

## COVID-19 Risk assessment – Opening schools

### **The Government has asked schools to adhere to the following:**

It is the Government's plan that all pupils, in all year groups, will return to school full-time from the beginning of the autumn term.

This new guidance (January 2021) is intended to support schools, both mainstream and alternative provision, to prepare for this. The guidance also covers expectations for children with special educational needs and disability (SEND), including those with education, health and care plans, in mainstream schools.

The link to new guidance is as follows:

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

Separate guidance is available for early years, further education colleges and for special schools, as follows:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures/coronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures>

Separate guidance for SEN school provision:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-full-opening-special-schools-and-other-specialist-settings/guidance-for-full-opening-special-schools-and-other-specialist-settings>

### **The government guidance says the following:**

Schools must comply with health and safety law, which requires them to assess risks and put in place proportionate control measures. Schools should thoroughly review their health and safety risk assessments and draw up plans for the autumn term that address the risks identified using the system of controls set out below. These are an adapted form of the system of protective measures that will be familiar from the summer term.

Essential measures include:

- a requirement that people who are ill stay at home
- robust hand and respiratory hygiene

- enhanced cleaning arrangements
- active engagement with NHS Test and Trace
- formal consideration of how to reduce contacts and maximise distancing between those in school wherever possible and minimise the potential for contamination so far as is reasonably practicable

How contacts are reduced will depend on the school's circumstances and will (as much as possible) include:

- grouping children together
- avoiding contact between groups
- arranging classrooms with forward-facing desks
- staff maintaining distance from pupils and other staff as much as possible

Employers must protect people from harm. This includes taking reasonable steps to protect staff, pupils and others from coronavirus (COVID-19) within the education setting.

Schools have remained open to some pupils since 20<sup>th</sup> March, welcoming more pupils back from 1 June and then a full opening in September. Schools should therefore have already assessed the risks and implemented proportionate control measures to limit the transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19) for a limited number of pupils.

As part of planning for full return in the autumn term, it is a legal requirement that schools should revisit and update their risk assessments (building on the learning to date and the practices they have already developed), to consider the additional risks and control measures to enable a return to full capacity in the autumn term. Settings should also review and update their wider risk assessments and consider the need for relevant revised controls in respect of their conventional risk profile considering the implications of coronavirus (COVID-19). Schools should ensure that they implement sensible and proportionate control measures which follow the health and safety hierarchy of control to reduce the risk to the lowest reasonably practicable level.

School employers should have active arrangements in place to monitor that the controls are:

- effective
- working as planned
- updated appropriately considering any issues identified and changes in public health advice.

The risk assessment template below sets out the known hazards and important controls that have been advised either by the Government/DfE, the World Health Organisation (WHO), Public Health England (PHE), NHS (safe practice) or good practice.

There are some specific issues that are addressed in the risk assessment, but for clarity, please read the full Government advice to schools.

### **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including face coverings and face masks:**

Staff have been made aware of when and where they should wear a face covering during the school day.

Face coverings are beneficial for periods indoors where there is a risk of close social contact with people and where social distancing and other measures cannot be maintained.

Face coverings (or any form of medical mask where instructed to be used for specific clinical reasons) should not be worn in any circumstance by those who may not be able to handle them as directed (for example, young children, or those with special educational needs or disabilities) as it may inadvertently increase the risk of transmission.

### **PPE is also needed in the following cases including:**

- Children, young people and students whose care routinely already involves the use of PPE due to their **intimate care needs** should continue to receive their care in the same way.
- If a child, young person or other learner becomes **unwell with symptoms of coronavirus** while in their setting and needs direct personal care until they can return home. A facemask should be worn by the supervising adult if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained. If contact with the child or young person is necessary, then gloves, an apron and a facemask should be worn by the supervising adult. If a risk assessment determines that there is a risk of splashing to the eyes, for example, from coughing, spitting, or vomiting, then eye protection should also be worn.
- PPE must be worn by staff caring for the child while they await collection if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained (such as a very young child or a child with complex needs). More information on PPE use can be found here <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>

### **The system of controls:**

#### **Protective measures**

This is the set of actions schools must take. They are grouped into 'prevention' and 'response to any infection' and are outlined in more detail in the sections below.

### Prevention:

- 1) Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school.
- 2) Clean hands thoroughly more often than usual.
- 3) Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
- 4) Introduce enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents and bleach.
- 5) Minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible.
- 6) Where necessary, wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).

Numbers 1 to 4 **MUST** be in place in all schools, all the time.

Number 5 **MUST** be properly considered and schools must put in place measures that suit their particular circumstances.

Number 6 applies in specific circumstances identified on the risk assessment and has been communicated to staff.

### Response to any infection

- 7) Engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.
- 8) Manage confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community.
- 9) Contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice.

Number 7 to 9 **MUST** be followed in every case where they are relevant.

