

RISK ASSESSMENT FOR ALL PUPILS FROM: 24th February 2022

During this evolving situation please monitor and follow government guidance given in the links provided at the end of this document. The risk assessment should be reviewed weekly throughout the pandemic.

Establishment: July 2020	Assessment by: Alexandra Kelly/Talia Robinson	Date:24/2/2022
Risk assessment number/ref:	Headteacher Approval: Talia Robinson	Date:
	All employers have a duty to consult employees on health and safety. Have staff been consulted in production of this risk assessment? Y/N	Yes

The UK Government has now moved to: Living with Covid-19 Plan.

‘COVID-19 continues to be a virus that we learn to live with and the imperative to reduce the disruption to children and young people’s education remains.’

Vaccinations & booster jabs are available to all adults and some children.

Please also see COANS Covid-19 Policy

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INSUFFICIENT NUMBER OF STAFF FOR NUMBER OF PUPILS ATTENDING	Ratios not met therefore making the school less safe for all children. SEND children without support	Medium	Audit the health status and availability of every member of staff and regularly review and update this, so that deployment can be planned. Establish how many and which staff will be available. Based on available staffing and any cover secured, decide how many pupils can be supported at any one time. Organise home learning (education off site) for pupils when not on the premises (if possible). Make full use of all qualified teachers and take a flexible and responsive approach to the use of teaching assistants and pastoral staff in supervising classes. If necessary use agency staff to ensure ratios can be maintained and children can attend. Ensure there are sufficient staff available for those pupils who need a high level of support, including those with SEND . Some pupils, for example those with Autism	Local decisions on blended learning to be made in event of insufficient available teachers or staff to supervise the groups. Constant contact with staff not able to work Proactive approach to deployment of staff and use of agency if required	

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			<p>will need to be supported by the same adults, where possible. Complete individual risk assessments for children with an EHCP if required.</p> <p>Ensure there is adequate delegation of staff to deliver onsite learning (for those attending school) and home learning (for those who are learning at home due to exceptional circumstances).</p> <p>Ensure a clear rationale is in place for which pupils will be in school and at home each day and a blended model of home learning and attendance at school is utilised until staffing levels improve.</p> <p>Follow guidance by DfE regarding ratio flexibility for Covid-19 absences if required & safe to do so. Covid-19 is considered to be 'an exceptional circumstance'.</p>		
Transmission of Coronavirus / spread of COVID-19 (GENERAL)	Staff, Students / pupils / wider contacts		<p>Prevention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean hands thoroughly more often than usual • Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach • Introduce enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents and bleach • Where necessary, wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) • Rooms to be kept as well ventilated as possible (opening windows/doors) • CO2 Monitors are in key areas around the school to monitor air circulation. • Cover up water fountains and follow the Legionella management programme weekly. Encourage pupils to bring in their own water, in a named bottle. • Ensure hand soap is available and sanitising hand gel for adults. <p>Response to any infection:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monitor confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community 2. Contain any outbreak by following local DFE advice <p>Ensure visitors are aware of, and adhere to the school's COVID Risk Assessment</p> <p>Keep PPE available for those who wish to use it.</p> <p>Testing</p>		

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			<p>Staff and students in most education and childcare settings are no longer required to undertake twice-weekly asymptomatic testing.</p> <p>Self-isolation and daily testing of close contacts: There is no longer a legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. In addition, the Government will: No longer ask fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 to test daily for 7 days, and remove the legal requirement for close contacts who are not fully vaccinated to self-isolate. End self-isolation support payments, national funding for practical support and the medicine delivery service will no longer be available. End routine contact tracing. Contacts will no longer be required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests. Staff, children and young people should attend their education settings as usual. This includes staff who have been in close contact within their household, unless they are able to work from home. End the legal obligation for individuals to tell their employers when they are required to self-isolate.</p>		
<p>Transmission of Coronavirus / spread of COVID-19 from access to & from site</p>	<p>Staff, Students / pupils / wider contacts</p>		<p>Parents Parents are encouraged to use hand sanitiser before entering the building</p> <p>Visitors Visitors must read the school's risk assessment before entering the school. Ensure all visitors / building users are aware of expectations. They must follow social distancing, hand washing / use of sanitiser on entry and adhere to any restrictions on accessing parts of the building stipulated by the school. Signage in reception regarding good hygiene and social distancing</p> <p>The school reserves the right to stop visitors or parents coming into the building in response to Covid-19. Parents will be informed of any additional measures via email and signage outside the building. Drop off and pick up procedures will be amended as required.</p> <p>Staff On arrival all staff are required to wash hands using nearest available toilet or use the sanitiser provided in reception / staff room/entrance</p>		

