

St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

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Coventry School Partnership: Covid19 Operational Risk Assessment – Re-opening of Primary Schools

1. Introduction:

Coventry's Partnership of schools agreed a collaborative and consistent approach to secure the safe reopening of schools across the City as set out in 'Coventry Schools Covid-19 Re-set and Recovery Plan' in May 2020. On 2nd July 2020 guidance for the full reopening of schools to all pupils from September 2020 was published. This was revised on 22nd February 2021: Schools Coronavirus Operational Guidance February 2021 full re-opening Guidance-for-full-opening-special-schools-and-other-specialist-settings

These changes are fully reflected in this guidance and risk assessment.

In preparing and reviewing this guidance the Local Authority has had regard to advice from both the Health and Safety Executive and Government. It has noted that the Government has made explicit within the guidance those actions that are statutory, those actions that MUST be undertaken (Public Health Advice) and those that are advisory (for consideration) if it is reasonably practicable to do so.

It is made clear that Government advice "does not supersede any legal obligations relating to health and safety, employment or equalities and it is important that as an employer you continue to comply with your existing obligations". Consequently, Health and Safety Legislation continues to take precedence.

This risk assessment guidance:

- Sets out the current context and statutory health and safety obligations as at March 2021
- Reflects the relevant principles set out in Coventry schools Covid-19 Re-set and Recovery Plan
- Sets the national and local context for conducting a risk assessment to reduce transmission of a disease within school
- Provides an exemplar risk assessment (revised) that can be adopted and adapted to any
 educational setting
- Provides a template to record a risk assessment method statement setting out safe methods of working (control measures), which all staff should read, understand and sign
- Incorporates hyperlinks to sources of helpful information and resource

What is the risk? Covid19 is an infectious disease recognised internationally as a pandemic, the transmission of which must be controlled. The foreseeable risk in re-opening schools, is the potential transmission of Covid19 between members of the school community and consequently the wider community. This risk assessment therefore focuses on actions that are reasonably practicable to implement, that will reduce the risk of transmission of Covid19 as a consequence of re-opening schools to all pupils and staff, recognising that the virus is in general circulation and the risk is significantly lower than in the Spring/early Summer of 2020

<u>Who is responsible?</u> The employer is responsible for making sure that risks, particularly the risks to staff and pupils, are managed so far as is reasonably practicable. For maintained schools the employer is Coventry City Council, for Academies it is the Academy Trust.

Whilst it is recognised that the employer cannot delegate the overall legal accountability for the health and safety of employees; the day-to-day running of the school including responsibility for the health and safety of staff and pupils is ordinarily delegated to the head teacher and school management team.

Reference: https://www.hse.gov.uk/services/education/sensible-leadership/school-leaders.htm

2. Overview of Actions required for safe methods of working:

- Put in place sensible approaches to minimise the risk of Covid19 transmission to staff, pupils and visitors whilst in school.
- Communicate the risks and required safe methods of working to all building users including parent/carer
- Ensure that staff (employees) have the relevant information and training to manage risks on a day to day basis, including access to competent health and safety advice where needed.
- Check that the control measures have been implemented and remain appropriate and effective.
- Ensure that the control measures are monitored throughout the day and reviewed where necessary.

2.1 Key message:

Good health and safety is about keeping things simple, being proportionate and focusing on the real (substantive) risks. Procedures should be clear and concise with assessment of risk being practical. Good leadership is about getting the balance right on managing risk rationally, it is not about trying to eliminate it altogether.

2.2 What leaders need to do:

- Ensure that the school is following the employer's health and safety policy and has effective arrangements for managing the health and safety risks at the school.
- Maintain effective communications with employers, governors, and the school workforce, and give clear information to pupils and visitors, including contractors, regarding any significant risks on site.
- Make sure that the staff have the appropriate training and competencies to deal with risks in their areas of responsibility.
- Consult and work with recognised TU safety representatives/employee representatives and safety committees.
- Consult and engage employees in the development of the risk assessment and ongoing review
- Make sure that staff understand their responsibilities and know how to access support and advice to help them manage risks responsibly.
- Provide visible leadership to the whole school so that staff feel motivated, supported and empowered to focus on the things that really matter.

See: https://www.hse.gov.uk/services/education/sensible-leadership/leadership-test.pdf

3. Locally agreed Principles:

Coventry schools Covid-19 re-set and recovery Plan' revised July 2020

- The safety of everyone in school is paramount
- A consistent and co-ordinated approach and communication will be maintained across the Coventry school system
- Adherence to social distancing will be maintained as far as practicably possible in all classroom and school environments
- Best endeavours will be deployed to minimise the number of contacts staff and pupils have within school and ensure consistency in the groups pupils are placed within and staff teach/support
- School organisational planning will minimise the number of pupils that each staff member has contact with

4. What we know:

The World Health organisation (WHO) confirms that data from published epidemiology and virologic studies provides evidence that COVID-19 is primarily transmitted directly from symptomatic people (those infected with Covid19 displaying symptoms) to others who are in close contact with the infected person. Respiratory droplets are passed on directly through coughing and sneezing, or indirectly by contact with contaminated objects and surfaces; where the virus may be transferred from the surface to the hand and then the face - eyes, nose or mouth. It is understood that people can be infectious before their illness starts. Therefore, to minimise the risk of transmission, settings must put into place effective infection protection and control. Ensuring appropriate social distancing in school, meticulous hand hygiene practice all serve to reduce risk significantly.