### Social distancing in early years and primary schools:

We know that, unlike older children and adults, early years and primary age children cannot be expected to remain 2 metres apart from each other and staff. In deciding to bring more children back to early years and schools, we are taking this into account. Schools should therefore work through the hierarchy of measures set out above:

- Avoiding contact with anyone with symptoms
- Frequent hand cleaning and good respiratory hygiene practices
- Regular cleaning of settings
- Minimising contact and mixing

The overarching principle to apply is **reducing the number of contacts between children and staff**. This can be achieved through **keeping groups separate (in 'bubbles')** and through **maintaining a distance between individuals**. These are not alternative options and both measures will help, but the balance between them will change depending on:

- Children's ability to distance
- The layout of the school
- The feasibility of keeping distinct groups separate while offering a broad curriculum (especially at secondary).

It is likely that for younger children the emphasis will be on separating groups, and for older children it will be on distancing. For children old enough, they should also be supported to maintain distance and not touch staff where possible.

It remains important to reduce contact between people as much as possible, and we can achieve that and reduce transmission risk by ensuring children, young people and staff where possible, **only mix in a small, consistent group** and that small **group stays away from other people** and groups.

Consistent groups reduce the risk of transmission by limiting the number of pupils and staff in contact with each other to only those within the group. Maintaining distinct groups or 'bubbles' that do not mix makes it quicker and easier in the event of a positive case to identify those who may need to self-isolate, and keep that number as small as possible. Siblings may be in different groups.

All teachers and other staff can operate across different classes and year groups in order to facilitate the delivery of the school timetable. Where staff need to move between classes and year groups, they should try and keep their distance from pupils and other staff as much as they can, ideally 2 meters from other adults. Where this is not possible with younger children, teachers in primary schools can still work across groups if it is required to enable full educational provisions. Supply Teachers, peripatetic teachers and temporary staff may move between schools if required.

### **Primary schools:**

It is recommended that groups should be kept as small as possible. If this can be smaller than a year group it should be. So a normal class size may be appropriate. Schools should demonstrate that they are keeping students in as small and consistent groups as possible. Large gatherings such as assemblies or collective worship should be avoided.

Social distancing in primary schools is difficult. Adults should remain 2 metres apart where possible, close face to face contact should be avoided and contact within 1 metre of anyone must be limited. For children that are old enough, they should be supported to maintain distance and not touch staff or their peers where possible. It is recognised that this will not always be possible with the youngest students.

Changes to classrooms so that students sit side by side and facing forwards, rather than face to face or side on and perhaps moving unnecessary furniture may be required.

### **Government guidance advises the following:**

Schools should assess their circumstances and if class-sized groups are not compatible with offering a full range of subjects or managing the practical logistics within and around the school, they can look to implement year group sized 'bubbles'. Whatever the size of the groups, they should be kept apart from other groups where possible and older children should be encouraged to keep their distance within groups.

Schools with the capability to do it should take steps to limit interaction, sharing of rooms and social spaces between groups as much as possible. When using larger groups, the other measures from the system of controls become even more important, to minimise transmission risks and to minimise the numbers of pupils and staff who may need to self-isolate.

Both approaches of separating groups and maintaining distance are not 'all-or-nothing' options and will still bring benefits even if implemented partially.

**Measures not in the classroom:**

Groups should be kept apart and movement around the school site kept to a minimum. Schools should avoid busy corridors, entrances and exits. Breaks and lunchtimes should be staggered. Large gatherings such as assemblies and collective worship should be avoided. The use of staffrooms should be minimised. Staff spaces that are shared must be planned to enable social distancing and suitable sanitising.

**Measures for arriving at and leaving school:**

Where travel to school patterns allow staggered start and finish times in your school, you should consider this to keep groups apart. Schools must communicate this effectively to parents and students to prevent congestion or large gatherings at the start and finish of each day.

Schools should implement a process for removing face coverings when pupils or staff who use them arrive at school. Pupils should be taught how to do this correctly (not touching the front of their face), washing hands immediately on arrival, disposing of temporary coverings appropriately and placing reusable ones in plastic bags to take home.

**Equipment in schools:**

For individual and very frequently used equipment such as pencils and pens, it is recommended that staff and pupils have their own items they are NOT shared.

Classroom based resources can be shared within a bubble. These must be cleaned regularly as should surfaces. Resources shared between bubbles, such as sports, art and science equipment should be cleaned frequently and meticulously between use or rotated to allow them to be left unused and out of reach for a period of 48 hours (72 hours for plastics).

Pupils and teachers can take books and other shared resources home, although unnecessary sharing should be avoided, and the school should ensure such resources are cleaned when they are returned to school.

Outdoor equipment should be more frequently cleaned. This also applies to resources inside and outside by wraparound care providers. It is recommended that students limit the amount of equipment they bring to school to only essentials. Shared resources can be taken home but avoided where unnecessary. All such resources will need to be cleaned before used by others.

**Engage with the NHS Test and Trace process:**

Schools must ensure they understand the NHS Test and Trace process and how to contact their local Public Health England protection team. The guidance should be consulted to ensure this is all fully understood and followed by staff members and parents/carers.

**Manage confirmed cases of COVID-19:**

Schools must take swift action when they become aware that someone who has attended has tested positive for COVID-19. They should contact the local health protection team. This includes, implementing their advice, specific procedures and containing any outbreak as directed.