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<p>Transmission of Coronavirus / spread of COVID-19 due to insufficient / ineffective cleaning and hygiene practices</p>	<p>Staff, Students / pupils / wider contacts</p>		<p>A cleaning schedule will be implemented throughout the site, ensuring that frequent contact points, e.g. door handles, taps, flush handles, toilet door handles, bannisters, telephones, keyboards etc. are all thoroughly cleaned and disinfected regularly.</p> <p>Thorough cleaning of rooms at the end of the day.</p> <p>Cleaning protocol is as follows: Hard surfaces to be cleaned using standard cleaning products and disposable cloths / paper towels throughout day.</p> <p>Following a suspected case carry out deep clean/disinfection of contaminated areas and equipment.</p> <p>When cleaning a contaminated area Cleaning staff to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear disposable gloves and apron • Wash their hands with soap and water once they remove their gloves and apron • Fluid resistant surgical mask if splashing likely • Hands should be washed with soap and water for 20 seconds and dried thoroughly, after all PPE has been removed. <p>PPE to be double-bagged, then stored securely for 72 hours then thrown away in the regular rubbish after cleaning is finished.</p> <p>Any cloths and mop heads used must be disposed of as single use items.</p> <p>Hand towels and hand wash are to be checked and replaced as needed by site / cleaning staff.</p> <p>Enhance the cleaning regimes for toilet facilities, particularly door handles, locks and the toilet flush, etc.</p>		
<p>Transmission of Coronavirus / spread of COVID-19 during lunchtimes</p>	<p>Staff, Students / pupils / wider contacts</p>		<p>Reinforce handwashing prior to eating food.</p> <p>Hand sanitiser should be available at the entrance of any room where people eat and should be used by all adults when entering and leaving the area.</p> <p>Lunchtime</p>		

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			<p>Lunchtime staff should continue to follow Food Standard Agency's (FSA) <u>guidance on good hygiene practices</u> in food preparation and their Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) processes.</p> <p>All tables cleaned thoroughly after lunch.</p> <p>Floor swept/hoovered to ensure no traces of food left.</p> <p>Drinking water should be provided with enhanced cleaning measures of the tap mechanism introduced.</p> <p>All rubbish and waste should be put straight in the bin by the user, children should scrape their own plates where possible.</p> <p>All areas used for eating must be thoroughly cleaned at the end of lunchtime including chairs and floors.</p>		
Transmission of Coronavirus / spread of COVID-19 via provision of first aid	Staff, Students / pupils / wider contacts		<p>The wellbeing of the child or adult requiring first aid support is the main priority.</p> <p>Those administering first aid should wear PPE appropriate to the circumstances.</p> <p>Wash hands and ensure the affected area is cleaned upon completion.</p>		
Transmission of Coronavirus / spread of COVID-19 via provision of personal care	Staff, Students / pupils / wider contacts		<p>PPE is required if a child or staff falls ill and requires direct personal care on site:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fluid resistant surgical mask worn by supervising adult if 2m distance cannot be maintained • Disposable gloves, disposable apron, fluid-resistant surgical mask worn if contact is necessary • Eye protection if there is a risk of splashing (e.g. coughing, spitting, vomiting) <p>Review PPE protocols for routine provision of intimate care and ensure adequate supply.</p>		
Transmission of Coronavirus / spread of COVID-19 due to SUSPECTED CASE ON-SITE	Staff, Students / pupils / wider contacts		<p>If anyone in the school becomes unwell with symptoms of Corona Virus they are advised to carry out a COVID test.</p> <p>The School will continue to monitor COVID cases and will seek support from relevant parties for example, Local Authority Public Health, Local Authority Early Years Lead and the DfE if there is a significantly high number of cases.</p>		

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			<p>COVID-19 The DfE helpline is the main point of call for all COVID-19 queries</p> <p>DfE helpline: Telephone: 0800 046 8687 Email: dfc.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm; Sat-Sun 10am to 6pm;</p>		

Relevant links

[What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during COVID-19](#)

[keeping children safe in education 2021](#)

[Guidance for early years and childcare providers](#)

[Guidance for schools](#)

Key Local Authority Contacts:

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