The balance of risk is now overwhelmingly in favour of children returning to school. For the vast majority of children, the benefits of being back in school far outweigh the very low risk from coronavirus (COVID-19)

The hierarchy of controls: if properly implemented will substantially reduce the risk of transmission of infection

These include:

Exclusion:-

- Minimising contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, <u>do not attend</u> childcare settings, schools or colleges. Covid19 tests for symptomatic household member/s must confirm the outcome of the Covid-19 test if taken as soon as the results are known.
- Clinically vulnerable employees who are at higher risk of severe illness (for example, people with some pre-existing conditions as set out in the <u>staying at home and away from others (social distancing)</u> guidance should be supported in undertaking a Vulnerable Employee Risk Assessment (VERA) and reasonable adjustments made if necessary, which may include additional protections within the school environment or if possible working from home supporting the delivery of the curriculum for children unable to attend school as a consequence of self-isolation or local lockdown

Hygiene:-

- A stringent cleaning regime should be in place <u>COVID-19</u>: <u>cleaning in non-healthcare settings</u>. At the highest level this could follow the advice set out in: <u>Covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings</u>
- Frequent cleaning and disinfecting of objects and surfaces that are touched regularly (touch points), should be undertaken using standard cleaning products or antiseptic wipes, both of which kill the virus. This may require settings to enhance cleaning capacity. It should be recognised that cleaners and caretakers provide the frontline in protecting everyone in school, but health and safety is everyone's responsibility so cleaning tasks may be undertaken by any member of staff as appropriate.
- Socialising hygiene routines including regular hand-cleaning regimes washing hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap, drying them thoroughly or using alcohol hand rub or sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered. Identify specific situations when additional handwashing is required
- Ensuring good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach with follow up handwashing and cleaning/wiping of any contaminated area followed by safe disposal of waste
 Maximise natural ventilation and access to the external learning environment

Social Distancing:-

- Secure social distancing and/or minimise the range of contacts an individual pupil and member of staff
 have whenever practicably possible, through group designation, footfall management and planned
 supervised movement throughout the school building
- Regulate entry so that the premises do not become overcrowded at any point ensuring no 'pinch points' are experienced at ingress or egress
- Where it is possible to remain 2 metres apart, continue to use floor markings/signage to mark the distance and facilitate compliance, particularly in corridors, hand cleaning areas, toilets and internal and external communal break areas. Primary age children and those with cognitive functioning that makes social distancing difficult, can socialise with children within their designated group (bubble)
- Ensure the environment (such as classroom layout) and timetables are conducive with social distancing

 remove all clutter and non-essential resources. Desks/tables where practicably possible should be
 forward facing pupils should Avoid facing each other by sitting side by side.
- Minimise social contact by forming fixed groups of staff and children and avoiding movement between or blending of groups whenever possible. This may be a whole class group or if that is not possible e.g. secondary a whole year group. It is accepted that staff may have to deliver to more than one group, which is permissible, but contacts should be minimised and social distancing adhered to when possible.
- Where face-to-face contact is essential, this should be kept to 15 minutes or less whenever possible, contact should be side by side.
- Social distancing is not required in an emergency situation, e.g. medical emergency, fire evacuation
 etc. PPE should be used in a medical emergency if time permits (a first aid supply of PPE has been
 provided to all schools to secure an individual emergency situation, for example a sudden illness that
 may be Covid19 symptomatic of a child or staff member in school)

Lateral Flow Testing:-

Take active steps to identify asymptomatic cases within the school community, though the promotions of regular (at least weekly) community or on-site lateral flow testing for all staff and pupils year 7 and above, adhering to the Mass asymptomatic testing: schools and colleges safe operating procedures if based in school.

5. Summary:

These underlying principles are the key focus for organising all aspects of the school day and need to be built into the operational routine. A model Covid19 operational risk assessment was developed for Citywide use, which is pre-populated with generic safe methods of working. It was advised that if adopted, it would need to be adapted to each specific setting. The risk assessment template has been reviewed to reflect the changes in risk and necessary controls from September 2020 when all pupils return to school on a full-time basis, the Lockdown of January 2021 and the full reopening from 8th MARCH 2021. In addition to infection control, the risk assessment template and supporting resources extends to support additional health and safety considerations related to the consequences of Covid19 specifically:

- Securing provision for SEN from September 2020 the provisions in a child's Education, Health and Care Plan must be delivered. This means that peripatetic support teachers and health therapists will be able to work within schools, by adhering to the schools visitors policy thereby balancing the risk of allowing external visitors into school with the duty of best endeavours to provide (school may adopt the LAs model policy for visiting professionals).
- Health and safety audit of the school building checklist for use by class teachers (HSE) to ensure
 that the overall building is safe to use in terms of trips, falls, lighting, electricity hazards etc.
- Staff audit and recovery plans for absence of leadership, teachers, non-teaching staff, cleaners, first-aiders and DSL and response to local lockdown

- Maintaining communications with parents, staff, visitors and the general public
- Supporting the mental health and well-being of everyone in school
- Developing a recovery curriculum
- Developing a contingency plan to secure flexible support for home schooling, if a need arises as a consequence of group isolation, whole school isolation or local lockdown.

6. Overview of Statutory Requirements - What you must do in law:

Source: Guidance-for-full-opening-special-schools-and-other-specialist-settings)

Prevention:

You must always:-

- 1) Minimise contact with individuals who are required to self-isolate by ensuring they do not attend the school.
- 2) Ensure face coverings are used in recommended circumstances.
- 3) Ensure everyone is advised to clean their hands thoroughly and more often than usual.
- 4) Ensure good respiratory hygiene for everyone by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
- 5) Maintain enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents.
- 6) Consider how to minimise contact across the site and maintain social distancing wherever possible.
- 7) Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.

In specific circumstances:

- 8) Ensure individuals wear the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) where necessary.
- 9) Promote and engage in asymptomatic testing, where available.

