

MANAGEMENT OF HEALTH AND SAFETY AT WORK REGULATIONS 1999

RISK ASSESSMENT FOR COVID-19 RETURN TO SCHOOL

Assessment Date 24th February 2021

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Area/Department Assessed Whole school and school activities

The assessment should be reviewed periodically throughout the Year. The list given is by no means an exhaustive one.

Review Dates

Signed and Accepted by: _____

On behalf of Governing Body

<i>Date</i>	<i>Who By</i>
24 th Feb	SG

Area of risk identified	Hazard Observed and who may be injured (include numbers)	Control measures in place	WORST CASE OUTCOME	Risk owner	Before and after control measures are in place		
					Likelihood	Consequence	Residual Risk
Communication and competency of staff	If staff and children are not aware of control measures included in this assessment, they will not be able to abide by them increasing risk of infection across all school	Briefing session for staff Information to be sent to parents Suitable information through videos and resources to be shared with children Senior leaders involved in risk assessment planning and communication with staff teams	n/a	SG			
Fire	Potential for alcohol gel to cause burns to staff and children if comes into contact with spark (static) whilst wet Fire doors could become wedged open to reduce touch points yet increase risk of spread of fire	Staff and children to be reminded of need for alcohol-based hand gel to dry before contact with anything metal or naked flame Doors retainers to be fitted where possible and other to be closed when not monitored Regular Fire Drills conducted regardless of number of children in school.		All staff PS/CP PS/SG	3 2	4 4	12 8
Infection control	Potential for children and staff to have increased likelihood of infection if in large groupings	Reduce movement around school as much as possible as the corridors are narrow – classes should use their external doors. If corridors are needed people should walk on the left. Mirrors fitted at corridor crossing points Larger gatherings (e.g. assembly) will not take place		All staff SLT	4 2	4 4	16 8

		<p>Only children of critical workers, vulnerable children and those who meet govt criteria will be accepted into school whilst in lockdown. School bubbles revised to be year group bubbles in order that remote learning provision can be delivered. This will be reviewed regularly dependent on demand. They will be allocated designated TAs and MDSAs No staff are crossing bubbles.</p> <p>Before and after school club will be organised to reflect these groupings, but provision will need to be reviewed due to low numbers.</p> <p>Due to reduced numbers in school and year group bubbles Rec/Y1/Y2 will have their playtimes and lunchtimes at the same time in different areas of the playground as will Yrs 3/4/5/6 (playground will be divided into 4 areas and field used when possible)</p> <p>Children will eat lunch in the classroom, with only packed lunches and jacket potatoes being offered, which will be brought to the room.</p> <p>Toilets will be allocated to the bubbles to minimise spread, these will be used at the same time as playtimes/lunchtimes, but should individuals need the toilet during the day this will need to be supervised, where possible or with the children knocking to see if anyone is in prior to entry. They should only be sent 1 at a time.</p>		<p>SLT</p> <p>SLT</p> <p>SLT</p> <p>SLT</p> <p>SLT/Support staff/ Teachers/MDSA</p> <p>Teacher/KS leader</p>			
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		<p>Furniture to be arranged in classrooms so all pupils are facing forwards (except Nursery, Reception, Y1)</p> <p>Activities to be organised to reduce movement</p> <p>Staff to ensure they maintain social distancing (The guidance recognises this - "Social distancing within education settings with very young children will be harder to maintain. Staff should implement measures as far as they are able, whilst ensuring children are kept safe and well cared for")</p> <p>Staff should not bend down to the level of the younger children if possible</p> <p>Masks are mandatory in all congested/communal area or when working closely with children</p> <p>Screens/Masks/Visors to be used when working 1:1 or with groups</p>		<p>All staff</p> <p>All staff</p> <p>All staff</p> <p>Teachers/TAs</p>			
Infection control	Where staff work in close proximity (under 2m) an increased risk of cross contamination occurs.	<p>Desk-based staff will continue to be located in areas allowing for maximum distance</p> <p>Mrs Smith in Mrs Goodsell's room Mrs Goodsell in the meeting room Mrs Gowing in Mrs Smith's room Mrs Nicolaou in the front office</p> <p>Walkie Talkies will be used, where possible, to communicate with the office</p>		<p>PS/SG</p> <p>Teachers/TAs/Office</p> <p>Teachers</p>	<p>3 2</p>	<p>4 4</p>	<p>12 8</p>

