u>one</u> class bubble at a time (all must wear their face masks from the classroom to the outdoor photo-taking location).</li> <li>❖ Each student can remove their face mask for the photograph then don it immediately after.</li> <li>❖ No indoor or outdoor <u>class</u> photographs can be taken unless all students and staff/teachers wear their face masks.</li> <li>❖ Each individual class bubble (cohort in Senior School) must finish and return to class before another class bubble/cohort enters the outdoor photo-taking location.</li> <li>❖ The photographer must wear a face mask from entry, during the photo-taking process, and at exit.</li> </ul> <p>* Indoors: Permission may be granted for one class bubble (not a year-level) at a time, with one student at a time having a photo taken <u>in the school gymnasium/hall</u> with open windows and doors, following the protocols above.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Permitted <u>indoors</u> and/or <u>outdoors</u>.</li> <li>❖ Photographer to provide a self-reported <b>NEGATIVE HOME LFT RESULT</b> within two days of the visit or administer a <b>SELF-SUPPLIED NEGATIVE LFT</b> upon arrival observed by the school.</li> <li>❖ Can be conducted indoors <u>or</u> outdoors, with one year-level pod at a time (all must wear their face masks from the classroom to the indoor or outdoor photo-taking location).</li> <li>❖ Outdoor <u>class</u> photographs can be taken with some physical distancing, and all students and staff/ teachers can remove their face masks but put them back on immediately after.</li> <li>❖ Each individual <u>year-level pod</u> (cohort in Senior School) must finish and return to class before another class bubble/cohort enters the outdoor photo-taking location.</li> <li>❖ The photographer must wear a face mask from entry, during the photo-taking process, and at the exit.</li> </ul>	

Examinations	Examinations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ In-class examinations will proceed as normal.</li> <li>❖ No examinations typically held in halls/ gyms/cafeterias with a large number of students will be held.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ In-class examinations will proceed as normal.</li> <li>❖ Examinations held in halls/gyms/cafeterias will include a maximum of <u>100</u> students per examination room, with 6 feet distancing, a seating plan for each group of students, enhanced ventilation, disinfecting of all chairs and desks</li> <li>❖ Mask wearing is <b>ENCOURAGED</b></li> </ul>	
In-School Co-/Extra-curricular Activities	In-School Co-/Extra-curricular Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Permitted only for students cooperating with the screening testing program (minimum of 4 consecutive LFT tests submitted before the event or two saliva screenings ) with <u>one class bubble</u>, with strict adherence to the safety and health protocols, including mask use, well-ventilated rooms, maintaining a daily attendance list for each activity to be preserved for at least 21 days.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Permitted only for students cooperating with the screening testing program (minimum of 4 consecutive tests submitted before the event or 2 consecutive saliva tests) with <u>one year-level pod</u>, with strict adherence to the safety and health protocols, including mask use, well-ventilated rooms, maintaining a daily attendance list for each activity to be preserved for at least 21 days.</li> </ul>	
Morning Care & Afterschool Programs		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Can proceed with strict adherence to the safety and health protocols</li> <li>❖ Mask Wearing as per the mask-wearing policy above</li> </ul>		
End-of-Year Outings/Events	End-of-Year Outings/Events	End-of-Year Outings/Events
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Can have a class picnic on school premises or around a pool, with <u>one class bubble</u> and its teacher and paraeducator, only practising physical distancing.</li> <li>❖ Food and beverages must be pre-packaged and served to the students (with no lining up to collect them).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ No outings at the beach or a public park are permitted.</li> <li>❖ No Bouncy Castles can be used.</li> <li>❖ Can have use of a swimming pool with <u>one class bubble</u> and its teacher and paraeducator (if applicable), only.</li> <li>❖ <u>No</u> parents/authorised adults can attend or transport the students to or from the venue.</li> <li>❖ Can include outdoor activity stations on the field, with <u>1 – 2</u> class bubbles in the same year-level pod, with one class bubble using a station at a time.</li> <li>❖ Can use a Wet/Water Slide with soap and water, with <u>one class bubble</u> at a time.</li> <li>❖ Can have a class picnic on school premises or around a private pool, with <u>one class bubble</u> and its teacher and paraeducator, only, practising physical distancing. Food and beverages must be pre-packaged and served to the students (with no lining up to collect them).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Outings at the beach or a public park are permitted, with students and staff from each school remaining separate from other schools and the public.</li> <li>❖ Outdoor Bouncy Castles can be used for students from the same school only.</li> <li>❖ Schools can use a swimming pool with class bubbles in the same year-level pod and their teachers and paraeducators (if applicable) only.</li> <li>❖ Parents/authorised adults (number not to exceed the total for Large Group Events) can attend or transport the students to and from the venue if they provide a self-reported <b>NEGATIVE HOME LFT RESULT</b> within two days of the visit or administer a <b>SELF-SUPPLIED NEGATIVE LFT</b> upon arrival observed by the school; all wearing masks and windows open.</li> <li>❖ Can include outdoor activity stations on the field, where all class bubbles in the <u>same year-level pod</u> use different stations together.</li> <li>❖ Can use a Wet/Water Slide with soap and water, with <u>one class bubble</u> at a time.</li> </ul>
Essential Therapy/Services & Community Partners	Essential Therapy/Services & Community Partners	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Entry into schools requires a self-reported, <b>NEGATIVE HOME LFT RESULT</b> within two days of the event or administering a <b>SELF-SUPPLIED LFT</b> upon arrival observed by the school.</li> <li>❖ All in-school staff and therapists/specialist teachers must sign in each day and complete the entry procedures.</li> <li>❖ Staff visiting schools to observe files only and not interact with staff or students can visit up to 4 schools per day.</li> <li>❖ Includes Essential Government Therapists/ Services and Approved Community Partners (e.g., oral health, speech therapy, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, Nutrition Services, Child &amp; Family Services, Bermuda Police Service, Menuhin Foundation (<u>indoors and outdoors</u>, with up to <u>5</u> students socially distanced with <b>MASK WEARING ENCOURAGED</b> from 1 – 2 class bubbles, only), I-PLAY Program, The</li> </ul>		



