

Risk Assessment

A	Date: 28.02.22	School: Woolton High School	Team:	Location: L25 6JA
	Review Date: at least fortnightly in first instance	Ref: School Risk Assessment	Assessor: Mark Christian	Head Teacher: Mark Christian

B	Assessment of Risk for: Protection from transmission of COVID-19 – Woolton High School
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C	List Hazards Here	List Groups of People at Risk	List Existing Controls	Risk Level
1	COVID-19: General	Staff Pupils Visitors Contractors	<p>This risk assessment has been developed following consultation with SMT, school staff and governors. Updates are made as guidance changes and new information about the management of Covid-19 comes to light. The completed document will be shared with all staff (via the staff shared drive), governors (via email) and also posted on the school website for parents, carers and any other agencies to view. All school staff are competent and have been fully briefed with regard to the procedures in place for the protection against infection from the virus. Updates to this risk assessment will be made on an ongoing basis and procedural changes will be made clear to all staff. All staff are competent and instructed with regard to the procedures in place for the protection against infection from the virus.</p> <p>There is adequate supervision, where required, to ensure procedures are correctly adhered to.</p> <p>Liverpool City Council COVID-19: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Policy</p> <p>Pupils and staff who are symptomatic will be requested to isolate as per national guidance.</p> <p>School infection control risk assessment is in place.</p> <p>Pupils who are symptomatic will not be allowed to attend school, so parents are</p>	

			<p>encouraged to ensure that any pupils with symptoms are tested prior to coming to school.</p> <p>Pupils with household members exhibiting symptoms will be allowed to attend school as they will no longer be requested to isolate as per national guidance</p> <p>Managers must also review all of the following applicable individual risk assessments where relevant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New and expectant mothers • Extended duty of care • Stress • Individual pupil assessments <p>Manager to regularly update and inform staff re government guidance regarding COVID-19 controls required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gov.uk www.gov.uk/government/collections/guidance-for-schools-coronavirus-covid-19 • Gov.uk Public Health England https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england • Health and Safety Executive https://www.hse.gov.uk/ <p>Referring to the following guidance and publications, as applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSE COVID19 latest information and advice • HSE Working safely during the coronavirus guide • Government guidance COVID-19: guidance for schools COVID-19 • Government publication COVID-19: cleaning in non-healthcare settings • Government publication Best Practice: how to hand wash • Government guidance for food business on Coronavirus (COVID-19) • Government guidance COVID-19: Safe working in education, childcare and children’s social care settings, including the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) <p>Due to the changing advice on COVID-19, managers should ensure they review safe working procedures and protocols regularly, until such time when it is unnecessary.</p> <p>Staff to undertake twice weekly home tests whenever they are due on site until the end of January 2022, when this advice will be reviewed nationally.</p>	
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2	COVID-19; General school environment	Staff	<p>First aiders will be required to wear PPE when administering any first aid care. PPE will be distributed to all classrooms being used across school all staff will be signposted to additional PPE where requested (in office / medical room). See HSE guidance</p>	