	Where essential visitors enter site increased risk of contamination	<p>to minimise need for movement around school</p> <p>No children to be sent to the office</p> <p>Glass front to remain closed at all times</p> <p>Office staff will brief on behaviour and control measures before they access site</p> <p>Covid forms will be filled in for visitors (restricted)</p> <p>Masks should be worn on entry</p>		Office staff Office staff Office staff			
Flow of movement in relation to infection control	Where children travel to and around school there is an increased risk of cross contamination	<p>Reminders for children walking to/from school alone about the need to continue to be sensible</p> <p>Staggered starts and finishes for all Year groups</p> <p>Allocated handover areas for all bubbles Barriers in place to reduce parent/staff contact. Masks to be worn by staff when collecting/dismissing children</p> <p>Systems and signage in place around the site regarding exits and entrances</p> <p>Plans communicated to parents to enable children to have reinforced messages at home and that parents are aware of expectation</p> <p>Only 1 parent/carer to accompany child onto site</p> <p>Staff outside to monitor entry and egress</p>		Class teachers SLT SLT/CP SG/HT/EM SLT SLT	3 2	4 4	12 8

		<p>Parents to communicate with the school via telephone or email rather than come into school whenever possible</p> <p>Only 1 person at a time in the entrance area.</p> <p>Parents told to wear masks at pick up and drop off points.</p> <p>Markers remain on entry/exit pathway at front on school indicating 2 metres.</p> <p>Staff have separate entrance to reduce contact points on doors etc</p>	<p>SLT</p> <p>Office staff</p> <p>Staff on gate duty</p> <p>CP</p> <p>SG</p>			
First Aid provision	If children or staff require medical attention there may be an increased risk of cross contamination	<p>Parents informed that children should not come to school if they are not feeling well.</p> <p>All first aid and personal self-care will be undertaken with adults wearing PPE - mask, gloves and apron.</p> <p>Where possible first aider to be allocated to each bubble, where not possible first aider per year grouping</p> <p>Where possible children will be asked to perform self-help e.g. application of cold compress.</p> <p>For the period of these new working practices all medicines will be stored in a secure area of each child's bubble, or in the allocated fridge. All usual practices such as labelling and recording of administration will continue</p>	<p>SG/HT</p> <p>First aiders and 1:1 staff</p> <p>SG/HT</p> <p>Class teachers/TAs</p> <p>Designated First Aiders</p>	<p>3</p> <p>2</p>	<p>4</p> <p>4</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8</p>

		<p>Each class teacher/First Aider will be given a list for their class regarding the administration of medicines. This is to avoid contact between the school office and individual children.</p> <p>Resuscitation shields in place in the medical room</p> <p>Revised outbreak practice procedure to be shared with staff</p>	<p>Class teachers/First Aiders</p> <p>Office staff</p> <p>SG</p>			
Infection control & housekeeping	Potential for likelihood of virus to be spread through contaminated touch points, inappropriate cleaning and poor hygiene levels	<p>Additional cleaning undertaken</p> <p>Regular meetings to review controls and cleaning routine</p> <p>Meetings held with cleaners and caretaker to provide opportunities for any risks to be identified and concerns raised and to reinforce the importance of focus on hotspots</p> <p>Cleaner on site throughout the day to clean surfaces – handles, tops, toilets etc. Additional toilet cleaning in place at lunchtimes</p> <p>Antibacterial wipes and lidded bins in all adult toilets.</p> <p>Ensure stock levels are maintained of appropriate cleaning materials with supply chain, usage and type identified</p>	<p>SG</p> <p>CP/PS/SG</p> <p>CP</p> <p>CP/Cleaners</p> <p>PS/CP</p> <p>CP</p>	<p>3</p> <p>2</p>	<p>4</p> <p>4</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8</p>

		<p>Cleaning checklists to confirm tasks and times undertaken</p> <p>Ubifog 1250 used for sanitising furniture / classrooms /toilets</p>		<p>Cleaners</p> <p>Cleaners/CP</p>			
Contamination through classroom spaces	<p>Multiple children will be using classrooms together during the day which increases the likelihood of cross contamination or contaminated equipment and resources being used</p>	<p>Children and adults placed in year bubbles to limit cross contamination</p> <p>Before/after school provision organisation to reflect this. Children to sit at allocated tables with allocated resources – use toilets as allocated to bubbles</p> <p>If numbers increase to close to normal class sizes a review will take place and a decision on additional controls and risk levels will be determined</p> <p>Classroom checklists provided for all staff which are checked daily to ensure correct provisions easily to hand</p> <p>Children to wash hands on entry and then as directed during the day</p> <p>Parents to be asked to wash and refill water bottles every day</p> <p>Children to have same chair and desk every day</p> <p>Minimise furniture and arrange to maintain social distancing as much as possible</p> <p>Keep classrooms well ventilated – doors and windows open (teacher/TA to close at</p>		<p>SG/HT</p> <p>BI/ Breakfast/after school staff</p> <p>SG / SLT</p> <p>JS/HT Class teachers/TAs</p> <p>Class teachers/TAs</p> <p>SG</p> <p>Class teachers/TAs</p> <p>Class Teachers/TAs</p> <p>Class Teachers/TAs</p>	<p>5 3</p>	<p>4 4</p>	<p>20 12</p>