Response to any infection

You must always:

- 10) Promote and engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.
- 11) Manage and report confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the
- 12) Contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice

7. Resources and references:

Schools Coronavirus Operational Guidance February 2021 full re-opening

<u>Guidance-for-full-opening-special-schools-and-</u>

other-specialist-settings Actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirusoutbreak/annex-a-health-and-safety-risk-

assessment Mass asymptomatic testing: schools and colleges Air conditioning and ventilation during the

coronavirus outbreak COVID-19: cleaning of non-healthcare settings

keeping children safe in education <u>letters-to-clinically-extremely-vulnerable-people</u> Covid-19-advice-for-pregnant-employee

COVID-19: cleaning in non-healthcare settings

Coronavirus (COVID-19): implementing protective measures in education and childcare settings

Free-school-meals-guidance

Face-coverings-in-education

Coronavirus-covid-19-asymptomatic-testing-forstaff-in-primary-schools-and-nurseries

Coronavirus-covid-19-asymptomatic-testing-in-

schools-and-colleges

What-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-aboutearly-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-

the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak

Health and safety risk checklist for classrooms

E-bug posters

Model COVID-19: Operational risk assessment for school reopening

Assessment conducted by:	Mrs V. Gosling	Job title:	Head Teacher	Covered by this assessment:	Staff, pupils, contractors, visitors, volunteers
Date of assessment:	4 th March 2021	Review interval:	Fortnightly	Date of next review:	22 nd March, 2021

Risk matrix

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			High (very likely)	Med	ium (possible)	Low (remote)
Activity	Risk rating prior to action (H/M/L)	Control measures		In place? (Yes/No)	Additional o		Residual risk rating (H/M/L)
1. Establishing a gradua	Il and safe appr	oach for pupils and staff to return to sc	hool:				
1.1 Establishing if the bui	lding is safe follo	owing an extended closure					
Health and safety risk assessments have not been reviewed. The health and safety audit is overdue.		Health and safety audit conducted by nominat Classroom audits undertaken using the HSE Hs for classrooms Risk assessments are updated or undertaken be mitigation strategies are put into place and co appropriate training covering: Different areas of the school Procedures for when pupils and staff enter are planned movement around the school durin times Delivering aspects of the curriculum, especial where shared equipment is used	pealth and safety risk checklist before the school reopens, mmunicated to staff with and leave school g lesson, break and lunch	Y	Health and Safety f with V.G. Share any reviewed assessments with s	risk	04.06.20 20.08.20 23.11.20 07.12.20 07.01.21 22.02.21
Statutory compliance has not been completed due to the availability of contractors during lockdown		 All statutory compliance is up to date. Where water systems have not been mainta chlorination, flushing and certification by a s been arranged. 	,	Y	•		

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1.2 First Aid/Designated S	1.2 First Aid/Designated Safeguarding Leads				
The lack of availability of designated First Aiders and Designated Safeguarding Leads may children's safety at risk	If the DSL is not on site because of operational challenges, the following cover arrangements are in place: a trained DSL (or deputy) from the school will be available via phone or online video, e.g. working from home access to a trained DSL from a partner school, will be available via phone or online video Where a trained DSL (or deputy) is not on site, a senior leader should take responsibility for coordinating safeguarding on site. We will always have a DSL on site in school. We currently have 3 DSL staff in school.				
2. Securing safe teaching	g spaces to accommodate all pupils returning to school				
2.1 Organisation of teachi	g spaces and communal areas				
Classroom sizes will not allow adequate social distancing	 Class sizes revert to 30 in recognition of Government advice that children are not at significant risk Timetables and staffing model determined to secure curriculum delivery for class/group size Classrooms are re-modelled, with chairs and desks in place to allow for social distancing. Any surplus furniture including 'spare' chairs are removed if possible and area de-cluttered Clear age appropriate signage displayed in classrooms promoting social distancing see: E-bug posters Ensure class groups and staff stay together consistently and do not mix or blend with other groups 				
Large spaces that need to be used as classrooms	Set group size limit for large spaces (e.g. hall, sports hall, dining hall) that match teaching group size. Large gatherings of pupils and/or staff are prohibited, compliance is supported by signage, training and monitoring Design layout and arrangements in place to enable social distancing.				
Staff rooms and offices do not allow for observation of social distancing guidelines	 Staff rooms and offices have been reviewed and appropriate configurations of furniture and workstations have been put in place to allow for social distancing. Staff are discouraged from congregating in communal spaces and are encouraged to eat observing social distance alone or with their designated team Staff using a communal area do so in their designated groups only and the area is cleaned before being occupied by another group 				

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School kitchens may not be able to serve whole school return	Government advice confirms that school kitchens can continue to operate, the kitchen will comply with guidance for food businesses on coronavirus (COVID-19)	
Securing good ventilation of occupied spaces results in areas being too cold to work in comfortably	To balance the need for increased ventilation whilst maintaining a comfortable temperature, the following measures should be used as appropriate (as advised by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) see guidance on air conditioning and ventilation during the coronavirus outbreak and CIBSE coronavirus (COVID-19) advice): • opening high level windows in preference to low level to reduce draughts. Windows should be opened just enough to provide constant background ventilation and opened more fully during breaks (for examples, between classes, during break and lunch, when a room is unused) to purge the air in the space). • Opening internal doors can also assist with creating a throughput of air elementary of the opening external doors may be considered (as long as they are not fire doors and only where safe to do so) • Flexibility on school uniform will be allowed to enable pupils to wear additional, suitable indoor clothing. For more information see School uniform • Where possible furniture will be arranged to avoid direct drafts • mechanical ventilation systems should be adjusted to increase the ventilation rate wherever possible, and checked to confirm that normal operation meets current guidance (if possible, systems should be adjusted to full fresh air or, if not, then systems should be operated as normal as long as they are within a single room and supplemented by an outdoor air supply) • Heating should be used as necessary to ensure comfort levels are maintained particularly in occupied spaces • Carbon Monoxide detectors can be used as a monitor for measuring the quality of air in a room	
Physical activity in school	 Pupils to be kept in consistent groups Sports equipment to be thoroughly cleaned in between each use by a different group Avoid contact sports Where possible outdoor sports will be prioritised and large indoor spaces used when necessary, maximising distancing between pupils and adhering to stringent cleaning and hygiene 	

