

Education

Exit from Lockdown Strategy Alignment



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Following the publication of the island's Exit from Lockdown Framework, discussions have continued between Education and Public Health to ensure that a phased re-opening of educational settings can safely take place in line with the staged approach to exiting from lockdown. This close working between Education and Public Health has played a key role in Guernsey's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and everyone involved recognises the importance of educational settings welcoming young people back in a coordinated and safe way.

We need to make sure that all Public Health requirements can be met when young people return to school. We know things can change very quickly with COVID, but the ambition at this stage is for all pupils to return to school over a one to two week period following the island's move to Stage 2 of the Exit from Lockdown Framework.

The following information explains what each exit stage means for the provision of Education.

Stages of Exiting Lockdown	Education and Early Years Pathway	Education Delivery
 Lockdown	Schools and Early Years Providers initially closed for two weeks. Very restricted opening during half-term and prior to Stage 1	Distance Learning <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ 2m social distancing, wherever possible✓ Public Health surveillance testing programme for staff and children✓ Application process to secure a place - both parents essential workers working outside the home✓ Very limited school transport✓ Vulnerable children by invitation✓ Distance Learning offer in place✓ Face-coverings strongly recommended for adults and for secondary-aged learners

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Stage 1

Schools and Early Years Providers only open to children of essential workers and vulnerable children

Distance Learning

- ✓ 2m social distancing, wherever possible
- ✓ Public Health surveillance testing programme for staff and children
- ✓ Application process to secure a place - both parents essential workers working outside the home
- ✓ Very limited school transport
- ✓ Vulnerable children by invitation
- ✓ Childminders work with one essential workers family only or by bubble arrangement
- ✓ Distance Learning offer in place
- ✓ Face-coverings strongly recommended for adults and for secondary-aged learners
- ✓ Enhanced cleaning in place daily

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Stage 2

Schools and Early Years Providers open to all children with enhanced safety measures

Enhanced Measures

- ✓ Phased return to school
- ✓ 1m social distancing, wherever possible
- ✓ Class bubbles/Year-group bubbles for examination cohorts
- ✓ Reduced school transport offer
- ✓ Staggered start/finish times
- ✓ Childminders can work with more than one family
- ✓ Public Health adapted education testing strategy
- ✓ Face-coverings strongly recommended for adults and for secondary-aged learners
- ✓ Enhanced cleaning in place daily

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Stage 3

Schools and Early Years Providers open as normal

Business as Usual Plus

- ✓ Ongoing hygiene measures in place
- ✓ School transport as normal
- ✓ Vigilance for symptomatic staff/children
- ✓ Sustained awareness of personal space
- ✓ Face-coverings recommended for adults and secondary-aged learners in communal areas
- ✓ Enhanced cleaning in place daily

Continuing risk of importation via border
Potential to pause and reset if circumstances are not favourable



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