		<p>Pupils</p> <p>Visitors</p> <p>Contractors</p>	<p>https://www.hse.gov.uk/news/first-aid-certificate-coronavirus.htm</p> <p>School first aid risk assessment to be reviewed, as required</p> <p>Hand sanitiser stations will be located at the entrances to the building and will be mounted on internal walls / held by staff on entrance duty. Pupils will be encouraged to use the hand sanitiser before entering school and will be encouraged to wash their hands when they reach their class base (we recognise that some children with sensory issues will prefer to only use hand sanitiser solutions rather than using running water - those children will be encouraged to wash their hands with water upon arrival at class, but it is acceptable that hand sanitiser will suffice for children that struggle with sensory issues).</p> <p>School access control system reviewed and appropriate steps taken e.g. hand sanitizer located at entrance for staff/visitors to cleanse hands after use, wipes available to cleanse keypads and touchscreens as needed.</p> <p>Face masks no longer need to be worn correctly (including over noses) by staff and visitors. Pupils will be permitted to wear masks, but due to having a high number of ASD pupils with sensory needs, this is not mandatory in school.</p> <p>Wipes and cleaning materials available in staff rooms for staff to clean regular contact points e.g. kettle, taps etc.</p> <p>Pupils/staff members should never use their mouth to drink from the water fountain, as this would require the affected area to be thoroughly cleansed before being used again.</p>	
3	COVID-19: School reception and offices	<p>Pupils</p> <p>Visitors</p> <p>Contractors</p>	<p>Staff are requested to send information electronically to avoid the use of internal mail services.</p> <p>All returned visitor passes, keys or fobs are kept stored separately from other items and cleaned and sanitised before reissue.</p> <p>Windows will be opened wherever practical, to encourage as much natural ventilation as possible</p> <p>Telephones not to be shared. Staff should transfer calls rather than pass handsets to colleagues. Where this is not possible, callers are provided with an alternative number</p>	

			<p>to call back.</p> <p>The use of copiers, printers and shredders is for essential school use only. Where it is essential to use such devices, staff should first sanitise hands and the devices should be cleansed after each use.</p>	
4	COVID-19: Meetings	<p>Staff</p> <p>Pupils</p> <p>Visitors</p> <p>Contractors</p>	<p>Attendance at meetings is limited to those essential attendees only. Critical information is cascaded to other staff. All staff should attend meetings via Teams / Zoom wherever possible.</p> <p>Where face to face meetings are unavoidable, meeting rooms should be adequately ventilated with external windows opened during meetings.</p> <p>Meeting room users are advised not to share equipment during meetings i.e. pens, stationery etc. Attendees to remove all items following the meeting and furniture sanitised at the end of meetings.</p> <p>Meeting room users to wipe down surfaces (including any buttons on IT equipment and remote controls) following meetings. Additional cleaning materials will be provided in all meeting rooms for use by staff and replenished as required.</p> <p>Meetings to take place promptly and conclude fully in the meeting room to avoid attendees congregating in adjoining areas prior to and following meetings.</p> <p>Meeting room should be aired thoroughly on completion of the meeting e.g. opening windows fully.</p>	
5	COVID-19: Classrooms	<p>Staff</p> <p>Pupils</p>	<p>For individual and very frequently used equipment (such as pencils and pens) staff and pupils have their own which are not shared.</p> <p>Cleaning of hands is encouraged when changing classrooms for different activities.</p> <p>Classroom windows will be opened, where practical, to encourage as much natural ventilation as possible.</p> <p>Classrooms should be aired thoroughly when empty e.g. opening windows fully.</p>	

6	COVID-19: Dining areas	Staff Pupils	Dining room tables and chairs will be wiped down after sittings. Dining room windows will be opened to allow natural ventilation.	
7	COVID-19; Cleaning	Staff Pupils Visitors Contractors	All cleaning staff are experienced and have received appropriate training. Any new cleaning products brought on site in response to the current COVID-19 pandemic will have a COSHH risk assessment undertaken prior to use. Cleaners have appropriate PPE in line with COSHH risk assessments Cleaning undertaken in line with Government publication COVID-19: cleaning in non-healthcare settings. School will be fully cleaned at the start of each school day. Regularly touched items such as door handles, handrails etc. will be regularly wiped down and cleaned. Classrooms where a pupil or staff member has become symptomatic / tested positive during the school day will be deep cleaned along with other areas that the person may have been.	
8	COVID-19; Ventilation	Staff Pupils Visitors Contractors	Staff are encouraged to open windows and doors (not fire doors) to encourage as much natural ventilation as possible. When leaving a classroom empty, windows should be opened fully to purge the room then left ajar when the room is re-occupied. Mechanical ventilation systems are adjusted to increase the ventilation rate; full fresh air or if this is not possible, operated as normal provided they are within a single room. Mechanical ventilation systems are maintained in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. Fans should not be used in poorly ventilated areas.	

