COVID-19 | School Return Risk Assessment | Corporation Road



Updated with Revised Guidance for January 25th 2021 regarding staff testing

Risk Area	Risk Considerations	Measures Taken	Issues / Risks / Comments	RAG
Effective Infection Protection and Control (incl use of PPE)	Individuals who become unwell	 All staff briefed on COVID symptoms and school procedures outlined in this Risk Assessment - Re-iterate and return to key protection measures Person taken to designated space clear of others [DETAIL WHERE]. This could be outdoors if appropriate (Place by window if possible - fresh air) May check temperature with non-contact thermometer If a child, adult supervising should wear appropriate PPE (see below) if 2m distance cannot be maintained Parent / carer informed to collect immediately. They will be given guidance on next steps (HP to construct letter guidance) If well enough, staff leave site for home immediately Testing procedure shared (see confirmed cases) Welfare call to be made – to ensure testing procedure is being followed. Log in CPOMS. Ensure before person leaves the building that staff know exactly where they have been on site to inform cleaning schedule (see below) If a child is displaying symptoms, the adult supervising them should wear appropriate PPE (see below). They must if they cannot maintain a 2metre distance from them. Staff would not need to self-isolate as a result of caring for the symptomatic child unless they were to test positive or they developed symptoms themselves or they were contacted by NHS track and trace The distribution of school testing kits maybe used to support families or staff members who may be displaying symptoms. This is to help minimise the spread of the virus. Face coverings to be worn around school at all times When working closely with children school recommends a visor is worn 	 Share with staff through email First Aid room to be designated area School has digital thermometers in school PPE in school to check temperature when adult or child shows symptoms Child to remain in first aid room until parent arrives and child is then taken to parent Guidance letter given Information sheet about going for a test for children and pack given to parents Cleaners/caretaker informed of designated area of 'bubble' (see maps) Children and staff given packs containing NHS support, stories and resources 	
	Self-Isolation	 If a pupil/staff member have symptoms, they must self-isolate for 10 days (even if test comes back negative). They should only return if they feel well If a pupil/staff member have a negative test and have no symptoms they may return to school. The only exception to returning following a negative test is where an individual is separately identified as a close contact of a confirmed case. They will then need to self-isolate for 10 days from the date of that contact. If someone in a class that has been asked to self-isolate develops symptoms themselves within their 10 day isolation period they should get a test. If the test is negative they must remain in isolation for the remainder of the 10 day period. If the 	 Dates of isolation logged on CPOMS and on staff files Letters and guidance given to families School remains in contact with the family/staff. 	

Confirmed COV cases	test is positive they must inform the school immediately and isolate for seven days from the onset of their symptoms • Family must self-isolate for 10 days (unless test is negative) • Symptomatic child / adult's household members should also have access to testing Interpretation Family Fami
Hand washing	 appropriate support / action All children and staff will be trained on effective handwashing for 20 seconds On entry to the building, all staff / children will immediately wash their hands If in an area with no sink, use anti-bac hand gel Monitored access to anti-bac sprays / gels to prevent children from using inappropriately Children / staff will wash hands at all transition points (in or out of rooms) Children who cannot wash their own hands effectively are identified and supported Poster showing handwashing procedures across school Children supervised at all times for hand washing Follow guidelines in overarching principles document about when to wash hands Sanitising stations across school at entry and exit points