**Premises Management**

In conjunction with this risk assessment and guidance Judicium Education have previously provided a detailed risk assessment template for 'Managing Premises Functions' during this time and a six-part series of guidance documents (in the form of newsletters) titled 'Managing School Premises during COVID-19 outbreak'. The school's management and H&S Lead have been sent this guidance and have access to all Judicium templates. The premises team should refer to this information in order to ensure the school buildings are suitably managed at this time.

It is important that, prior to re-opening for the autumn term, all the usual pre-term building checks are undertaken to make the school safe.

**Please note:**

The template addresses the general site and school use risk assessment. The government guidance asks that all school risk assessments are reviewed that may be affected. This will include but is not exclusive to: Use and supervision of playgrounds, General classrooms, Common areas, Cleaning, Practical subjects (Science, PE, Art, DT, Performing Arts etc.).

**Sharing Coronavirus (COVID-19) risk assessment**

Schools should share the results of their risk assessment with their workforce. If possible, they should consider publishing it on their website to provide transparency of approach to parents, carers and pupils (The HSE would expect all employers with over 50 staff to do so).

***Health and Safety Risk Assessment – Re-opening Schools – COVID-19***

<b>Academy / School</b>		<b>Assessment No.</b>	
<b>Site</b>		<b>Location</b>	

<b>Subject of Assessment</b>		Re-opening primary schools to full use for the Autumn term.			
<b>Assessed by</b>		<b>Date</b>	January 2021	<b>Review date</b>	Ongoing
<b>Details of workplace/activity</b>	Students and employees partaking in school activities within the school premises, including general classroom activities, dining, break-times, playgrounds, pick-up and drop off (where applicable), First aid and external visitors to the school.			<b>Persons Affected</b> (Who may be harmed)	
				Students, Employees, Contractors and Visitors.	

<b>Hazards and Risks</b>		<b>Existing Control Measures</b>	<b>Risk Level</b> (Very High, High, Medium, Low)	<b>Further Actions</b> √/X (If √ See Actions)
1.	Spread/contraction of COVID-19 due to interaction with a person who has symptoms of the disease, a person who may be asymptomatic or lack of information on how infection risks are controlled in the school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The school has informed parents, students, carers, employees and visitors not to enter the school if they are displaying any symptoms of coronavirus (following the COVID-19 guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection);</li> <li>Parents receive guidance on school times/entry for their child and protocols set out for attending the school i.e. should remain 2m apart from others, should follow staff members instruction and should not congregate outside the school;</li> <li>Parents issued specific school protocols for school attendance for them to explain to their children;</li> </ul>	Low	<p>√ Staff and parents have been contacted regarding specific school protocols relating to them.</p> <p>√ Staff and parents have been consulted on school procedures and</p>