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	External facilities are used in accordance with Government guidance	
	guidance on the phased return of sport and recreation and Sport England	
	Include activities such as active miles and active travel to promote social	
	distancing exercise	
2.2 Availability of staff an	d class sizes	
	 The health status and availability of every member of staff is known and is 	
	regularly updated so that deployment can be planned.	
	 Any staff member who is identified as clinically extremely vulnerable is 	
	strongly advised by the NHS to stay at home and cannot be allowed in	
	school for their own protection	
	Staff members who are clinically vulnerable can work in school if it is not	
	possible to work from home but must adhere to Covid-19 safety measures	
	for their protection and the protection of others as set out in their VERA	
	 Staff are aware of the current symptom checker for Covid-19, including high temperature, persistent cough and loss of taste and smell and 	
The number of staff who are	understand that they are not permitted to attend school if they or a	
available is insufficient to	household member is symptomatic	
safely teach classes in	All staff are aware of the testing procedure and know that they are	
school, operate effective	required to report their illness or the illness of a household member	
home learning schemes and	immediately to enable testing to take place within 3 days of onset.	
safeguard children not in	Full use is made of those staff who are self-isolating or shielding but who	
school	are well enough to teach lessons online.	
	 Flexible and responsive use of teaching assistants and pastoral staff is in 	
	place to supervise classes under the direction of a teacher if required	
	 If classes in school cannot be delivered because is staffing capacity is 	
	depleted a blended model of home learning and attendance at school will	
	be utilised temporarily, until staffing levels improve. Any temporary	
	change in provision for vulnerable or critical worker children will be risk	
	assessed against safeguarding criteria in consultation with partners, with a	
	clear plan of return.	
	• An appropriate hierarchy of deputisation is in place should a senior leader	
	be unavailable. This might include external leadership capacity	
2.3 Testing and managing	symptoms	
Testing is not used	 Guidance on accessing a priority test for symptomatic household members 	
effectively to help manage	has been brought to the attention of all staff	
staffing levels and support	Staff share the outcome of the test with their employer	
staff wellbeing	 The school, staff and parents engage with the Test and Trace processes 	
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Infection transmission within school due to staff/pupils (or members of their household) displaying symptoms	 Ensure that pupils, staff and other adults do not come into school if they have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or have tested positive in the last 10 days and ensure anyone developing these symptoms during the school day is safely sent home and instructed to arrange a Covid-19 test. Any household members within school will be sent home to self-isolate for 10 days or until the test result is known and is negative Engage with the NHS Test and Trace process Contain any outbreak by following local public health protection advice contact: Public Health England health protection team Pupils, parents and staff are aware of what steps to take if they, or any member of their household, display symptoms. This includes an understanding of the definitions and mitigating actions to take in relation to the terms clinically vulnerable and clinically extremely vulnerable should these apply. Robust collection and monitoring of absence data, including tracking return to school dates, is in place Procedures are in place to deal with any pupil or staff displaying symptoms at school. This includes safe isolation procedures, departure and cleaning. A record of any COVID-19 symptoms in staff or pupils is reported to the trust or local authority. Public health advice is followed. 	
Lateral Flow Tests are not used routinely by the school community resulting in a continuing unknown number of asymptomatic pupils and staff in school	The positive benefits of wide take-up of regular LFT to the health and safety of everyone within both the school and wider community is understood and promoted All staff understand their entitlement to access regular lateral flow community or school-based testing; are informed of the advantages and positive impact it has on identifying asymptomatic cases and are encouraged and enabled to participate in regular LFT screening The school have secure processes in place to receive delivery of LFT tests and secure safe storage and distribution for staff usage The school has read and understood the national SOP in securing internal LFT systems and procedures that are understood by all participating staff Staff understand that they must report a positive LFT result to their manager, immediately self-isolate, book a PCR (primary schools) and report the result	

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Staff, pupils and parents are not aware of the school's procedures (including on self-isolation and testing) should anyone display symptoms of COVID-19	 Staff, pupils and parents have received clear communications informing them of current government guidance on the actions to take should anyone display symptoms of COVID-19 and how this will be implemented in the school. This guidance has been explained to staff and pupils as part of the induction process and systems are in place to validate understanding Any updates or changes to this guidance are communicated in a timely and effective way to all staff and partners 	Weekly newsletter to parents contain this information as a standing item.	
Staff, pupils and parents are not aware of the school's procedures should there be a confirmed case of COVID- 19 in the school	 Staff, pupils and parents have received clear communications informing them of current government guidance on confirmed cases of COVID-19 and how this will be implemented in the school. This guidance has been explained to staff and pupils as part of the induction process. 		
Staff, pupils and parents are not aware or are not compliant with self-isolation requirements	 Consistent and repetitive reinforcement of the need for pupils and staff to stay home of they are unwell, reminding them that early onset symptoms can be complex Consistent and repetitive reinforcement supported by high vigilance of the requirement to self-isolate at home for 10 clear days if identified as a close contact of a positive Covid-19 case. This includes household members Reinforce the new requirement to self-isolate for travel reasons should that occur 	Staff will immediately bring any contravention of procedures by staff, pupils or parents to the attention of the Head Teacher (or the most senior member of staff in her absence).	[
3 Preventative measures t	o reduce risk of transmission through breaches of social distancing or good hygiene		
3.1 Staff induction and C	סי		
Staff are not trained in new procedures, leading to risks to health	A virtual induction and CPD programme is delivered to all staff prior to reopening, which includes: Infection control Fire safety and evacuation procedures Constructive behaviour management Safeguarding Risk management	Updated Health and Safety briefing for all staff delivered by the H&S consultant for the MAC.	Jan 2021