Good respiratory Hygiene	 All children and staff trained in 'Catch it, bin it. Kill it' approach. Wash hands immediately. All areas have access to tissues Tissue bins emptied at a midpoint during the day Children and adults trained in to 'elbow cough / sneeze' approach - to turn away and to wash hands immediately Encourage children not to touch their mouth, eyes or nose The wearing of no uniform to be considered for children or staff so daily washing can take place to prevent spread of virus 	Beginning of every day timetable reminders to children All classrooms and areas are well stocked with relevant materials Lidded bins in all classrooms for this purpose Protocols around sneezing and using tissues, practised daily Children and staff to follow 'new' guidelines around school wear	
Cleaning	Clean surfaces that are touched regularly daily: Toys Books Doors and door handles – during mid points Sinks Toilets Light switches Chairs Desks COSHH Risk assessments to be in place for any new cleaning products (e.g. if using new or different products, e.g. Dettol wipes)	 Classrooms stripped of all non-essential equipment or resources before school returns These resources to be boxed and sealed Classes to only include essential equipment Staff to bring minimum personal belongings into school Children's books to be marked in school All classrooms to include cleaning products with staff made aware of COSHH 	
PPE	 Gloves, apron, facemask, visor to be in stock for use of staff / child becomes poorly and 2m distancing cannot be adhered to (e.g. becomes quite poorly and requires attention / very young / SEND needs) Staff shown how to wear and dispose of PPE effectively e.g. ensuring schools have clinical waste procedures in place Staff may require PPE for carrying out intimate care routines with some children – these children are identified and communicated (e.g. if a child is coughing, or spits) Staff wear masks in school when moving around the school Staff wear visors in class when working with children 	 PPE across all areas of school in clearly labelled boxes, for use when a child or adult becomes ill Dustbins with lids, boxes made available and clearly labelled to dispose of used PPE 	

			PPE to be used for changing nappies or where necessary	
Shielding	Shielding	 Staff and children who fall into the extremely critically vulnerable category will be sent letters they to shield due to the new national lockdown restrictions. Leaders are to review personal risk assessments of those staff who were previously classed as critically vulnerable. Check that they can work remotely if necessary. Those who have family members shielding can also return to school unless they have been advised not to by a letter A remote education package will need to be in place for these pupils Staff who maybe pregnant must inform Senior Leaders ASAP. Pregnant women can attend the work setting if they are able to socially distance in their role up to 28 weeks. Post 28 weeks staff will be supported to work remotely where possible or in a role where stringent social distancing can take place. This group usually fall in to the 'clinically vulnerable category' and the school should follow the guidance set out in the link below: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing#clinically-vulnerable-people 	 I member of staff currently shielding. I member of staff work from home due to pregnancy Staff have relevant equipment and internet to work from home 	
School Organisation	Health and Safety Compliance	 All health and safety checks have been completed before opening (e.g. routine compliance checks, particularly if school has been closed) Check/devise new fire plan which will support the way the school now functions. Ensure fire drills still take place Ensure school policies have been adapted for National Lockdown if necessary e.g. Safeguarding, Behaviour, Positive Handling. Make sure all staff have read and understood KCSIE. 	Relevant health and safety checks completed prior to opening school to children and all staff Fire drill and Lockdown completed for this Autumn Term Addendum added to child protection policy and shared with staff January 12th Relevant health and safety completed prior to child protection policy and shared	
	Class / Group Sizes	 Have clear evidence for the amount of children who will attend – parental take up and ongoing vulnerable/critical worker/key worker's etc children in order to plan effectively Classes are divided in to smaller groups, with a maximum of 15. Ensure social distance measures are put in place in the classrooms for the older pupils now there are less children e.g. might be one child per desk Staff should remain with the same group, to prevent cross contamination between groups Staff breaks are organised way to minimise contact with other staff / children Classes are divided in to smaller groups of approximately 15 in order to limit 'mixing and interaction 'as much as possible Attendance in EY settings to be reviewed weekly 	 Behaviour Policy revised to support Covid restrictions PPA cover all teachers Friday afternoon All classes have their own bubble Remote learning through Teams, MarvelousMe and Seesaw 	

