

RISK ASSESSMENT



RISK ASSESSMENT NAME: COVID 19 School Risk Assessment

DEPARTMENT: Cheadle Catholic Infant School

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What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	Current Control Measures?	Further Measures required?	Action by whom?	Action by When	Complete
Hygiene	Staff and pupils working together could increase the risk of spreading the virus	<p>Hand Hygiene Frequent and thorough hand cleaning is regular practice. This can be done with soap and water or hand sanitiser.</p> <p>Respiratory Hygiene The 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach continues to be very important.</p>	<p>Reinforce good hand washing routines. As a minimum: All staff and pupils will wash their hands when they arrive at school in the morning. All staff and pupils will wash their hands after break and lunch before returning to the classroom.</p> <p>The e-Bug COVID-19 website contains free resources for and materials to encourage good hand and respiratory hygiene.</p>	All staff/ pupils		
Ventilation	Poor ventilation could spread COVID-19	When the school is in operation, it is important to ensure it is well ventilated and that a comfortable teaching environment can be maintained.	Mechanical ventilation systems should be maintained in accordance with the manufacturers' recommendations.	All staff/ pupils/ parents/ Visitors		

		<p>Identify any poorly ventilated spaces as part of your risk assessment and take steps to improve fresh air flow in these areas, giving consideration when holding events where visitors such as parents are on site for example attending school plays.</p> <p>Ensure Co2 monitors are in place and are charged and switched on. Ensure that staff are following the guidelines and have read the risk assessment.</p>	<p>Opening external windows can improve natural ventilation, and in addition, opening internal doors can also assist with creating a throughput of air.</p> <p>Balance the need for increased ventilation while maintaining a comfortable temperature. The Health and Safety Executive guidance on air conditioning and ventilation during the COVID-19 pandemic and CIBSE COVID-19 advice provides more information.</p>			
Cleaning	<p>Pupils/staff coming onto site may be carrying COVID-19 virus which could be spread to other pupils or staff</p>	<p>Maintain normal cleaning routines. Additional deep cleaning will be taking place during this period.</p> <p>Clean surfaces that children and young people are touching, such as toys, books, desks, chairs, doors, sinks, toilets, light switches, bannisters, more regularly than normal.</p> <p>Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to be used by staff as normally required for their role.</p>	<p>Cleaning staff will wear disposable gloves and wash their hands after removing the gloves.</p> <p>All surfaces in areas of use will be disinfected daily with the cleaning products normally used. Paying particular attention to frequently touched areas and surfaces, such as toilets and washrooms, desks, grab-rails in corridors, stairwells and door handles.</p> <p>PHE has published guidance on the cleaning of non-healthcare settings.</p> <p>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</p>	Site Manager and cleaning team		

			settings provides more information on the use of PPE for COVID-19.			
Face Coverings	General note and if circumstances change	<p>From 20th January 2022 Face coverings are no longer mandated for pupils, staff and visitors either in classrooms or in communal areas.</p> <p>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 schools</p>	If there is an outbreak in school, Public Health may advise you that face coverings should temporarily be worn in communal areas or classrooms (by pupils, staff and visitors, unless exempt). You should make sure your outbreak management plans cover this possibility.	All staff/ pupils		

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You must comply with health and safety law and put in place proportionate control measures. You must regularly review and update your risk assessments - treating them as 'living documents', as the circumstances in your school and the Public Health advice changes. This includes having active arrangements in place to monitor whether the controls are effective and working as planned. For more information on what is required of school leaders in relation to health and safety risk assessments and managing risk, see the [health and safety advice for schools](#).

Further Information and Government Advice –

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/schools-covid-19-operational-guidance>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

You should review your risk assessment if you think it might no longer be valid, e.g. following an accident in the workplace, or if there are any significant changes to the hazards in your workplace, such as new equipment or work activities.

REVIEW DATE	OFFICER REVIEWING
20/10/2021	PG & DD
19/01/22	PG , AM N & SL