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New staff are not aware of policies and procedures prior to starting at the school when it reopens		 Induction programmes are in place for all new staff – either online or inschool – prior to them starting. The revised staff handbook is issued to all new staff prior to them starting. 	Updated Health and Safety briefing for all staff delivered by the H&S consultant for the MAC.	Jan 2021
3.2 Communication strate	egy			
A failure to comply and/or sustain Covid compliance at all levels of school life, leads to school transmission outbreaks		 Strong distributed leadership across the school will model and challenge breaches in compliance through education, training and behavioural expectations Repetitive training and messaging will culturally embed safe practice and high expectations, reinforcing both the health consequences of transmission and the impact on learning Staff will feel confident in reporting issues/incidents that they believe to be unsafe and concerns will be listened to, investigated and where appropriate learning implemented Following a Covid-19 positive incident in school, staff will reflect on lessons learned as part of a drive for continuous improvement 	SLT will send reminders to all staff on a regular basis addressing any breaches that have been identified.	_
Key stakeholders are not fully informed about changes to policies and procedures due to COVID-19, resulting in risks to health		 Communications strategies for the following groups are in place: Staff Pupils Parents Governors/Trustees Local authority Professional associations including Trade Unions Other partners including peripatetic staff and health professionals 	Parents have been informed that they will need to wear a face covering when dropping off and collecting their children from school. Parents follow social distancing rule of 2m at all times when waiting outside school.	
There is a lack of clarity and understanding in maintaining social distancing and good hygiene		 Clear signage is in place at all school entrances, reception, toilets, washing, teaching, social and communal areas promoting social distancing, good handwashing and 'catch it bin it' rules. Clear floor markings identify 2 metre spaces (may be reduced to 1 metre+)and one-way systems in corridors and thoroughfares to ensure safe distancing when travelling in and around the building or the external environment, including arrival and leaving procedures. All systems and procedures are visibly modelled by leaders and routinely monitored and reviewed throughout the day. 		

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Parents and carers are not fully informed of the health and safety requirements for the reopening of the school Parents and carers may not fully understand their responsibilities should a member of their household or a child show symptoms of	As part of the overall communications strategy parents are kept up to date with information, guidance and the school's expectations on a weekly basis using a range of communication tools. A COVID-19 section on the school website is created and updated. Parent and pupil handbooks/information leaflets are created. Key messages in line with government guidance are reinforced on a weekly basis via email, text and the school's website. Parents are enabled to understand that they should not send their child to school if they are ill, for whatever reason	Regular updates on newsletters and websites	l
COVID-19		will be posted.	
4 Planning movement aro	und the school		
Movement around the school risks breaching social distancing guidelines	 Circulation plans have been reviewed and revised. One-way systems are in place where possible. Corridors are divided where feasible. Appropriate signage is in place to clarify circulation routes. Pinch points and bottle necks are identified and managed accordingly. Movement of pupils around school is minimised as much as possible, with pupils staying in classrooms and utilising any external learning environment that is available Pupils are regularly briefed regarding observing social distancing guidance. Appropriate levels of supervision and guidance are in place 		
4.1 Management of social	distancing in the reception area		
Groups of people gather in reception (parents, visitors, deliveries) which risks breaching social distancing guidelines	 No visitors are allowed on the premises without a pre-arranged appointment. If a visit can be arranged out of school hours, it should A record of all visitors and their contact numbers are obtained and retained for the purposes of Test and Trace procedures Any visitors are provided with clear guidelines on behaviours whilst on premises – ideally sent electronically in advance of the visit Non-contact signing in arrangements are in place that do not require writing or electronic entry by the visitor Social distancing points are clearly set out, using floor markings, continuing outside where necessary. Social distancing guidance is clearly displayed to protect reception staff (e.g. distance from person stood at reception desk). Non-essential deliveries and visitors to school are minimised. Arrangements are in place for segregation of visitors. 		

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	Visitors are required to wear face coverings in all public areas unless they have a medical exception and arrangements can be put into place to mitigate any additional risk PREVENTS wearer's respiratory droplets contaminating other persons & surfaces. Fluid splash resistant masks can also protect the wearer against large droplets or sprays of hazardous fluids		
	 Staff should avoid touching a face mask once it is in place to avoid contamination. Masks should be replaced when they become dirty or damp from respiration as their as their effectiveness will be greatly reduced. 		
4.2 Management of Agg	ess and Egress – arrival and departure		
The start and end of the school day create risks of breaching social distancing guidelines	 Parents have clear information on drop-off, pick up procedures whether on foot or driving with clear signage in place Start and departure times are staggered to reduce pinch points and risk of breach if this is possible without reducing the overall teaching time for pupils A clear traffic management scheme is in place that allows safe queuing of vehicles monitored on the school gate with a drop-off and go procedure in place All available safe exits are utilised to leave the school building, with clear safeguarding procedures in place to ensure children are handed over to their parents Segregation of groups is considered wherever practicable Floor markings are visible where it is necessary to manage any queuing. 	All parents have received the information with regard drop off and collection times and other safety procedures in place.	

Pupils and parents congregate at exits and entrances, making social distancing measures difficult to apply	 Start and finish times are staggered. The use of available entrances and exits is maximised. Social distancing guidelines are reinforced at entrances and exits through signage and floor/ground markings, including external drop-off and pick-up points. Weekly messages to parents stress the need for social distancing at arrival and departure times. 		All parents have received the information with regard drop off and collection times and other safety procedures in place.	
Pupils use public transport and thereby increase risk of infection and transmission	 Public transport is defined as transport used by the general public. If children use a public bus to come to school thy will have to wear a face covering if they are over the age of 11. Staff using public transport must ensure that they safely remove their face covering on arrival at school and store it safely and hygienically in a sealed plastic bag or container – staff are advised to carry a spare face covering. School transport commissioned by the LA (excluding the use of public buses via a bus pass) are not available to the general public and therefore risk is reduced by the controls deployed by the LA and provider risk assessments Parents and children will be discouraged for using public transport if there is another practical mode of getting to school including, walking, cycling (if safe) or family car. Personal budgets will be promoted to families entitled to free home to school transport by the LA and the school to minimise risk and secure capacity for families that need dedicated transport the most 			
4.3 Consideration of how to r	educe contacts and maximise distancing between those in school wherever possible and minimise	ootential for co	ontamination as far as is reasonably pra	cticable
Formulating group sizes to minimise contacts and mixing whilst delivering a broad and balanced curriculum	 Group pupils together to reduce as far as possible the number of contacts between children and staff, to a size that balances the requirement to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum. The maximum group size is one year group. The ideal group size is one class group Maintain as far as possible the consistency of group members. Avoid contact between groups as far as possible Staff to maintain distance from pupils and other staff as much as possible Children should only be placed in larger groups if they are able to observe social distancing otherwise, they must be placed in a class group. Iimit interaction, sharing of rooms and social spaces between groups as much as possible. younger children will not be able to maintain social distancing, and it is acceptable for them not to distance within their group. 			