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<p>Stress or anxiety caused due to lack of support, information or staff consultation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents of SEN students or those with care plans are individually consulted in order that plans are reviewed to include any new safety measures;</li> <li>• Staff are briefed on school procedures and the plans for re-entry of students;</li> <li>• Employees are briefed regarding infection control and school protocols;</li> <li>• Staff are up to date on other related guidance and support in relation to themselves and students such as stress and wellbeing including: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak</a></li> <li>• Staff can access the free helpline <u>Education Support Partnership</u> for school staff and targeted support for mental health and wellbeing</li> <li>• There are communication, consultation and support networks in place for staff and if there are particular concerns staff can raise them quickly and effectively;</li> <li>• Hazard reporting mechanisms are in place and are easily accessible;</li> <li>• Talks with staff about the planned changes (E.g. safety measures, timetable changes and staggered arrival and departure times), have taken place, including discussing whether additional training would be helpful</li> </ul>		<p>plans via 'survey monkey'</p> <p>✓ Staff informed of guidance to support stress and well-being.</p> <p>✓ Staff communicate though PGL system to ensure concerns can be raised and dealt with effectively.</p> <p>✓ Safety measure have been communicated to staff in protocol document.</p> <p>✓ Any hazards to be communicated to KB for action.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COVID-19 guidelines are published in the school's website</li> <li>• Parents/Carers are informed of the general arrangements being made and what is expected of them in terms of dropping off and collecting children and any other local important procedures, emphasising their role in terms of the local and national approach would also be appropriate as that potentially impacts on school life and the whole pandemic control measures</li> <li>• When possible staff will be permitted to work from home</li> <li>• Whenever possible, meetings will take place remotely via videoconferencing or phone, and letters are also used for communications</li> <li>• People deemed vulnerable take particular care to minimise contact with others and are advised to follow <u>Guidance on shielding and protecting people who are clinically extremely vulnerable from COVID-19</u></li> <li>• Risk assessments and plans are discussed with relevant staff, including on a one-to-one basis for some to enable staff to speak about their own situation and reasonable adjustments to be made</li> <li>• The school will try as far as practically possible to be flexible and accommodate additional measures for vulnerable people where appropriate</li> <li>• Specific risk assessments for new and expectant mothers are completed</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Parents have been provided with a map to show entry and pick-up points; these have also been communicated to staff in protocol document.</li> <li>✓ Large group meetings are avoided and teacher or TA meetings will take place in larger halls.</li> <li>✓ RA have been shared with staff on the school hub.</li> <li>✓ Return to work RAs completed for all vulnerable</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff that travel abroad during the summer holiday to countries that are not on the <u>Coronavirus (COVID-19): travel corridor list</u> will self-isolate for 14 days before they are due to return to work in the autumn term. Where it is not possible to avoid a member of staff having to quarantine during term time, the school will consider if it is possible to temporarily amend working arrangements to enable them to isolate and work from home</li> </ul>		<p>members of staff</p> <p>✓ School has completed a RA for pregnant member of staff.</p>
2.	<p>Spread/contraction of COVID-19 due to lack of social distancing measures during the school day including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drop off / entry to the school.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Drop off (primary):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drop-off and collection points and timings for each group have been identified, this information has been cascaded to parents.</li> <li>Pavings been demarcated to enable parents to remain 2m away from other parents during drop off of students;</li> <li>Parents are asked to not congregate outside the school gates for longer than 5 minutes before the designated school start time for their child;</li> <li>Open start times and year group gates have been designated for each class in order to prevent large numbers of parents outside school grounds;</li> <li>Open start times and year group gates are designed to enable one group of parents to arrive in different areas across 2 sites;</li> <li>Parents are reminded to leave the site once their children have entered the building;</li> <li>Staff must wear face coverings when welcoming children in the morning;</li> </ul>	Low	<p>✓ Parents have received detailed communication via email regarding entry points at beginning and end of school day.</p> <p>✓ Staff to continue to remind parents of the need for social distancing and leave site quickly.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only one parent/guardian per child is permitted on site (if necessary);</li> <li>• If there are additional siblings who have no other carers at home and who are not at school, they are permitted to stand with their parent. They should limit interactions with other families</li> </ul> <p><b>Entry to the school:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children will be met at the designated gate entrance by school staff;</li> <li>• Parents/Guardians are NOT permitted to enter the school buildings;</li> <li>• Entrance doors are held open, reducing the number of occupants touching the doors;</li> <li>• Hand-wash stations are located at the entrance to the school. All occupants are required to wash their hands (soap/water or hand sanitiser) on entry to the school;</li> <li>• Good hand washing signage to instruct students how to do this effectively is displayed;</li> <li>• Help is available for children and young people who have trouble cleaning their hands independently;</li> <li>• Hand washing demonstrations have been provided to students on how to adequately wash their hands.</li> <li>• Where ground floor classrooms/offices have fire exits leading directly outside, these are utilised as entry points to reduce congestion in main entry points.</li> </ul>	Low	<p>√ Outside school paving areas have been demarcated. Staff ensure children are brought directly into school on drop off and remind parents to disperse and not interact with other families.</p> <p>√ School has fire door guards in place to ensure doors can be propped open safely.</p> <p>√ Hand wash stations installed in playgrounds and hand sanitiser stations throughout school.</p>

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3.	<p>Spread/contraction of COVID-19 due to lack of social distancing measures during the school day including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pickup / leaving the school.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Pick up (primary):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drop-off and collection points and timings for each group have been identified, this information has been cascaded to parents.</li> <li>Pick up and collection points and timings for each group have been identified, this information has been cascaded to parents.</li> <li>Outside paving has been demarcated to enable parents to remain 2m away from other parents during pick up of children;</li> <li>Parents are asked to not congregate for longer than 5 minutes before the designated school end time for their child;</li> <li>Parents are asked to pick-up at one of six exit points to prevent large numbers of parents in the playground/on school grounds;</li> <li>Exit points are designed to enable small groups of parents to maintain social distancing;</li> <li>Parents are reminded to leave the site once their children have been picked up;</li> <li>Staff must wear face coverings when they are dismissing the children at the school gate;</li> <li>Only one parent/guardian per child is permitted on site if necessary;</li> <li>If there are additional siblings who have no other carers at home and who are not at school they are permitted to stand with their parent. They should limit interactions with other families.</li> </ul> <p><b>Leaving the school:</b></p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>√ Drop off and pick up information communicated to parents.</p> <p>√ Parents have been told not to enter school buildings.</p> <p>√ Appropriate signage installed across school.</p> <p>√ Exit points have paving demarcations to aid social distancing.</p> <p>√ Parents and guardians have been told they are not able to enter premises.</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classroom sizes are restricted to a normal number of students (approximately 30), 1 teacher and TA if required (specific needs of class);</li> <li>• Students are kept in small groups as they cannot socially distance themselves at all times;</li> <li>• The class group will not interact with other groups outside their phase group bubble;</li> <li>• Hand washing is completed on entrance to the class and between specific activities;</li> <li>• Students are allocated resources and are not encouraged to share;</li> <li>• Individual student desks will be assigned;</li> <li>• Individual student will bring their own equipment;</li> <li>• Individual and very frequently used equipment such as pencils and pens are not shared;</li> <li>• Staff and pupils have their own items;</li> <li>• Classroom based resources are only shared within a bubble. These resources are cleaned regularly as are classroom surfaces;</li> <li>• Resources shared between bubbles, such as sports, art and science equipment are cleaned frequently between use;</li> <li>• The school limits the amount of equipment students bring to school to only essentials such as hats, coats, books, stationery;</li> <li>• Students are regularly reminded not to touch their or other students faces;</li> <li>• Classroom furniture has been reduced. Displays, unnecessary cupboards and soft furnishings, soft toys and those with intricate parts have been removed</li> </ul>		<p>✓ Each Pod has minimum of one teacher and/or TA.</p> <p>✓ Children remain in pod groups throughout day but may mix in phase group bubbles in the playground, dining hall and during extended care.</p> <p>✓ Handwashing sinks in classrooms and playgrounds.</p> <p>✓ Children use own classroom resources. Classroom set up to encourage social distancing. Furniture/</p>

