

Sports days

Sports days can go ahead. In line with the rest of the system of controls, pupils and students must remain in their bubbles and early years children should remain in their consistent groups as is usual for your setting. Sports equipment should be regularly cleaned throughout the event.

Spectators must adhere to current social distancing requirements. Where events take place outdoors, spectators can gather in separate groups of up to 30 – the legal gathering limit. Social distancing of 2 metres must be in place between different households. Multiple groups of 30 are permitted.

Leavers events

Currently, you should avoid hosting large group gatherings indoors for more than one bubble (or in early years more than one consistent group), such as assemblies or mass worship. The [schools COVID-19 operational guidance](#) states that children should be kept in separate, independent groups (for example, their bubbles). The [early years guidance](#) states you should minimise contact between groups within settings (for example, keeping children in consistent groups). The [FE guidance](#) also has advice on how to group students.

Outdoor events are generally lower risk. Once you have undertaken a risk assessment and planned your event in line with your system of controls, you may consider an outdoor event (for example a leavers' celebration or prom) that caters for more than one bubble or consistent group, as long as the groups continue to be kept separate.

Prom events must adhere to current guidance where any background or accompanying music must be kept to low levels to avoid raised voices. Singing and dancing are discouraged under the current guidance.

Any parents attending outdoor events must adhere to current social distancing requirements. Where outdoors spectators can gather in groups of up to 30 – the legal gathering limit. Social distancing of 2 metres must be in place between different households. Multiple groups of 30 are permitted.

Transitional and open days

You should complete thorough risk assessments before running transitional, taster and open days in your setting, to ensure that they are run in line with your system of controls and align with the advice contained within the guidance for your setting and the [roadmap out of lockdown](#).

This means that traditional transitional and open days are unlikely to be feasible this academic year but we are keen not to restrict individual settings from designing events which maintain the integrity of bubbles or consistent groups, and adhere to the system of controls in place.

Nursery – Reception transition

We appreciate that Early Years settings will be preparing transition days for the new intake in September. It is important that these should go ahead in some way and we have gathered some aspects of running them for you to consider. Careful planning will be required; they are unlikely to

be able to run as normal and thought should be given to consider the integrity of 'bubbles' – for which so much effort has already been made. Much of this will be dependent on Government advice relating to progress into Step 4 of the road map at the time, as much as it will also depend on logistics in your own setting;

- Virtual visits
- Focus time on outside areas
- Hold transition time out of hours.
- Keep children to small, consistent groups & avoid mixing established bubbles.
- Provide feeder nurseries and parents with an outline of measures that are in place in your setting prior to the transition experience.
- Ensure supervision of regular hand washing and allocate separate toilets.
- Avoid mixing new children with current children – consider Friday afternoons which would allow time for a thorough clean down and ventilation of the space(s).
- Avoid children from different nurseries mixing.
- Ensure that equipment is thoroughly cleaned between one group and the next.
- Consider staggered start / finish times to avoid congestion of parents / carers.
- Maintain a record for potential track & trace requirements.

Year 6 transition days

We appreciate that schools will be preparing transition days for the new intake in September. It is important that these should go ahead and we have gathered some aspects of running them for you to consider. Careful planning will be required and they are unlikely to be able to run as normal and thought should be given to consider the integrity of 'bubbles' – for which so much effort has already been made. Much of this will be dependent on Government advice relating to progress into Step 4 of the road map at the time, as much as it will also depend on logistics in your own setting;

- Keep children to small, consistent groups.
- Provide feeder primary schools with an outline of measures that are in place in your setting prior to the transition days. (Year 6 children are not required to wear face coverings).
- Avoid mixing Year 6 students with current students.
- Avoid children from different primary schools mixing.
- Consider which entrance the Year 6's will use at the beginning / end of the day.
- Ensure supervision of regular hand washing and allocate separate toilets.
- Ensure that equipment is thoroughly cleaned between one group and the next.
- Consider staggered start / finish times to avoid congestion of parents / carers.
- Maintain a record for potential track & trace requirements.

Singing

If you are planning an indoor or outdoor face-to-face performance in front of a live audience, you should continue to follow the latest [performing arts guidance](#), and the guidance on [delivering outdoor events](#). Registered early years settings, schools and colleges are, however, exempt from the requirement to limit group numbers to 6 for singing indoors.



Non-professional activities are permitted indoors and outdoors, within the legal gathering limits.

- Outdoors, people can take part in non-professional performing arts activities in a group of up to 30 people. Activities can take place with multiple permitted groups, provided the groups are kept separate throughout the activity, and the event is organised in line with the organised events guidance for local authorities. Social distancing of 2 metres must be in place between different households.
- Indoors, people can take part in non-professional performing arts activities in a group of up to 6 people, or as a group of 2 households/bubbles. Activities can take place with multiple permitted groups, provided the groups are kept separate throughout the activity, and the event is organised in line with the organised events guidance for local authorities.