	 where possible children may spend the majority of their time in their class groups, but will be allowed to mix into wider groups for specialist teaching wraparound care and transport, All teachers and other staff can operate across different classes and year groups if that is needed to enable a full educational offer. If staff need to move between classes and year groups, they should try and keep their distance from pupils and other staff as much as they can, ideally 2 metres from other adults. Face to face contact will be avoided if possible and the time spent in close contact (within 1 metre of anyone) will be minimised The provision for a child with complex needs who require close contact care can be delivered as normal 	g, Ind Iy
The size and configuration of classrooms and teaching spaces does not support compliance with social distancing measures	Net capacity assessment is completed, with each classroom and teaching space compliant with social distancing measures and in line with local and government guidance Where possible all pupil desks are forward facing and the teacher maintains a 2 metre distance at the front of the class. All furniture not in use has been removed from classrooms and teaching spaces into safe storage Arrangements are reviewed regularly.	
4.4 Management of move	ment in corridors	
Social distancing guidance is breached when pupils circulate in corridors	 Circulation plans have been reviewed and amended. One-way systems are in operation where feasible. Corridors are divided where feasible. Circulation routes are clearly marked with appropriate signage. Any pinch points/bottle necks are identified and managed accordingly. The movement of pupils around school is minimised as much as possible. Where possible, pupils and staff stay in classrooms or in designated external areas Pupils are reminded regularly to observe social distancing guidance whilst circulating, supported by signage Appropriate supervision levels are in place. 	
4.5 Management of social	distancing at break times	

Pupils may not observe social distancing at break times	 Break times are staggered if possible External areas are designated for different groups. Pupils are reminded about social distancing as break times begin. Social distancing signage is in place around the school and in key areas. Supervision levels have been enhanced, especially with younger pupils, to support social distancing. 	School uses three separate playground areas so that breaks can take place for three year groups at a time. No year groups to go to other playground areas.				
4.6 Management of social	distancing at lunch times					
Pupils may not observe social distancing at lunch times	 Pupils are reminded about social distancing as lunch times begin. Pupils wash their hands using the 20 second routine, before and after eating. Dining area layouts have been configured to ensure social distancing and avoid mixing of bubbles. Seating and staffing arrangements are consistent Floor markings are used to manage queues and enable social distancing. Additional arrangements are in place, such as staggering lunch times, , pupils eating in other appropriate spaces. Guidance has been issued to parents and pupils on packed lunches (e.g. the use of disposable bags instead of lunch boxes). Eating areas are cleaned in-between group usage and after lunch has ended Staggered lunchtimes are considered to reduce congestion providing this does not impact on the delivery of teaching time 	their seats to eat. Staggered lunchtimes in place for class bubbles.				
4.7 Management of social	distancing and hygiene in the toilets					
Queues for toilets and hand washing have been established and are monitored. These do not have to be segregated for different groups, but should not be used by members of different groups at the same time Floor markings are in place to enable social distancing. Pupils know that they can only use the toilet one at a time. Pupils are encouraged to access the toilet during class/throughout the day to help avoid queues. The toilets are cleaned frequently. Monitoring ensures a constant supply of soap and paper towels. Bins are emptied regularly. Pupils are reminded regularly on how to wash hands and young children are supervised in doing so. Signage is in place Groups of no more than five from the same bubble will enter toilets in Key Stage 2 and three children in Key Stage 1.						
4.8 Safety arrangements for the use of medical rooms						

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The configuration of medical rooms may compromise social distancing measures	Social distancing provisions are in place for medical rooms behind a closed door if possible Additional rooms are designated for pupils with suspected COVID-19 whilst collection is arranged. Procedures are in place for medical rooms to be cleaned after suspected COVID-19 cases, along with other affected areas, including toilets. It is advised that household bleach is used after the room is vacated. Covid-19 first aid packs are available to ensure appropriate PPE for supervising staff Any member of staff providing assistance to someone with symptoms and any pupils who have been in close contact with them must wash their hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds with soap and running water or use hand sanitiser after any contact with someone who is unwell	
5. Securing and sustaini	ng robust hygiene systems and procedures	
5.1 Cleaning		
Cleaning capacity is reduced so that an initial deep-clean and ongoing cleaning of surfaces are not undertaken to the standards required	An enhanced cleaning plan is agreed and implemented which minimises the spread of infection. Working hours for cleaning staff are increased to secure sufficient capacity to undertake an enhanced cleaning regime throughout the day Sufficient supplies of soap/handwash, paper towels, tissues and cleaning products are procured to ensure constant supplies ae available in every teaching and washing space and this reflects increased demand in September when all pupils and staff return	
5.2 Hygiene and handwash	hing	
Inadequate supplies of soap and hand sanitiser mean that pupils and staff do not wash their hands with sufficient frequency	An audit of handwashing facilities and sanitiser dispensers is undertaken before the school reopens and additional supplies are ordered Monitoring arrangements are in place to ensure that supplies of soap, hand towels and sanitiser are maintained throughout the day.	
Pupils forget to wash their hands regularly and frequently	Staff training includes the need to remind pupils of the need to wash their hands regularly and frequently. Posters and electronic messaging boards reinforce the need to wash hands regularly and frequently. School leaders monitor the extent to which handwashing is taking place on a regular and frequent basis.	