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		<p>and are not permitted. This is designed to enable suitable social distancing and successful and effective cleaning of all surfaces;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Classrooms are arranged so that students sit side by side and facing forwards, rather than face to face or side on where possible;</li> <li>Where possible classes/activities will be completed outside;</li> <li>Play equipment will be used in rotation. Equipment is cleaned before use by each designated class group;</li> <li>The same Teacher and TA (where applicable) are assigned to a class each day. Where possible this will be one teacher for the whole and subsequent days;</li> <li>Staff should stand at the door if they are visiting other classrooms if you intend staying more than a few minutes you must wear a face covering;</li> <li>The timetable has been reviewed to decide which lessons or activities can be delivered to reduce movement around the school.</li> <li>Staff must open windows to ensure classrooms are adequately ventilated</li> </ul>		<p>equipment minimised.</p> <p>√ Regular cleaning of equipment organised.</p> <p>√ Same school staff remain in each pod where possible</p> <p>√ Staff reminded to minimise movement around school</p>
5.	<p>Spread/contraction of COVID-19 due to lack of social distancing measures during the school day including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dining;</li> <li>Moving around the school;</li> <li>Break-time / playgrounds.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Primary (early years):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Separate lunch breaks are designated for each teaching group (bubble). Students will stay in these groups during lunch;</li> <li>Lunch area cleaned before and after each bubble's lunch. Only one student will use a clean lunch space before it is cleaned again;</li> <li>All staff when entering the dinner hall must wear a face covering;</li> </ul>	<p>Low</p> <p>Low</p>	<p>√ Single staff member allocated to ensure dining protocols are known and followed.</p>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All lunch time staff must wear a face covering at all times.</li> </ul> <p><b>Moving around the school:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Movement to different areas within the school is reduced as much as possible;</li> <li>External doors are used to move students from one area to another. Effectively creating external corridors in the open air;</li> <li>Where possible, all spaces are well ventilated using natural ventilation (opening windows) or ventilation units;</li> <li>Additional furniture, coats, bags are not permitted in the school corridor;</li> <li>Corridors are sterile environments and kept as clear as possible;</li> <li>Corridors that cannot provide 2m separation (although passing in the corridor is deemed low risk) are designated one way where possible;</li> <li>Corridor floors are demarcated to show direction and safe distance signage;</li> <li>Where possible students will move with their group bubble only and will not mix with other bubbles;</li> <li>Staff will generally manage student movement but keep a suitable social distance from students and other staff.</li> </ul> <p><b>Break-times / playgrounds:</b></p>	<p>✓ Lunches are prepared by Harrison's</p> <p>✓ The Catering Manager has reviewed and implemented the Guidance for food businesses on coronavirus (COVID-19)</p> <p>✓ Staff reminded to keep movement around school to a minimum to minimise pod/bubble transitory interaction.</p> <p>Low</p> <p>Low</p> <p>✓ Year Groups allocated</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Separate times or areas (at a safe distance using government guidance) are issued for each separate bubble.</li> </ul> <p><b>Primary (early years):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students are only permitted to complete suitable activities with their class group;</li> <li>Due to potential issues with reduced numbers of staff and trained first aiders, playground activities are strictly controlled with structured play. Rough play is prevented;</li> <li>Daily inspection and enhanced cleaning programs are in place for external areas and equipment;</li> <li>Outside play equipment and toys will be used in rotation;</li> <li>Equipment is cleaned before use by each designated class group;</li> <li>Outside play equipment and toys have been reduced;</li> <li>This is designed to enable successful and effective cleaning of all outside toys / play equipment.</li> </ul>		<p>entrance and exit designated gates.</p> <p>√ Play areas are demarcated in the playground.</p> <p>√ All play is carefully supervised and equipment availability reduced and cleaned effectively</p>
6.	Spread/contraction of COVID-19 due to lack of hand-washing and general poor hygiene.	<p><b>Primary (early years):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hand washing stations are positioned at each student, staff and visitor entrance to the school;</li> <li>All those entering the school are required to wash/sanitise their hands;</li> <li>Hand washing stations are located on each floor, within each classroom and on entry to the dining hall;</li> <li>Hand washing sinks are located within each toilet provision;</li> </ul>	Low	<p>√ Hand washing stations have been installed in the playgrounds to aid sanitation.</p> <p>√ Hand sanitisers</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signage is located adjacent to each wash station or sink reminding occupants to wash their hands and how to do it effectively;</li> <li>• Students and staff have been shown how to wash hands properly;</li> <li>• Help is available for children and young people who have trouble cleaning their hands independently;</li> <li>• Hand washing is recommended frequently and required at the following times:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Entry and exit from the school;</li> <li>➢ After using the toilet;</li> <li>➢ When returning from breaks</li> <li>➢ On entry to the dining hall;</li> <li>➢ Before and after eating;</li> <li>➢ On entry and exit from each classroom.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Unnecessary touching of the face is discouraged.</li> <li>• Teachers will remind students to use tissues and bin them once used. If tissues are not readily available exactly when needed occupants are reminded to cough or sneeze into their arm, 'catch it, bin it, kill it';</li> <li>• Outside wash stations have single-use paper towel for drying hands.</li> </ul>		<p>installed at key areas across school.</p> <p>√ Staff to instruct children on hand washing properly and at key times.</p> <p>√ Staff to reminded in guidance and inset day about good respiratory hygiene – "Catch It, Bin It, Kill It."</p>
7.	Spread/contraction of COVID-19 due to lack of adequate cleaning measures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The school has implemented additional cleaning regimes. This includes the following:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Frequent cleaning of classrooms, Toilets, common areas and dining halls;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Low	√ Additional and more frequent cleaning regime being carried out by