<p>Reading Clinic Tutors, SunSmart, Bermuda Diabetes Association, National Drug Control, and JAG Athletics) are permitted (as above in point #1 below).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Students can attend therapeutic sessions at Tomorrow’s Voices and Windreach.</li> <li>❖ Observations are permitted in the classroom with face masks and physical distancing.</li> <li>❖ Students can attend programs at Kaleidoscope, Bermuda Sloop Foundation/Spirit of Bermuda, and Endeavor; and travel on public transportation/in disinfected vehicles, wearing their face masks snugly on the face and over the nose and mouth as possible. All assisting staff and the van/ mini-bus driver must wear face masks.</li> <li>❖ Parents’ private vehicles can transport students from different households with all wearing masks and windows open if the parents have provided a self-reported, <b>NEGATIVE HOME LFT RESULT</b> within two days of the event or administering a <b>SELF-SUPPLIED LFT</b> upon arrival observed by the school.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ All Government peripatetic/itinerant staff/mentors/specialist teachers/officers/ETAs/ETs/ school counsellors must sign in and complete the entry procedures. All such staff must be compliant with their respective screening testing protocol. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ May be delivered remotely.</li> <li>➢ Can visit <u>one</u> school in the morning and one in the afternoon and conduct <u>pull-out</u> sessions with 1 – 2 students from the same class bubble, only (no in-class/push-in sessions).</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ Students will not participate in the Work Release Program.</li> <li>❖ No Community Partners are permitted to enter schools.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ All Government peripatetic/itinerant staff/mentors/specialist teachers/officers/ETAs/ETs/ school counsellors must sign in and complete the entry procedures at each school. All such staff must be compliant with their respective screening testing protocol. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ May be delivered remotely.</li> <li>➢ Can visit <u>up to two</u> schools in the morning and <u>up to two</u> schools in the afternoon.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Students can attend the Work Release Program</p>
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	
<p>Conducted by the School Principal/Point-of-Contact in collaboration with the School Surveillance Team for any positive case connected to the school, following a positive result from a home/certified LFT or certified PCR test.</p>	

**Notes:**

- 1 Protections for schools will continue to be different from those of the general population.
- 2 These are broad risk categories, which may not completely account for all exceptions. Thus, if there is an outbreak in your class, school, or locality, it may be necessary to revert to greater protections of a different phase, temporarily. Each phase is risk-based, and we have taken into consideration many risk factors in the context of local cases, including those in local schools
- 3 Please note: Following the protocols will decrease your risks with broader repercussions – e.g., fewer disruptions to learning, wherein an entire year-level/whole school will likely not be affected/quarantined when the Class Bubble Strategy has been adhered to. Also, fewer parents and the wider community would be affected.
- 4 LATERAL FLOW TEST (LFT) or commonly also referred to as an ANTI-GEN TEST