	 Pupils and staff are taught how to effectively wash their hands especially before and after eating, going to the toilet, or following direct contact with another person 			
Equipment and resources	 Individual and very frequently used equipment such as pencils and pens should not be shared Classroom based resources including books and games can be shared within the designated group but must be cleaned regularly Resources shared between groups such as sports, art and science equipment must be cleaned between group usage or decontaminated by leaving them out of reach for 48 hours (72 hours for plastics) Outdoor play equipment will be cleaned more frequently Pupils will be limited to what they can bring into school to: bags, lunch boxes, hats, coats, books, stationary and mobile 'phones when permitted 			
5.3 Personal Protective Ed				
Pupils and teachers can ta	ke books and other shared resources homes, but unnecessary sharing should be av	oided		
Provision of PPE for staff where required is not in line with government guidelines	 Government guidance on wearing PPE is understood, communicated and sufficient PPE has been procured. Those staff required to wear PPE (e.g. SEND intimate care; receiving/handling deliveries; cleaning staff) have been instructed on how to put on and how to remove PPE carefully to reduce contamination and also how to dispose of them safely. Staff are reminded that wearing of gloves is not a substitute for good handwashing. Face coverings are not ordinarily required in school. Children under the age of 11 are not required to wear face coverings in or out of school including public transport 		Visors offered to EYFS staff to wear if required to work in close proximity with others.	
Failure to fit, wear, store and dispose face coverings safely contributes to the transmission of infection	 Face coverings should be worn safely by adults and pupils (year 7 and above) when moving around the premises, specifically outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing cannot easily be maintained. This should cover entrance and egress of the premises see: safe working in education (face coverings should be put on before entering the building and not removed until leaving the building when outside of the classroom 	Υ	Type 2R masks delivered to school – one box per member of staff.	

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- Those with a physical or mental illness or impairment or disability or those who provide assistance to someone who relies on lip reading, clear sound or facial expression to communicate, may be exempted (clear pane face coverings may be appropriate in some instances) see: face coverings
 An emergency supply of face coverings for contingency purposes is available if required.
 All staff are aware of the process for managing face coverings in school which includes the hygienic fitting, removing, storage and disposal (sealable plastic bags between use).
 Unless exempt, pupils in year 7 and above should wear face coverings when moving within the school building including corridors and communal areas
- Face coverings should be worn in classrooms if social distancing cannot be maintained or it would negatively impact on the pupils ability to take part in exercise or strenuous activity, for example in PE lessons.
- Transparent face coverings, which may assist communication with someone who relies on lip reading, clear sound or facial expression to communicate, can be worn.
- Face visors or shields should not be worn as an alternative to face coverings. They may protect against droplet spread in specific circumstances but are unlikely to be effective in reducing aerosol transmission when used without an additional face covering. They should only be used after carrying out a risk assessment for the specific situation and should always be cleaned appropriately.

PREVENTS wearer's respiratory droplets contaminating other persons & surfaces, Fluid splash resistant masks can also protect the wearer against large droplets or sprays of hazardous fluids



6. Curriculum organisation

Children may need to resocialise and familiarise with new routines	 Consideration should be given on planning what to teach, and how, The priorities for young children currently is resocialisation into new style school routines; speaking and listening and regaining momentum in particular with early reading. 		
Children may have fallen behind in their learning during the school closure and achievement gaps will have widened	 Gaps in learning are assessed and addressed in teachers' planning. Home and remote learning is continuing and is calibrated to complement in-school learning and address any gaps identified to minimise inequality Plans for intervention are in place for those pupils who have fallen behind in their learning. 		
Pupils moving on to the next phase in their education do not feel prepared for the transition	 A plan is in place for pastoral staff to speak with pupils and their parents about the next stage in their education and resolve any issues. 		
Resuming full support for pupils with SEND (SEND Support and EHC Plans	All children with SEND will return full-time to school in September 2020 and receive their full entitlement to support Small children and children with complex needs will continue to be helped to wash their hands properly Vulnerable children risk assessments will be completed for children with additional needs who are unable to regulate their behaviour e.g. involuntary spitting using the Las vulnerable children risk assessment template External specialists will resume direct contact in schools for assessment, training, advice and support purposes observing the schools visitors policy and mirroring expectations on staffing behaviours in terms of hygiene and social distancing		
Risk of infection from singing, chanting, playing wind or brass instruments and shouting	 Music lessons will only be held outside, participants will be physically distanced and taught in groups of no more than 15, positioning children back-to-back or side -by-side (not face to face) Instruments will not be shared 		

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	School choirs will be suspended				
6.1 Provision of remote learning for self-isolation					
Arrangements for remote learning are insecure or unsustainable to ensure provision for pupils self- isolating	 Insert school arrangements and mitigation: To secure the statutory duty to provide remote education for state-funded, school-age children whose attendance would be contrary to government guidance or law around coronavirus (COVID-19). The following arrangement are in place and are subject to constant monitoring and review:				
Pupils are unable to access the online offer	 Set out arrangements to overcome digital poverty Set out arrangements to support parents Set out arrangements to consider support that can be offered to parents enable them to construct a learning environment within their home Set out the arrangements for disengagement 	0			
7. Enhancing mental he	alth support for pupils and staff				
7.1 Mental health concern	• •				
Pupils' mental health has been adversely affected during the period that the school has been closed and by the COVID-19 crisis in general	 There are sufficient numbers of trained staff available to support pupils with mental health issues. There is access to designated staff for all pupils who wish to talk to someone about wellbeing/mental health. Wellbeing/mental health is discussed regularly in PSHE//pupil briefings (stories/toy characters are used for younger pupils to help talk about feelings). Resources/websites to support the mental health of pupils are provided. 				

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7.2 Mental health concerns – staff	i		
The mental health of staff has been adversely affected during the period that the school has been closed and by the COVID-19 crisis in general	 Staff are encouraged to focus on their wellbeing. Line managers are proactive in discussing wellbeing with the staff that they manage, including their workload. Staff briefings and training have included content on wellbeing. Staff briefings/training on wellbeing are provided. Staff have been signposted to useful websites and resources. 		
7.3 Bereavement support			
Pupils and staff are grieving because of loss of friends or family	The school has access to trained staff who can deliver bereavement counselling and support. This includes the Council's critical incident team Support is requested from other organisations when necessary.	MAC Bereavement Policy to be shared with staff	
8 Governance and policy			
8.1 The role of Governors			
Lack of governor oversight during the COVID-19 crisis leads to the school failing to meet statutory requirements.	The governing body continues to meet regularly via online platforms. The governing body agendas are structured to ensure all statutory requirements are discussed and school leaders are held to account for their implementation. The Headteacher's report to governors includes content and updates on how the school is continuing to meet its statutory obligations in addition to covering the school's response to COVID-19. Regular dialogue with the Chair of Governors and those governors with designated responsibilities is in place. Minutes of governing body meetings are reviewed to ensure that they accurately record governors' oversight and holding leaders to account for areas of statutory responsibility.		
Governors are not fully informed or involved in making key decisions	Online meetings are held regularly with governors. Governing bodies are involved in key decisions on reopening. Governors are briefed regularly on the latest government guidance and its implications for the school.		
8.2 Policy review			