		<p>the end of the day). In cold weather, windows open, doors closed except during playtimes, lunch breaks and preschool when classrooms will be aired.</p> <p>Minimise items on surfaces to minimise touch points and enable easy cleaning</p> <p>Remove soft furnishings/materials/toys/equipment that cannot be washed</p> <p>Display information to reinforce procedures</p> <p>Children will have their own equipment from Y2 upwards which they will keep their individual learning packs. In Reception and Y1 they will have baskets they can put on the table and keep the rest in their Learning Packs</p> <p>Any shared equipment used to be washed/wiped between use where reasonably practicable</p> <p>Texts copied and given out or projected on screen rather than shared books or paperwork</p> <p>Any reading books used (individual) stored away for 3 days before re-usage</p> <p>Coats and lunch boxes to be located in an appropriate place dependent on classroom</p> <p>Ensure desks and surfaces are wiped before and after lunch</p>		<p>Class Teachers/TAs</p> <p>Class Teachers/TAs</p> <p>Class Teachers/TAs</p> <p>Class teacher/TA</p> <p>Class teacher/TA</p> <p>Class teacher</p> <p>Class teachers/TAs</p> <p>Class teachers/TAs</p> <p>Class teachers/TAs</p>			
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		<p>Any children sitting on the floor at lunch should sit on the specific mats purchased for each classroom which should be sprayed and wiped after use.</p> <p>All classrooms/Staff rooms/ Photocopying areas etc will have: Anti-bacterial handwash Sanitiser Tissues Cloths Paper towels Lidded bins for tissues.</p>		Class teachers/TAs			
				CP			
Housekeeping and waste removal	Poor personal hygiene and housekeeping increases risk of infection through contact with virus	<p>Constant reminders of handwashing</p> <p>Hand sanitiser available throughout the school – additional stations around outside</p> <p>Posters displayed around school</p> <p>Tissues in all classrooms with lidded bins for disposal</p> <p>Expectations communicated with parents</p> <p>Corridor doors pinned open with appropriate door stops that release on fire to reduce contact</p> <p>PPE provided for staff where necessary e.g. First aid/nappy changing</p>		<p>Teachers/TAs</p> <p>CP</p> <p>SG / HT</p> <p>CP</p> <p>SG</p> <p>PS/CP</p> <p>SLT</p>	<p>4</p> <p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>4</p>	<p>16</p> <p>12</p>

Chemical and harmful substances	Different cleaning agents can pose increased risk if digested, swallowed, absorbed or inhaled	<p>Cleaning chemicals will be secured safely either locked away or out of reach of children if consistently required</p> <p>COSHH data sheets will be available for staff in the staffroom</p>	<p>CP</p> <p>CP</p>	<p>3 1</p> <p>CP</p>	<p>4 4</p>	<p>12 4</p>
Wellbeing of children	Children may struggle to adapt to new circumstance causing harm to wellbeing and mental health particularly to SEND and vulnerable children	<p>Class teacher to build in time to weekly timetable to make contact with children either remotely or by telephone. This will be monitored and any technologically vulnerable families will be contacted with a view to offering technology or a place in school.</p> <p>Vulnerable children, not in school, will be contacted regularly by SENDCO</p> <p>Availability of ELSA TA/Art therapy/Translators support to assist with issues</p> <p>Individual RAs will be in place for all children with EHCP and parents regularly communicated with</p> <p>Continued expectation that parents will be advised that they must keep children at home if they are feeling unwell</p> <p>Increased sanitiser stations around the outside of school</p> <p>Flexible uniform policy. Children can wear warmer items as the weather gets colder and doors and windows need to remain open.</p>	<p>All teachers</p> <p>SENDCO</p> <p>Class teachers</p> <p>SENDCO</p> <p>SG</p> <p>SG / PS</p> <p>SG</p>	<p>4 3</p> <p>SENDCO</p> <p>Class teachers</p> <p>SENDCO</p> <p>SG</p> <p>SG / PS</p> <p>SG</p>	<p>4 4</p>	<p>16 12</p>

