COVID19: Updated NOVEMBER 2021 Risk Assessment and Action Plan

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Purpose of this document:

This COVID19: Risk Assessment and Action Plan document sets out the decisions taken, and measures put in place for the return to school September 2021 and ensure the school continues to operate in a safe way.

Existing policies and guidance continue to apply alongside the actions within this document, including but not limited to:

- School specific Health and Safety Policy
- First Aid Policy
- DFE Guidance relating to COVID19 Guidance for schools: coronavirus (COVID-19) GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
- Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013 RIDDOR HSE
- The Health Protection (Notification) Regulations 2010 (legislation.gov.uk)
- Public Health England (PHE) (2017) Health protection in schools and other childcare facilities GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Theme	Control Measures	Risk to Implementation	Risk Level Pre-Action	Action Required / Decision Made	Action Completed Date	Risk Level Post-Action
Engagement in Risk Assessment and Planning	Risk assessment process fully engages staff, governing board and union representatives. Schools COVID-19 operational guidance - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) Actions for early years and childcare providers	All staff to have access to risk assessment	М	All staff to read risk assessment		L
	Review office space(s) to allow staff to continue to work safely.	Windows should be open	М			L
Site Arrangements Coronavirus: latest information and advice - HSE news	Review access/egress by pupils, staff, visitors and manage as appropriate for the safety of all-based on summer term processes/procedures. What worked/what didn't. Any other physical changes necessary? Maintain one-way system(s), appropriate signage etc	Bottlenecks likely at entrance to school.	M	Two entrances and exits to reduce bottlenecks. Parents to wait outside classrooms to reduce bottlenecks at school entrance. As one way system would mean more crowding.		L
	Review premises lettings and best practice approach, as required	No lettings to take place	L			Zero
	Consideration given to the arrangements for any deliveries.	Deliveries to be made after 8.50 and before 2.45 where possible.	M	Staff to monitor gates at drop off and pick up to stop deliveries entering school grounds.		

	Regular communication with Parents/Carers confirming expectations/requirements when on the school site. Appointment only procedure still in place?	Weekly regular updates sent out to parents and carers		Any new developments to be shared with parents immediately.		
	Safe Contractor management	All visitors to read risk assessment and visits kept to a minimum.	M	Visitor where possible to come after or before school. All visitors to wear face masks		
	Evacuation routes are confirmed, and signage accurately reflects these. NB In the event of emergency the priority is getting out of the building calmly.	Evacuation routes would cause multiple groups of people to come into contact. More appropriate alternatives are possible.	М	Revised evacuation procedure and share with all staff and children.	L	
Emergency Evacuations	Consideration given to PEEP – buddies are assigned or reassigned according to available persons.	Staff needing to work from home are current PEEP buddies and so reassignment necessary.		Buddy system updated		
	Arrangements in place to support individuals with reduced mobility including cover arrangements in the case of reduced numbers of staff.			Arrange a Fire drill as soon into the new term as possible, capturing new pupils/staff	First full week back	
Cleaning and waste disposal	Review enhanced cleaning regime is in place in line with COVID-19: cleaning of non-healthcare settings outside the home - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)			Enhanced cleaning schedule implemented throughout the site, ensuring that contact points, worksurfaces, door handles, taps etc. are all thoroughly		

			cleaned and disinfected regularly. Hand towels and handwash are to be checked and replaced as needed by (insert name or job titles) and cleaning staff Enhanced cleaning regime for toilet facilities particularly door handles, locks and toilet flush.	
Cleaning staff capacity is adequate to enable enhanced cleaning regime – any adjustments required?	Cleaning staff		Enough cleaners to fully clean school daily. Staff to clean desks twice a day.	
Adequate cleaning supplies and facilities around the school are in place. Any further changes necessary? Arrangements for longer-term continual supplies are also in place.	No hand sanitiser for visitors to reception. Classrooms do not have tissues. Low supply of soap.	М	Hand sanitiser available at the school entrance Lidded bins in classrooms Disposable tissues in each classroom to implement the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach	L