9	COVID-19; Pupils and staff who become symptomatic during the school day	Staff Pupils Visitors Contractors	<p>Pupils and Staff who become symptomatic during the school day will be isolated from the rest of the pupil group and their parents (pupils) will be called to come and collect them. Staff will be sent home to self-isolate/follow public health advice. If a parent cannot collect their child in the case of a child testing positive or becoming symptomatic, then school will arrange for the safe transportation of that child by two members of staff using a school minibus. The positive / symptomatic child should wear a mask and sit at the back of the minibus and refrain from touching surfaces. The two staff members should sit at the front of the minibus, wearing masks and gloves. Windows should be opened to promote ventilation. After the child has been dropped off at home, the accompanying staff should sanitise all surfaces as soon as possible.</p> <p>If a symptomatic pupil is awaiting collection, appropriate PPE should be used if close contact is necessary.</p> <p>Any areas, items and surfaces the symptomatic person has come into contact with should be thoroughly cleaned as soon as possible.</p> <p>Symptomatic pupils and staff are advised to engage with NHS Test and Trace and get tested and to follow the current advice.</p> <p>Staff and pupils with a positive LFT test result should self-isolate in line with COVID-19 guidance for household with possible coronavirus infection. A PCR test will be required to check the LFT test result.</p> <p>If PCR test is taken within 2 days of the positive LFT test, and is negative, it overrides the LFT test and they can return to school, as long as they are not symptomatic. However, PCR tests are no longer required when a child or adult tests positive on a LFT.</p> <p>School should complete online MDS form if there is a confirmed case associated with their setting https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/covid-19-schools/</p> <p>School should contact local authority SPOC team if they have a positive case. They will liaise local health protection team where necessary and advise if any additional action is required, such as implementing elements of your outbreak management plan. Further advice is available through the DfE helpline on 0800 046 8687 and selecting option 1 for advice on the action to take in response.</p>	
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10	COVID-19; Outbreaks	<p>Staff</p> <p>Pupils</p> <p>Visitors</p> <p>Contractors</p>	<p>School has an outbreak management plan covering the possibility that bubbles and all previous social distancing controls may be reintroduced locally due to an raised COVID cases locally.</p> <p>School should complete online MDS form if there is a confirmed case associated with their setting https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/covid-19-schools/</p> <p>School should contact local authority SPOC team if they have outbreak concerns. They will liaise local health protection team where necessary and advise if any additional action is required, such as implementing elements of your outbreak management plan. Further advice is available through the DfE helpline on 0800 046 8687 and selecting option 1 for advice on the action to take in response</p>	
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Risk Level: High: Accident likely with possibility of serious injury or loss
Medium: Possibility of accident occurring causing minor injury or loss
Low: Accident unlikely with control measures in place

D	Controls (Ser N° to correspond with Hazard Ser N°)	E To be completed by the Manager			
Ser N°	Additional Controls Required	Action to be Taken	By Whom	Target Completion Date	Task Completed (Signed & Dated)
1	Ensure that any member of staff that informs school that they are pregnant has a risk assessment	Ongoing	Staff that are pregnant	Ongoing	Ongoing
2	Staff to ensure that classrooms etc are appropriately fit for purpose at all times	Prepare rooms	All teaching staff	Ongoing	Ongoing
3	Ensure that all PPE is in place and replenishment of orders is completed as required.	Order of PPE via LCC on as required	Office staff	Ongoing	Ongoing

F	<p>Once additional controls are implemented, what will the overall risk level be:</p> <p>High Medium Low</p>	<p>Risk assessment signed off by: M E Christian</p> <p>Signature: M E Christian</p> <p>Date: 3rd September 2021</p> <p><i>Please note an electronic signature will suffice.</i></p>
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