

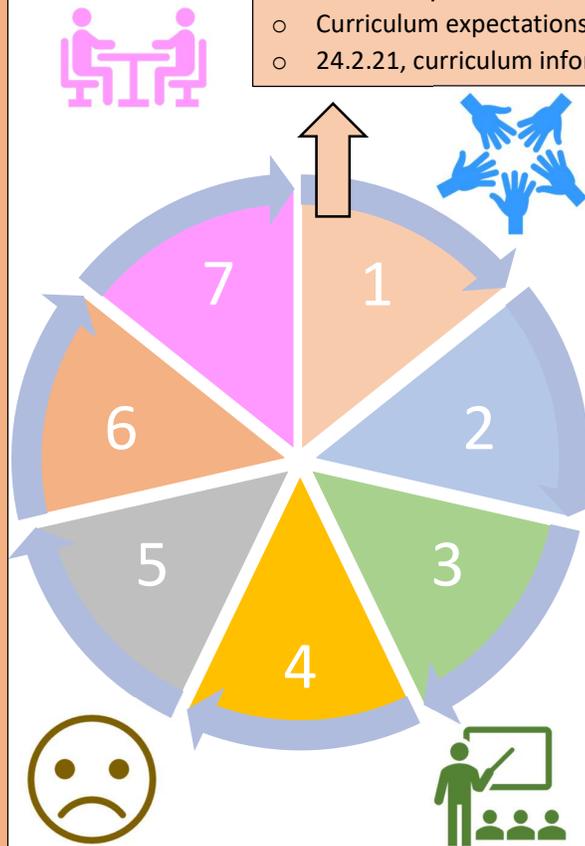
7 MINUTE BRIEFING – PHE advice for school leaders and staff

COVID (3) – Return to school from 8 March 2021

- From 8 March, schools should work to resume all before and after-school educational activities and wraparound childcare for pupils

Curriculum:

- Education is not optional. All pupils receive a high-quality education that promotes their development and equips them with the knowledge and cultural capital they need to succeed in life.
- The curriculum remains broad and ambitious. All pupils continue to be taught a wide range of subjects, maintaining their choices for further study and employment.
- Schools may consider focusing more on the prime areas of learning in the EYFS.
- In KS1-3, the majority of pupils should be taught a full range of subjects over the year.
- KS4/5 will continue with chosen and mandatory subjects



- Leaders must **update risk assessments** and make any required **changes to controls**, (prevention and response)
- Changes from previous September 2020 guidance:**
 - Testing for secondary pupils
 - Use of face coverings in classrooms for secondary pupils and staff and around school for primary staff
 - Mandatory attendance expectations
 - Curriculum expectations
 - 24.2.21, curriculum information **statutory** on website

Testing

- Rapid testing using Lateral Flow Devices (LFD)s will support the return to face-to-face education.
- For secondary pupils, once pupils have been tested 3 times at school, they will be provided with home test kits for regular testing.
- Testing and return of secondary pupils will be phased for a week from 8 March and schools will offer 3 tests, 3 to 5 days apart.
- Pupils should return to face-to-face education following their first negative test result.
- Testing is voluntary.
- Primary school staff will continue to self-test twice per week.

KCSIE:

The above guidance remains statutory.

This includes all forms of remote education and information and guidance offered to support parents/carers.

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Remote Education:

- You are required to provide remote education to pupils who are unable to attend school because they are complying with government guidance or legislation around (COVID-19)
- Where secondary schools are operating a phased return of pupils in the week commencing 8 March to allow for testing that week, schools must provide remote education for all pupils not yet expected to attend on-site.
- The remote education provided should be equivalent in length to the core teaching pupils would receive in school and should include recorded or live direct teaching time, as well as time for pupils to complete tasks and assignments independently.
 - Key Stage 1: 3 hours a day
 - Key Stage 2: 4 hours a day
 - Key Stages 3 and 4: 5 hours a day

Attendance:

- School attendance will be mandatory for all pupils from 8 March.
- The usual rules on school attendance apply, including:
 - parents' duty to secure their child's regular attendance at school
 - the ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with LA codes of conduct