				Stock check and ordering schedule reviewed, and order made.	
	Sufficient time is available for the enhanced cleaning regime to take place.		М	All staff advised to leave the site by 4pm in order for cleaning to be undertaken.	L
	Waste disposal process in place for potentially contaminated waste, including testing waste.			Waste bags and containers - kept closed and stored separately from communal waste for 72 hours Waste collections made when the minimum number of persons are on site (i.e. after normal opening hours). COVID-19: cleaning of non-healthcare settings outside the home - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	
	Process in place for safe removal and/or disposal of face masks (if this is a school requirement).			Dispose of in a lidded bin.	
	Safe and appropriate storage of large supplies of alcohol gel	No flammable store	Н	Source appropriately sized flammable store	
Classia	Classrooms allow as much space between individuals as practical.				
Classrooms	Review classroom entry and exit routes, any further changes			Staff to monitor CO2 monitors to ensure	

required and is appropriate signage in place. Consider lessons learnt from earlier in the year.			classrooms are well ventilated.	
Appropriate resources are available within all classrooms e.g. IT, age specific resources.	Inappropriate sized equipment for smaller children in Classroom B.	L	Clean shared equipment after use	L
Review non-essential equipment or resources which are not easily washable or wipeable.	Soft toys, cushions and beanbags in classroom are not easily washable.		Remove soft furnishings	
Review information posters which are displayed across the site; at the main entrance, places visible to those at the school gate, in the staffroom and in all toilets, are any changes necessary?	No COVID19 information posters currently in place. Limited reminders/ awareness for children.	M	 e-Buq posters displayed: Horrid hands Super sneezes Hand hygiene Respiratory hygiene 	L
		L	<u>Microbe mania</u>	L
Furniture arranged to minimise contact as much as possible e.g. Desks side by side, facing front, where age appropriate.	Chairs not comfortable for long term use		Acquiring more suitable chairs/stools.	

	Increased ventilation (where reasonably practicable – cost versus risk exercise). Currently under review by OCC H&S in conjunction with other LA's/DfE/HSE Guidance - The Health and Safety Executive guidance on air conditioning and ventilation during the coronavirus outbreak and CIBSE COVID-19 advice provides more information. The current Schools COVID guidance states "DfE is working with Public Health England, NHS Test and Trace, and the Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE) on a pilot project to measure CO2 levels in classrooms and exploring options to help improve ventilation in settings, where needed."	Reminder to keep windows/doors open as much as practically possible and/or purge fresh air at mid- morning and lunch break. Investigating options for improving mechanical ventilation system, where practicable to do so. Following DfE, HSE and CIBSE guidance, schools should, as part of their risk assessment, be identifying any areas of concern. e.g., where there's no natural ventilation/air flow; areas that feel stuffy etc.		Ventilation and air conditioning during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic (hse.gov.uk) Monitor CO2 monitors in classrooms	
	Approach to staff absence reporting and recording in place. All staff aware.			All in place.	
Staffing	Review any individual staff risk assessments (clinically extremely vulnerable, pregnant staff), are there appropriate and sufficient arrangements in place for mitigating risks as identified.		Н	Pregnancy risk assessment done for pregnant member of staff.	L

Guidance on protecting people who are clinically extremely vulnerable from COVID-19 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) Coronavirus: how to stay safe and		
help prevent the spread - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) Communication arrangements are in place and clear for staff concerning their role in continuing to support the working of the school.	Yes	
Plans to respond to any increased sickness levels are in place. Cover arrangements determined (including leaders and safeguarding designated leads) — on a weekly rather than daily basis to minimise contacts.	In place	
Where appropriate/necessary, consideration given to staff clothing expectations and information shared with staff. to ensure clothes worn are easily washable (e.g. no ties).	New clothing expectation in place from September.	
Approaches for meetings and staff training in place.	Yes	
Staffing roles and responsibilities with regards to the contingency remote provision alongside inschool provision agreed and communicated.	All agreed. Remote learning, new member of staff trained.	