Existing policies on safeguarding, health and safety, fire evacuation, medical, behaviour, attendance and other policies are no longer fit for purpose in the current circumstances	All relevant policies have been revised to take account of government guidance on social distancing and COVID-19 and its implications for the school. Behaviour policies recognise that adverse experiences of lockdown and or lack of routine and regular attendance at school may lead to levels of disengagement, anxiety and behavioural responses setting reasonable and proportionate expectations of behaviour and make appropriate provision to support Staff, pupils, parents and governors have been briefed accordingly. Governors have approved revisions A review of the child protection policy to reflect the move to remote education for most pupils has been undertaken. This is reflected as a coronavirus (COVID-19) addendum that summarises related changes All staff are aware of the revised policy.	
Covid 19 outbreak in group, whole school or area lockdown will further disrupt learning	A remote education plan is in place that covers continuing education provision at a group, whole school and local area lockdown level High quality online and offline resources and teaching videos have been sourced, quality assured and approved – these will be applied consistently across all groups Remote education is integrated into the school's curriculum planning Printed resources are available for those that cannot access the internet physically or cognitively The curriculum is planned to ensure that knowledge and skills are built incrementally and clear explanations of content are delivered by a teacher in school though high quality curriculum resources and/or videos with face to face virtual contact as appropriate – ideally daily	
9. Other operational iss	ues	
9.1 Review of fire proced		
Fire procedures are not appropriate to cover new arrangements	Fire procedures have been reviewed and revised where required, due to: Social distancing rules during evacuation and at muster points Possible need for additional muster point(s) to enable social distancing where possible Staff and pupils have been briefed on any new evacuation procedures. Incident controller and fire marshals have been trained and briefed appropriately.	

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Fire evacuation drills - unable to apply social distancing effectively	Plans for fire evacuation drills are in place which are in line with social distancing measures.			
Fire marshals absent due to self-isolation	An additional staff rota is in place for fire marshals to cover any absences and staff have been briefed accordingly.			
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9.3 Contractors working on	n the school site			
Contractors on-site whilst school is in operation may pose a risk to social distancing and infection control	 Ongoing works and scheduled inspections for schools (e.g. estates related) have been designated as essential work by the government and so are set to continue. These will be organised outside of school hours wherever reasonably practicable An assessment has been carried out to see if any additional control measures are required to keep staff, pupils and contractors safe. Assurances have been sought from the contractors that all staff attending the setting will be in good health (symptom-free) and that contractors have procedures in place to ensure effective social distancing is maintained at all times. Alternative arrangements have been considered such as using a different entrance for contractors and organising classes so that contractors and staff/pupils are kept apart. Social distancing is being maintained throughout any such works and where this is not possible arrangements are reviewed. In addition to arrangements for COVID-19, normal contractor procedures are being applied and have been updated in light of COVID-19 (including contractor risk assessments and method statements, and contractor induction). 			
10. Additional site-specific issues and risks				

Schools to add any site-sp	ecific issues/arr	rangements here and ensure mitigation strategies are in place to ad	dress them	
Children who routinely attend more than one setting (e.g. dual registered, KEYS intervention programme or alternative provision)	н	The school, working with the setting will ensure that all risk are addressed collaboratively to jointly deliver a broad and balanced full-time curriculum		
Children and adult who enter into clean classrooms will pose a risk to infection control.		Children/staff will not access classrooms at the end of the day to preserve cleaning and to avoid cross-contamination. Classrooms will be locked after cleaning has taken place.		
Resources and equipment are contaminated by children forgetting to wash their hands regularly.		Washing of hands will be a routine exercise throughout the day. At the end of the day, the EYFS area will be swept, washed and covered in preparation for the next day.		
The number of toilets in the Key Stage 1 area is insufficient for the number of children in EYFS and Key Stage 1.		EYFS/Key Stage 1 children will be timetabled for toilet visits. Individual children from EYFS will be accompanied when visiting the toilet. Key Stage 1 staff will closely monitor use of the toilets to avoid overcrowding.		
Understand that some children with social and emotional difficulty may struggle with managing their behaviour.		Anticipate what support children might need and work with families beyond school. Place emphasis that school is a positive experience. Adapt session times and routines accordingly.		
When children sneeze or cough they will spread germs and bacteria.		All staff to educate the children about the need to cough/sneeze into a tissue or their elbow, dispose of the tissue in a lidded bin and wah hands for twenty seconds afterward. Gloves and disinfectant available in each teaching area.		
Equipment taken from home to school and school to home will contaminate either area.		Minimal equipment will be brought into school e.g. water bottles and lunch boxes.		

Risk of transmission of COVID-19 through reopening and operation of wraparound care: Kidz Club.	A separate risk assessment has been created to manage the risks involved.	Documented in Kidz Club Risk Assessment.	
Contamination of P.E. equipment.	Equipment will be cleaned between use of different groups.		
Children do not pick up their children on time.	Pupils will stay with the member of staff outside school under the canopy. Office staff will contact parents to ask for children to be collected. Repeat late-comers will be contacted by the Head Teacher.		
Ventilation and heating during cold weather.	All occupied rooms must be adequately ventilated. This may mean partially or full opening of doors and windows. During the colder weather, the school will continue to use natural ventilation wherever possible to reduce the spread of Covid-19. The following will be adopted on a sliding scale for times when the weather is too cold to have classroom/corridor doors and windows open continuously: • Keep all internal and external doors and windows open to maximise ventilation and heat the building accordingly. • Keep external doors in corridors open to create air-flow but close classroom outside doors, whilst also keeping smaller upper windows open. Heating may be on for some or all of the time. • Rooms should be fogged regularly.		