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Frequent cleaning of all touched surfaces, such as door handles, handrails, table tops, play equipment and toys.</li> <li>• Classroom furniture and soft furnishings have been reduced in order to improve the ability to effectively clean rooms;</li> <li>• Classrooms will be cleaned at lunch breaks and after school;</li> <li>• Toilets will be cleaned regularly and each bubble will be assigned a toilet where possible;</li> <li>• Common areas will be cleaned once a day;</li> <li>• Staff and students use their own frequently used equipment;</li> <li>• If an area is suspected to have been contaminated by coronavirus (a positive case is detected for an occupant of a classroom), the room will be subject to a hard surface clean with disposable cleaning materials and the associated waste will be double bagged to be stored securely for 72 hours before disposal as per the guidance set on <u>COVID-19: cleaning un non-healthcare settings.</u></li> </ul>		<p>CleanSpace and school staff.</p> <p>√ Cleaning focus on classrooms, toilets, dining hall and all touch surfaces</p> <p>√ Equipment cleaning arranged</p> <p>√ Deep clean organised through CleanSpace</p>
8.	Spread/contraction of COVID-19 due to lack of social distancing measures. In particular school employees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employees are required to conform with social distancing requirements at all times;</li> <li>• Common Rooms have occupancy capacities clearly marked which must be observed at all times;</li> <li>• School offices are either reduced in occupation and desks are positioned in order to provide adequate separation or staff are moved to other areas to reduce contact;</li> </ul>	Low	√ Specific protocols communicated to staff via letter before school resumes

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teachers must have their breaks in areas allocated for them;</li> <li>Staff rooms are clearly labelled with maximum occupancies;</li> <li>Other common area are labelled with a maximum occupancy;</li> <li>Staff are encouraged to use their dining areas with their Bubble, keeping a suitable distance from other occupants;</li> <li>Phase Groups must dine in areas allocated to them and not use the Staff Room;</li> <li>Students will practice social distancing from staff appropriate to their age and as described in additional points of this assessment;</li> <li>Employees will be provided with and wear PPE when required in accordance with Government guidance;</li> <li>Staff must not visit Extended Care Rooms unless it is necessary and then should wear a face covering.</li> </ul>		<p>✓ All staff reminded they must observe social distancing rules inside and outside school buildings</p> <p>✓ PPE is available when required by school staff</p>
9.	<p>Spread/contraction of COVID-19 due to insufficient First aid measures or poor arrangements when handling student's medication. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dealing with general First aid;</li> <li>Lack of trained first aiders;</li> <li>Dealing with a suspected case of Covid-19;</li> <li>Inappropriate handling/removal of clinical waste</li> <li>Intimate care procedures.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Qualified first aiders are in place at an appropriate ratio for paediatric first aiders for Early Years provision (Note there is a three-month additional time allowed for requalification due to current restrictions);</li> <li>The school has a specific room/area dedicated for suspected cases of COVID-19;</li> <li>Where an individual exhibits symptoms during the school day, the individual will be escorted to the marked Isolation Room/Area to isolate them from the main population until additional medical assistance</li> </ul>	Low	<p>✓ Qualified first aiders are in place across the school in line with school policy</p> <p>✓ Music room designated for suspected case</p>

