

Date Specific Assessment of Risk was Carried out: 4th March 2022

The **CONTEXT:** *These are proportionate control measures for living with COVID.*

This risk assessment is a living document and is continually monitored by the Governors and SLT. Representatives (Covid 19 group) from all aspects of the running of the school have been consulted. All staff are encouraged to make suggestions in relation to the risk assessment at any point. Any parent wishing to comment on our Risk Assessment may do so via the Headteacher.



In our setting and within this document, the term 'younger child' refers to any primary-aged child.

- It is no longer required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests, and contact tracing has ended.
- Face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors in classrooms or communal areas.
- If there is a substantial increase in the number of positive cases in our setting (see Stepping Measures Up and Down section for more information) or if central government offers the area an enhanced response package, our measures might be stepped up or down, for example, face coverings in communal areas might be introduced.
- Staff should continue to ensure that all children's desks are cleaned at the start of lunch and afterwards as is normal practice.

The Outbreak Management Plan

This plan outlines how we would operate if there were an outbreak in our school. These measures will only be considered as a last resort for the shortest amount of time. Any decisions will be taken quickly and communicated promptly to all of the stakeholders concerned.

Control Measures

1. **Ensure good hygiene for everyone.**
2. **Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.**
3. **Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.**
4. **Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.**

- Ensure good hygiene for everyone

Hand hygiene

Frequent and thorough hand cleaning should now be regular practice. You should continue to ensure that pupils clean their hands regularly. This can be done with soap and water or hand sanitiser.

Children and staff/visitors are expected to hand wash/sanitise on arrival, before break, after break, before lunch, after lunch, at the end of the day and also if they change location at any point.

Respiratory hygiene

The 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach continues to be very important. The e-Bug COVID-19 website contains free resources for you, including materials to encourage good hand and respiratory hygiene.

Use of personal protective equipment (PPE)

Most staff in schools will not require PPE beyond what they would normally need for their work. The guidance on the use of PPE in education, childcare and children's social care settings provides more information on the use of PPE for COVID-19. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safe-working-in-education-childcare-and-childrens-social-care/safe-working-in-education-childcare-and-childrens-social-care-settings-including-the-use-of-personal-protective-equipment-ppe>

- **Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes, using standard products such as detergents**

You should put in place and maintain an appropriate cleaning schedule. This should include regular cleaning of areas and equipment (for example, twice per day), with a particular focus on frequently touched surfaces. PHE has published guidance on the cleaning of non-healthcare settings.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings> Cleaning regime will continue as normal

- **Keep occupied spaces well ventilated**

It is important to ensure that we have well ventilated rooms with windows and doors open where possible ensuring there is a balance with maintaining a comfortable teaching environment.

Particular consideration must be given when holding events where visitors such as parents are on site, for example, school plays. Windows and doors should be open as practicably possible, and sanitisers available on entry and exit points.

Opening external windows can improve natural ventilation, and in addition, opening internal doors can also assist with creating a throughput of air. If necessary, external opening doors may also be used. You should balance the need for increased ventilation while maintaining a comfortable temperature.

- **Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19**

When an individual develops COVID-19 symptoms or has a positive test, they should follow public health advice on symptoms and isolation. .

Children with Medical Conditions

Further up-to-date guidance can be found on the NHS website.

Attendance

School attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age and it is a priority to ensure that as many children as possible regularly attend school.

Travel and Quarantine

All children and staff travelling to England must adhere to government travel advice.

Remote Education

The School will support children with Remote Learning who have either tested positive or are self-isolating due to reasons relating to Covid-19. Please see our Remote Learning Policy on the School website for more details and our 'Covid Outbreak Management Plan'.

Pupil wellbeing and support

Some pupils may be experiencing a variety of emotions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, such as anxiety, stress or low mood. Therefore:

- Children to have class teacher/TA wherever possible
- ELSA provision available for children who are distressed - SENCO will provide a pack.
- Teaching teams will have a list of available resources to support.
- Steps of support will be planned and resources shared.
- There will be a strong continued focus on PSHE.
- Ask parents/carers to inform us if the family have lost someone close/job/pet, which may affect the family and the child.
- Worry box in every classroom - issues arising addressed daily as appropriate.
- Explore options for some staff to take online training to support children, dealing with grief, loss and anxiety.
- We will continue to follow the School's Behaviour Policy.

School Workforce

Clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) people are advised, as a minimum, to follow the same guidance as everyone else. It is important that everyone adheres to this guidance, but CEV people may wish to think particularly carefully about the additional precautions they can continue to take. Further information can be found in the guidance on protecting people who are CEV from COVID-19.

We will support and encourage our staff in vaccine take up and enabling staff who are eligible for a vaccination to attend booked vaccine appointments where possible even during term time.

Staff are requested to notify a member of the SLT if their medical/health situation changes.

Staff are requested to make the SLT aware if they are pregnant as soon as possible.

Educational Visits

Educational visits should be risk assessed and reflect any Public Health advice. For residential trips, parents will be advised that they must take out adequate travel insurance to cover if their child's residential trip is cancelled or their individual child is not able to attend for any reason.