	 Where children have additional SEND adult support, this is taken in to account within the overall group size and staff support. In planning solutions for the school, consider personal aspects such as race / religion / other protected characteristics (such as access to prayer) Each group should access to own first aid resources for minor injuries)e.g. office deliver a plaster / own kit in room) - this will minimise movement across the school during the day Staff breaks are organised to minimise contact with other staff / children [e.g. each group has 2 staff, who can cover each other's breaks and supervise handwashing – school may have own detailed timetables] Each group should access to own first aid resources for minor injuries)e.g. office deliver a plaster / own kit in room) 	
Classrooms and learning environments	 Children are taught about the new school rules and routines as a matter of induction for returning to school Classrooms are tidied and decluttered Windows need to be open and doors open where possible Remove soft toys and furnishings that are hard to clean items Rearrange classrooms to facilitate as much space as possible between seats (2m if possible and appropriate) Children to have their own desk when working Any joint equipment to be cleaned after use and desks to wiped down during breaks No children working in partners, on the carpet or in groups Younger children are not expected to socially distance, but remain in their small groups Where possible, access the classrooms via external doors. Where not – have clear route plans in place, including any one way corridors Use outside provision as much as feasible as this can limit transition and aid social distancing Outdoor equipment must be cleaned between group use, if usage is allowed. Children must wash hands after usage. Consider how children work together in groups or pairs Windows should be opened (in cooler weather widows should be opened just enough to provide constant background ventilation). They should be opened more fully during break times to purge the air in the space. If necessary opening external doors maybe used (as long as they are not fire doors and where safe to do so). To balance the temperature so it does not become too uncomfortable open higher windows. Younger children are not expected to socially distance from each other but need to remain within their classes as much as possible Where possible, access the classrooms via external doors. Where not – have clear route plans in place, including any one way corridors Use outside provision as much as feasible as this can limit transition and aid social distancing Outdoor equipment must be cleaned between group use, if usage is allow	

	No trips overnight may take place yet. Day trips are allowed if the school is able to minimise risk (normal and risk relating to Covid 19). Consider class trips which are in the open air or well ventilated, large spaces		
Lesson planning and delivery	 Teaching style adapted to enable safe teaching. This will need explicit briefing to the staff. Focus on remote ways to ensure effective feedback and give opportunities for pupils remotely to articulate issues Resources can be used to support learning, ensure there are cleaning protocols in place if being shared with other classes Teachers are able to mark books but must ensure this is done at a distance if possible. They may also take books home and other shared resources Teachers need to make best use of interactive whiteboards but ensure only they touch the screen. Teachers should continue to plan to deliver the curriculum which should be broad and balanced taking account of any gaps in knowledge which need addressing Senior leaders need to monitor how effective the remote learning offer is that is now in place. The adapted curriculum needs to teach pupils to be proficient online learners EYFS education and development requirements now apply as the original disapplication's have been lifted 	 Remote learning through Teams, MarvelousMe and Seesaw Full curriculum planned for Tweaks determined by pace/lack of in online learning Guidance on online working for children, parents and staff shared Poor online behaviour leads to SLT speaking to parents to stress this is unacceptable and will not be toleratede 	
Timetables	 Timetables reviewed to ensure that children are not moving around the site at the same time, or carrying out practical lessons that do not promote social distancing Assemblies will not take place during this time Any breakfast / after school clubs must follow the same separation group approach to ensure cross contamination between school and class groups is minimised 	 Children remain in same space and for lunch in classrooms 	
Use of Toilets	 Toilet timetable in place to minimise congestion Ensure groups of children are allocated specific toilet areas to use to prevent cross contamination between groups Toilets deep cleaned each day Toilets regularly checked by adults throughout the day 	 Staff to wipe down touch points in toilets after every class use Additional cleaning in place across school over break and lunchtime 	
Break Times	 Staggered break times in place Playground areas zoned to facilitate groups being separated Staff supervising breaktimes should be staff who are responsible for the group as far as practicable (if each group has two adults, they can cover each other's breaks) Where practical staff should maintain the 2m distance guidelines in the staff room 	 Playtime rota in place Playground sectioned to support bubbles 	
Lunch Times	Staggered and shortened lunch breaks	 Playtime rota in place 	