Consideration given to the options for redeployment of staff to support the effective working of the school. If redeployment is taking place staff are aware of controls and processes in respect of tasks they are unfamiliar with.	TA s are required to lead some groups as not enough teachers on site to cover numbers.		
Approach to support wellbeing, mental health and resilience in place, including bereavement support. How staff are supported to follow this within their own situations and that of pupils and colleagues is clear.		Staff are aware of support and advice for schools and pupils available from OCC http://schools.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/employee-assistance-programme	
Arrangements for accessing testing are in place. Staff are clear on how and when to access a test.		https://www.gov.uk/guidan ce/coronavirus-covid-19- getting-tested	
The approach for inducting new starters has been reviewed and updated in line with current situation.		Yes	
Any staff contracts that need to be issued, extended or amended considering the current situation have been.		Yes	

NB: Their employer may require them to wear PPE. This should be documented as part of the risk assessment carried out by the Contractor. Arrangements in place for any externally employed adults delivering learning in school e.g. sports coaches, music tutors, forest school leaders. Protocols and expectations shared. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools#section-3-curriculum-behaviour-and-pastoral-support	Decide on the delivery of this learning Share amended procedures, obtain their assessments outlining controls, e.g. only offering limited activities which maintain distancing, all equipment stringently cleaned.		ICT123 contractor updated with school protocol.	
		i s	Assemblies will start but in Key Stages for the start of term. During covid outbreaks the Covid Outbreak Risk	

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Schools COVID-19	example, summer schools) or in		Assessment will be	
<u>operational</u>	schools from the autumn term.		applied	
guidance - GOV.UK				
(www.gov.uk)	As well as enabling flexibility in			
	curriculum delivery, this means			
	that assemblies can resume, and			
	you no longer need to make			
	alternative arrangements to avoid			
	mixing at lunch.			
	You should make sure your			
	contingency plans (sometimes			
	called outbreak management			
	plans) cover the possibility that in			
	some local areas it may become			
	necessary to reintroduce 'bubbles'			
	for a temporary period, to reduce			
	mixing between groups.			
	mixing between groups.			
	Any decision to recommend the			
	reintroduction of 'bubbles' would			
	not be taken lightly and would			
	need to take account of the			
	detrimental impact they can have			
	on the delivery of education.			
	Identified solutions to any			
	workforce capacity issues are in			
	place.			
	From GOV.UK;			
Social	Social distancing measures have			
	now ended in the workplace and it			
Distancing?	is no longer necessary for the			
Hands, face, space	government to instruct people to			
and fresh air!	work from home. Employers			
	should be able to explain the			
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measures they have in place to keep CEV staff safe at work. The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has published guidance on protecting vulnerable workers, including advice for employers and employees on how to talk about reducing risks in the workplace.	Consider zonal organisation to reduce movement and interaction between 'bubbles' in corridors and communal spaces.
If necessary, review arrangements for any continuation of protocols from summer term 2021: • Staggered school drop off/pick up times and	
locations (if possible) without reducing teaching time • Staggered or limited amounts of moving around the school/ corridors	Extended school drop off times, two exits to be used to reduce social contact.
 Classroom design Break and lunch times are staggered. Plans for social distancing during these times in place, such as when queuing for lunches Toilet arrangements 	Children to remain in class groups for lunch inside. Where possible cold lunches will be outside.

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	Approach to avoiding children and young people entering school congregating in large numbers		On arrival, stude move straight to a and sit at named to and wait for rest of to arrive/class to b	class cable f class	
	Approach to assemblies – https://www.gov.uk/government/ publications/actions-for-schools- during-the-coronavirus- outbreak/guidance-for-full- opening-schools#section-1-public- health-advice-to-minimise- coronavirus-covid-19-risks	Consider and review any alternative outdoor areas (weather permitting) for assemblies, classes etc.,	Key Stage assembl resume	ies to	
	Review arrangements in place for the use of the playground, including equipment.		Where reasonal practicable to do enhanced safe clear process in place outdoor equipments	so, aning for	
	Information shared with parents regarding pupils travelling to school, encouraging walking and avoiding public transport as much as possible.		No pupils travel by transport.	public	
Transport	Dedicated school transport follows the grouping/ bubble arrangement in line with the protocols in school, as much as possible.		n/a		
	Support in place for CYP who have no alternative, to access public		n/a		