		<p>Mobile phones collected from children when they arrive and kept in individual plastic wallets which are wiped each day</p> <p>Critical worker parents informed that they must let the school know if their child is not attending on any day.</p>	<p>Class teachers</p> <p>SG</p>			
Wellbeing of staff	Staff may struggle to adapt to new circumstance causing harm to wellbeing and mental health	<p>Ensuring that this risk assessment is thorough and all-encompassing and demonstrating how the school can be run in as safe a manner as possible, following the advice laid down by government.</p> <p>RA circulated when updated and opportunities provided for staff feedback</p> <p>COVID -19 Handbook for staff updated termly. Laying out expectations</p> <p>Continue to complete as much marking as possible on site.</p> <p>Provision of PPE equipment will be available, where/when required</p> <p>Provision of safe rest areas for staff – staff must continue to maintain social distancing and ensure items used are washed.</p> <p>Phase rotas in place to cover provision for critical workers/vulnerable children, provision of remote learning, opportunities to work from home</p>	<p>Governors / SLT</p> <p>SG/SLT</p> <p>JS/SLT</p> <p>Class teacher</p> <p>SG</p> <p>SG</p> <p>Phase Leaders</p>	<p>3</p> <p>2</p>	<p>4</p> <p>4</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8</p>

<p>Housekeeping and infection control</p>	<p>Insufficient cleaning will increase risk of virus being spread in school</p>	<p>Priority cleaning will be to the following areas considered “hot spot surface areas”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taps and washing facilities • Toilet flush and seats • Door handles and push plates • Machinery and equipment controls, • All areas used for eating must be thoroughly cleaned at the end of each break, including chairs and door handles • Telephone equipment will be cleaned regularly and not shared between staff (speaker answer system will be used where possible) • Keyboards, photocopiers and other office equipment, classroom desks and chairs. 		<p>Monitored by CP/ cleaning staff to ensure</p> <p>Office staff</p> <p>All staff (if something used clean after)</p>	<p>3 2</p>	<p>4 4</p>	<p>12 8</p>
<p>High risk employees (Pregnancy, medical conditions, special needs, over 60s)</p>	<p>Staff with pre-existing medical conditions are at increased consequence should they contract virus</p>	<p>All staff in this category will have separate risk assessment prior to working on site when SLT made aware</p> <p>Staff who have medical condition which can fluctuate with severity will inform SLT of any changes to their health so an assessment can be completed</p> <p>Anyone with a shielding letter should not come into school and work from home in communication with the Head Teacher</p> <p>Any pregnant or nursing staff member should have a separate risk assessment</p>		<p>SG / Compliance Now</p> <p>All staff and SG to action</p> <p>All staff</p> <p>SG / Compliance Now</p>	<p>Residual risk will be stated in individual risk assessment</p>		

		which takes into account advice from health services or midwife					
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Likelihood & Consequence before and after control

Likelihood ratings: 1 = Improbable (highly unlikely)
 2 = Remote (unlikely to occur)
 3 = Possible (could occur)
 4 = Probable (Almost certain)
 5 = Habitual (will occur almost certainly)

Consequence ratings: 1= Unlikely to require any first aid or medical treatment
 2 = Very minor injury maybe requiring some first aid
 3 = Minor injury requiring attention of first aider
 4 = Major injury requiring additional medical treatment (doctor or A&E)
 5 = Death or life threatening injury requiring emergency treatment

RESIDUAL RISK RATING	ACTION REQUIRED
Score: 16+ VERY HIGH (VH) Strong likelihood of fatality / serious injury occurring	The activity must not take place at all without management approval You must identify further controls to reduce the risk rating. Seek further advice
Score: 12+ HIGH (H) Possibility of fatality/serious injury occurring	You must identify further controls to reduce the risk rating and seek permission from management to undertake the activity.
Score: 9+ MEDIUM (M) Possibility of significant injury or over 3 day absence occurring	If it is not possible to lower risk further, you will need to consider the risk against the benefit. Monitor risk assessments at this rating more regularly and closely.
Score: 1+ LOW (L) Possibility of minor injury only	No further action required.

NB: All Control measures to be considered to reduce risk in column 5 should be considered taking into account practicality to implement, reasonability linked to cost, time and resources balanced with remaining residual risk in column 6. Not all suggestions will be reasonably practicable and therefore the risk can be accepted without further action