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	<p>can be gained. This may be 111 support, an ambulance or until they leave the site to self-isolate;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff escorting the individual will be provided with disposable gloves and apron if the 2 metre social distancing rule cannot be maintained</li> </ul> <p>Where the risk of contact with droplets to the face, e.g. from coughing or vomiting, face protection should be provided</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The classroom area or workspace the individual leaves will be subject to a hard surface clean with appropriate disinfectant products and all waste double bagged and stored securely for 72 hours before disposal.</li> <li>• Staff or contractors carrying out the area clean should be provided with a minimum of disposable gloves, aprons, mop heads or paper towels.</li> <li>• Where visible contamination, e.g. saliva droplets, is present face protection in the form of mask, goggles or face shield will be provided.</li> <li>• All building users advised re monitoring their own health, reporting of symptoms and self-isolating</li> <li>• If necessary, the school will provide individuals displaying symptoms with a home testing kit</li> <li>• First aiders required to assist this person will wear PPE including gloves, mask and visor;</li> <li>• PPE is disposed of in accordance with NHS COVID-19 waste management guidance; <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-</a></li> </ul>		<p>and PPE must be worn</p> <p>√ Ensure PPE worn for suspected cases.</p> <p>√ CleanSpace cleaning procedures are in place in case and will carry out any deep clean where necessary.</p>

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	<p><u>settings/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The first aid room is cleaned frequently and after each use (when first aid care has been provided).</li> <li>• Staff dispensing medication to students should minimise contact and their wash hands before and after dispensing the medication. If required, gloves will be worn by staff when giving medication</li> <li>• Where appropriate, students should take the medication out of the blister packs/bottles then place the unused ones back in the cupboard, etc.</li> </ul> <p><b>Waste disposal measures</b> Waste control measure from possible cases of COVID-19 and cleaning of areas where possible cases have been identified (including disposable cloths and tissues) are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Put in a plastic rubbish bag and tied when full;</li> <li>• The plastic bag is placed in a second bin bag and tied;</li> <li>• It is put in a suitable and secure place and marked for storage until the individual's test results are known;</li> <li>• Waste is stored safely and kept away from children;</li> <li>• Waste is not put in communal waste areas until negative test results are known or the waste has been stored for at least 72 hours;</li> <li>• If the individual tests negative, this can be put in with the normal waste;</li> <li>• If the individual tests positive, then waste is stored for at least 72 hours and then put in with the normal waste;</li> </ul>	Low	✓ Ensure arrangements in place to dispose of PPE equipment in accordance with guidance

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If storage for at least 72 hours is not appropriate, a collection as a Category B infectious waste is arranged by either local waste collection authority if they currently collect your waste or otherwise by a specialist clinical waste contractor. They will supply you with orange clinical waste bags for waste bags can be sent for appropriate treatment.</li> </ul>		
10.	<p>Spread/contraction of COVID-19 due to lack of social distancing measures for external visitors to the school, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents;</li> <li>Maintenance contractors;</li> <li>External Teachers;</li> <li>Inspectors;</li> <li>Delivery personnel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents are not permitted to enter the school;</li> <li>Parents have been informed to call the school office or email if they have any questions or concerns;</li> <li>If parents need to drop off items for students, they should be left at the school's main entrance for staff to collect;</li> <li>The SLT are able to meet via video link parents if face to face meetings are required;</li> <li>For those who have to enter the school reception, screens/counter-top Perspex shields have been installed to reduce the risk to school staff;</li> <li>Markings have been added to the floor asking visitors to stay back at least 2m from the reception desk;</li> <li>Touch screen sign in equipment in Reception to be wiped after use</li> <li>Visitors will only be permitted into the school if they have an appointment;</li> <li>A record of all visitors, including contractors, to site will be kept and maintained;</li> <li>Visitors will only be permitted at their designated time and will be asked to wait outside of the school building until their school contact is available;</li> </ul>	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Admin team briefed on dealing with parents, contractors and general delivery personnel.</li> <li>✓ Staff are using Microsoft Teams on a regular basis to undertake meetings.</li> <li>✓ Touch screen signage is cleaned after each entry of contractors</li> </ul>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The school contact is required to attend reception in good time to meet their visitor;</li> <li>• Meetings with visitors will be via video conference or phone where possible;</li> <li>• If not possible social distancing measures will be adhered to at all times;</li> <li>• Face to face meetings in small rooms or within 2m are not permitted;</li> <li>• Premises' contractors will be managed in accordance with a separate premises maintenance risk assessment written specifically for this time;</li> <li>• Deliveries will be encouraged at designated quiet times only;</li> <li>• Delivered items will be left outside of the school building for staff to collect;</li> <li>• Supply teachers, peripatetic teachers and volunteers has been reduced where possible; they all receive an induction to inform them of the school's risk assessment and controls to prevent infection risks in the school, when pertinent, relevant training is also provided.</li> </ul>		<p>√ Small face to face meetings will only take place in larger rooms where social distancing can be maintained</p> <p>√ After school activities will not take place in the autumn term and music services have been reduced</p>
11.	Spread/contraction of COVID-19 due to lack of social distancing measures. This includes unsuitable use of toilets.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student use of toilets outside of early years' is managed by staff and communicated to students;</li> <li>• Toilets are cleaned regularly;</li> <li>• Students and staff are encouraged to close toilet lids where applicable before flushing.</li> </ul>		√ Toilet use protocols are managed by teachers if located adjacent to classrooms