	transport safely, recommending social distancing protocols where possible.			
	Arrangements in place with transport providers to support any staggered start/end times.			
	Children and young people reminded to wear face coverings on public and school transport. See Visors/Face Covering below			
	Review arrangements in place to provide food to CYP on site, including the requirement of universal free school meals. Liaise with catering team/Contractor re any changes to processes and procedures/RA update		Lunches to continue on site.	
Catering	Review arrangements for when and where pupils and staff will take lunch (and snack time if necessary) – any adjustments necessary?		Rec/Year1/Year2 to eat in classrooms to reduce contacts	
	Review arrangements for food deliveries in place – any adjustments necessary?			
PPE	Review PPE requirements and are appropriate supplies in place?		Yes	
Visors/face coverings	Schools COVID-19 operational guidance - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) Face coverings			

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	Face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors either in classrooms or in communal areas.			
	The government has removed the requirement to wear face coverings in law but expects and recommends that they are worn in enclosed and crowded spaces where you may come into contact with people you don't normally meet. This includes public transport and dedicated transport to school or college. Contingency framework: education and childcare settings (publishing.service.gov.uk)			
Response to suspected/ confirmed case of COVID19 in school	Approach to confirmed COVID19 cases in place: during school day • Which staff member/s should be informed/take action • Area established to be used if an individual is displaying symptoms during the school day and needs to be isolated • Cleaning procedure in place		Headteacher Head's office. Disposable mop heads recommended, see link:	

Arrangements for informing parent community in place	COVID-19: cleaning of non-healthcare settings outside the home - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	
Approach to confirmed COVID19 cases in place: outside of school hours • Cleaning procedure in place • Arrangements for informing parent community in place	Pupil will be isolated, parents phoned. Staff looking after the pupil to wear appropriate PPE equipment. Room pupil is in to be ventilated.	
Review any changes to the school day/timetables and communicate with parents.	Communication via newsletter	
All students instructed to bring a NAMED water bottle each day. Robust water fountain cleaning arrangements in place, if determined safe to use/re-instate!	Children to continue to bring in a named water bottle.	
Approach to supporting wellbeing, mental health and resilience, including bereavement support is in place.	1:1 support and small group work will continue in Autumn term.	
Consideration of the impact of COVID19 on families and whether any additional support may be required: • Financial • Increased FSM eligibility • Referrals to social care and other support	SENCO and Headteacher to liaise	

	PPG/ vulnerable groups		
Remote Education Plan	Contingency plan for remote learning developed should self-isolation or restricted attendance be required.	Response to positive case(s) of COVID19.	Remote learning contingency available and ready to be 'switched-on' when needed.
	Technology support/DfE laptop allocation in place.		Refer to GOV.UK guidance
	Staff are prepared for supporting wellbeing of pupils and receiving any potential disclosures.		Staff refresher training session on processes and procedures and the revised wellbeing material.
	Reviewed/updated Child Protection Policy in place		Adopted most recent Child Protection Policy
Safeguarding	Where appropriate, work with other agencies, such as social care, has been undertaken to support vulnerable CYP and families to complete risk assessments and planning.		
	Where physical contact is required in the context of managing behaviour, ensure appropriate hygiene measures are in place to mitigate any risk of transmission.		Review individual consistent management plans to ensure they include protective measures.

	Current learning plans, revised expectations and required adjustments have been considered.			
Curriculum / learning environment	Each activity should be risk assessed and should not be run unless the risks can be mitigated • PE guidance on the phased return of sport and recreation and guidance from Sport England for grassroot sport. Advice from organisations such as the Association for Physical Education and the Youth Sport Trust • Practical science lessons https://www.cleapss.org.uk/for-education/primary/ • DT/ FT https://www.data.org.uk/for-education/primary/ • Swimming https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/pool-return-guidance-documents/ • Contents (oeapng.info)			
	Whole school approach to adapting curriculum (S/M/L term), including:		staff are trained and supported in front of classroom delivery style	

	 Wellbeing curriculum recognising 'non-curriculum' learning that is being done at home, where/if applicable capturing pupil achievements/ outcomes utilising the DFE 'catch-up' funding and programmes contingency remote learning plan 	and aware of how to provide student additional supp	ts with	
	Student behaviour policy reviewed and amended where necessary to reflect the current circumstances.			
	Arrangements for teaching pupils how to keep themselves safe online are in place and aligned to the contingency remote learning plan.	Review of E-safety September 2021 then to be shared chidren.	.This	
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SEND PUPILS	Approach to provision of the elements of the EHCP including health/therapies in place. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools#B	SENCO to assess a children in first n back.		
	Annual reviews.			