		 Children will not eat at a table that not been cleaned between sittings or will eat in their own classroom Children can eat outside – so long as they socially distance or remain in their groups 	 Playground sectioned to support bubbles 	
	op off / ollection	 All groups are allocated clear drop off / collection times to decrease congestion Where possible, children will enter through their own external classroom door. Where this is not possible, arrangements are: [Children designated to specific areas of school Timetabled to ensure little contact 	
	arental / carer ccess protocols	 Parents / carers should not access the school building without prior arrangement – procedures will be shared Parents / carers are requested not to congregate on school premises – and to maintain social distancing requirements with staff, other children and parents Any appointments where adults must meet, must be conducted following social distancing requirements and in well ventilated areas Parent/carer information to be distributed prior to school opening on first day Parent's Evenings will not take place in person. School has arranged the following as an alternative [DETAIL HERE] Other social events, such as sports days, class assemblies etc. will not take place 	Parents as visitors to complete track and trace information and given visitor protocols	
	are and Control Resources	 Store toys, furniture and resources that are not being used safely Avoid, as much as possible, groups sharing resources – and where they must be, they are cleaned between usage Children are allocated individually stationery Heavy use resources are cleaned daily Avoid any resources that are passed between school and home (e.g. book bags). Consider online homework / reading books etc. Where practical, items delivered to the school should be disinfected and those who disinfect should also wash their hands. 	 All children have own pencil case All children have their own water bottle that they take to and from school 	
	ansport rangements	 Communicated to families to avoid public transport and to consider walking and cycling to school. Make clear car sharing with other families is not appropriate. School liaise with LA with regard to transportation of children who attend a setting via taxi. Risk assessment in place by LA. School has copies of these 	 Children travelling on public transport or taxi use a mask 	
Chi	nildren with SEND	 Risk assessment completed for all EHCP children to ascertain where children are safest in relation to their medical needs. If these children do not attend, appropriate work must be provided Schools should ensure pupils with medical conditions are supported through the use of individual healthcare plans. Where this may not be possible and therefore schools will need to create a more flexible approach to supporting these pupils Schools should ensure pupils with medical conditions are supported through the use of individual healthcare plans. Where this may not be possible and therefore schools will need to create a more flexible approach to supporting these pupils 	 SENCO – identify children who need additional support Leadership team identify children needing additional support with MH&W Care plans updated 	

			 Medication plans in place 	
A	Attendance	 Attendance rules have returned. Attendance is compulsory again Use school intelligence to know which children were classed as PA before lockdown and who the children are who have not engaged during lockdown. Make contact with their parents/carers and offer support to ensure that their child/children will be fully engaging with school in September If pupils are shielding due to someone in their family who is sick this absence will not be penalised If pupils are self-isolating the school needs to be able to immediately off access to a remote education If any LAC pupils are at risk of exclusion, schools should contact the Virtual Headteacher to help the school decide how to help the child further and avoid exclusion being necessary 	PA list crated so that this can be monitored Teachers to identify those children who have not engaged so that they are moved to 'vulnerable group and offered education in school Remote Education established.	
	ndividual Children's Needs	 Review the additional support that vulnerable children require Staff have a clear approach to support children's emotional development and wellbeing upon return – the curriculum is allowing for this time Children will be re-introduced to school with a focus on wellbeing and safety, before formal learning becomes the priority Organise transition for new starters for September – with an increased stagger so that children have effective transition in to school – particularly nursery / reception. 	 SENCO – identify children who need additional support Leadership team identify children needing additional support with MH&W 	
C	Catering and Food	 Catering staff to consider revising menus to make social distancing in the kitchen/servery easier (e.g. packed lunch service to reduce washing up) Ensure that the most vulnerable children and those entitled to pupil premium are given breakfast in some way – classroom/club etc Ensure that those pupils who are working at home and are entitled to a free school meal receive a voucher when the system is in place. Temporary arrangements may be put in place until the system is up and running 	 In school packed lunches Vouchers when possible Food parcels to be collected from school 	
C	external Contractors and Visitors	 Plan arrangements with your suppliers and check they are following appropriate social distancing and hygiene measures (for example, food suppliers, grounds maintenance, transport providers), including when in school Contractors should provide their Covid 19 control risk assessment for review before being allowed to carry out works on school premises. Ensure visitors know where to stand if waiting in reception. Mark the floor to show social distancing positions 	 Procedures in place overseen by J.S. and S.S. 	