	Consider any SEN pupils who may need support with their return to school and consult with the family and other agencies involved.			
	Requests for assessment considered.			
	Approach to promoting and supporting attendance for all pupils determined, including those who may be anxious.		Refer to GOV.UK guidance	
Attendance	Approach to support for parents where rates of persistent absence were high before closure.			
Communication	Information shared with staff around the Sept 2021 return to school and any amendments to usual working patterns/practices and groups.		Refer to GOV.UK guidance	
	Union representatives informed of Sept 2021 return to school plans.			
	Updated Risk Assessment published on website.			
	Communications with parents on the:	_		

 Sept 2021 return to school Any continuing social distancing requirements? Wellbeing/ pastoral support/ support and acknowledgement to parents of home learning Attendance Uniform Transport Behaviour NHS Test and Trace Staggered start and end times Expectations when in school Anticipated sanctions for breach of school guidelines and processes Contingency plans — Outbreak Management Plan 	Newsletters and Parent mails to be sent out for any changes to procedures.	
Pupil communications around:	Class teachers to communicate any changes with children.	
On-going regular communication plans determined to ensure parents are kept well-informed	Letters, website updates, social media	

	Meetings and decisions that need to be taken are prioritised.			
	Governors have oversight of Sept 2021 return to school and risk assessments.		Risk assessment shared with Governors.	
Governors/	Approach to communication between Leaders and Governors is clear and understood.			
Governance	Review any aspects of Governance which may have been on-hold in order to review/reinstate as required			
	Governors have oversight of all staff wellbeing and appropriate arrangements in place to support Headteacher and SLT. Refer to Headteacher wellbeing materials.			
School events, including trips	Review the school's annual calendar of events. Schools COVID-19 operational guidance - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)			
Finance	Review any continuing additional costs incurred due to COVID19; are they clearly documented.			
	Review any claims submitted for reimbursement e.g., increased premises related costs, additional cleaning, additional waste removal, support for FSM etc			

	Any loss of income understood, including the impact of lettings and the financial implications of possibly not restarting. Insurance claims, including			
	visits/trips booked previously. Reintroduction or re-contracting of services, such as:			
	Consideration given to any support that may be brokered through working together, for example, partnerships, trusts etc.			
Before and after school clubs	Approach in place for before/after school clubs implements the necessary protective measures including restricted attendance https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/protective-measures-for-holiday-or-after-school-clubs-and-other-out-of-school-settings-for-children-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak		As per previous risk assessment.	
Testing	Test kits are securely stored and distributed to staff and students (secondary).			

Staff and students (secondary) are aware of how to safely take and process the test. Share the following: NHS instruction leaflet Training video and online resources on the document sharing platform Contact details if queries Process for reporting incidents PPE provision Layout of testing space and one-way foot fall as per guidelines Staff and students (secondary) are		
aware of how to report their test results to school and to NHS Test and Trace. Staff and students (secondary) are		
aware of how to report any incidents both clinical and non-clinical.		
Process in place to monitor and replenish test supplies Process in place for appropriate PPE to be available (Secondary)		

Schools COVID-19 operational guidance - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Contingency framework: education and childcare settings (publishing.service.gov.uk)

All schools to receive carbon dioxide monitors - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)Coronavirus (COVID-19): advice for pregnant employees - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Guidance on protecting people who are clinically extremely vulnerable from COVID-19 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/protective-measures-for-holiday-or-after-school-clubs-and-other-out-of-school-settings-for-children-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/protective-measures-for-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak#who-can-attend