	Workload and wellbeing of staff	 To limit the amount of visitors' schools may consider a flexible approach to interviews where possible. The workload of staff is carefully managed by senior leaders, particularly the balance of staff teaching time and managing home learning solutions Staff are regularly canvassed for their opinions regarding current systems and approaches – Senior Leaders will review school procedures in light of these ongoing discussions For any staff meetings please conduct these via zoom or teams. Ensure if there are any face to face meetings taking place that you are in a well ventilated room where you can maintain a two metre distance. If not, these meetings must be held remotely. 		
Staff Testing	The bi-weekly testing of school staff	From W/B 25th January, all school staff will be offered bi-weekly lateral flow COVID tests as part of the government approach to the COVID testing within schools. The following key risks and mitigations are noted: **Ney Risk 1: Poor Communication** All key communication materials from the DFE to be used to share with staff – to avoid misconceptions and miscommunications – as well as ensuring successful self testing procedures at home. Documents are to be found here: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1X4fl.xy6_ppmpmKrv3hT2M6cduAN_GS54 This includes watching the DFE video and making sure that staff receive the updated instructions for testing, not those inside the test kit itself Video: Step by step guide to COVID-19 self-testing – YouTube A named SPOC (Covid Coordinator) to be in place in school for questions regarding the testing programme to be in place – this person will have accessed all relevant DFE / PHE / NHS training and reading materials. In this school, this person is: Staff will collect tests from: Staff will collect tests from: Staff will collect tests from: Clear and systematic collection and reporting lines of communication in place; all staff know who, and when (which are the agreed testing days) to report their result. All of these procedures must be carried out in a COVID secure and socially distanced (or remote) manner Staff are clear that they must seek a PCR test for a positive home test, or two 'void' tests. They must self-isolate until a confirmed negative PCR test is received, or continue self-isolation for a positive – at which point all close contacts will be asked to self isolate (their 'bubble'). All results are uploaded to the Test and Trace system – leaders remind staff to do this each time a result is gained Staff must share any positive result information with school – such as email or text message notifications Key Risk 2: Low Staff Take up If staff take up is low, but the following is in place, the risk is reduced: All staff offered to be part of the testing	 21.1.21 email sent to all staff setting out criteria for lateral flow test School followed Dfe procedures of: The DfE has told us that before participating in testing, staff must read the privacy notice and the new instructions for use and sign for the collection of the test kits. By doing these things they have consented to participate in testing and there is not a need for a specific consent form. 	

- All staff made aware of the continuation of the national guidance regarding symptom and close contact isolation even if they choose not to be part of the programme
- All staff to maintain all aspects of this risk assessment, whether staff take part in the programme or not; the infection control meaures across school remain unchanged

• Non-Reporting of results

- A systematic approach is in place for all individual tests and their lot numbers if a test is taken from the school site a result must be logged against it
- Staff made aware that no pay or benefits are affected by a positive test or isolation period
- Leaders articulate the positive nature of self-reporting ensuring staff feel confident to report positive cases
- Leaders are aware of those staff who would not want to self-isolate and communicate with them beforehand about how they can be included, kept occupied and 'part of the school' whilst working remotely (if they are well enough)

• Staff who have previously had confirmed cases of COVID

- If you have recently (within 90 days) tested positive for COVID-19, you are likely to have developed some immunity. However, given the current prevalence of the virus and the pressing need to reduce transmission, we encourage staff to take an LFD test regardless of whether they have tested positive previously as this is a good indicator of high viral load, and therefore infectiousness. If you have recently tested positive for COVID-19, please complete your period of isolation before returning to school.
- Staff who test positive again, will follow the same route as all staff and book a PCR test and begin isolation. A negative PCR result will result in staff returning to work.