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12.	Lack of staffing / insufficient staff ratios	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adequate ratio of staff to children will be maintained and is assessed on a daily basis, based on potential staff illness or self-isolation;</li> <li>Children are suitably supervised at all times;</li> </ul>	Low	√ Staff ratios regularly assessed in line with guidance
13.	Lack of suitable premises management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The school adheres to the government guidance on managing buildings under Covid-19;</li> <li>The school has applied the series of guidance documents and advice sent out by Judicium regarding continued premises management at this time;</li> <li>Premises staff levels are maintained and suitable for the use of the building;</li> <li>Appropriate cleaning and premises staffing levels are in place;</li> <li>Waste removal and enhanced cleaning programs are in place for the potential coronavirus contaminated waste;</li> <li>Contingency in place for sudden premises staff absence;</li> <li>Good ventilation can help reduce the risk of spreading coronavirus, where possible windows doors (unless fire doors) will be opened to improve general ventilation through fresh air, when this is not possible, the Premises Manager will look at improving mechanical systems.</li> </ul>	Low	√ Guidance is in place in line with Judicium guidelines for premises management.
14.	Hazardous substances management, unsuitable COSHH management and unsafe use of chemicals leading to ill-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suitable storage and management of flammable hand sanitizer is in place;</li> </ul>	Low	√ All hazardous substances

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	health, environmental contamination or fire.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All chemicals used for the cleaning of school buildings and equipment is COSHH assessed and managed appropriately;</li> <li>Material safety data sheets are held for all chemicals and readily available to all staff;</li> <li>All cleaning chemicals are stored safely and securely in accordance with requirements;</li> <li>COSHH safety training has been completed by all those using chemicals for cleaning;</li> <li>Appropriate PPE is available for all cleaning including suitable PPE for cleaning of potential coronavirus contaminated rooms or equipment.</li> </ul>		<p>managed appropriately</p> <p>√ Appropriate PPE has been made available to all staff</p>
15.	Fire and evacuation procedures being inadequate at this time due to lack of trained fire wardens or occupants being spread around the building without suitable procedures in place.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evacuation plans including the following have been reviewed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Safe assembly points for occupants following social distancing requirements;</li> <li>➤ Safe exit via the nearest available final exit;</li> <li>➤ Training occupants of any changes to evacuation;</li> <li>➤ Ensuring there are enough trained fire wardens on-site with the ability to sweep all used areas of the school;</li> <li>➤ Use of the school has been reduced to enable safe sweeping and evacuation eg after school activities</li> </ul> </li> <li>All other fire system testing and maintenance has continued as normal.</li> </ul>	Low	<p>√ School has reviewed its Evacuation Plan. Drill to take place in September</p> <p>√ School has trained fire wardens to assist any evacuation procedures</p>

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16.	Transmission of Covid-19 via food preparation, handling, storage, contact surfaces or packaging.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Kitchen/Catering Manager has reviewed and implemented the <u>Guidance for food businesses on coronavirus (COVID-19)</u></li> <li>The Kitchen/Catering Manager has reviewed and implemented <u>FSA guidance on good hygiene practices</u> in food preparation and <u>PHE guidance</u></li> </ul>		✓ The Catering Contractor Harrisons has completed a RA on catering during the pandemic including hygiene and coronavirus controls
17.	Spread/contraction of COVID-19 during an educational visit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In line with Government advice, overnight and overseas educational visits will not be carried out during the autumn term</li> </ul>	Low	✓ Non-overnight domestic educational visits have been suspended during the autumn term.
18.	Spread/contraction of Covid-19 due not acting appropriately when a case is suspected or confirmed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If anyone becomes unwell in school with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature they are sent home/their parents or carer are contacted to collect them and they are advised to follow <u>COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection</u></li> <li>Parents/Carers are informed that a responsible adult should be on standby in order to collect their child from school if they become unwell during the school</li> </ul>	Low	✓ Staff are aware of protocols for suspected cases  ✓ The school has a list of contacts which are updated on an annual basis to

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	<p>day. The name of the person who will collect the child needs to be provided and recorded for safeguarding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The school has identified the <u>Local Health Protection Team (HPT)</u> so they can be contacted immediately in the case of a case, the HPT details are available to the SLT</li> <li>• The school keeps informed of Government and Department for Education guidance and updates</li> <li>• To avoid attendance to the school, remote education plans are in place for students or groups that need to self-isolate</li> <li>• A contingency plan is in place for a local outbreak, and if the school is asked to close temporarily by HPT or local authority to help control transmission. The plan may involve a return to remaining open only for vulnerable children and the children of critical workers only and providing remote education for all other pupils.</li> </ul>		<p>ensure effective communication with parents and the safety of children. This includes two other contacts in case of illness or accidents</p> <p>√ The school is preparing to use google classroom if there is any generalised or localised lockdown.</p>

<b>ACTION PLAN</b> <b>(Additional Control Measures Required/Recommended Actions)</b>	
Hazards and Risks	Recommended Actions

***Please note:***

All controls are subject to change should government guidance change due to changes to the 'R' rate. This could change on a daily basis. Government and DfE guidance MUST be regularly reviewed. Risk assessment must be reviewed if there is a significant change.

In order to calculate the risk level please use the Judicium Education 'Guide to risk assessment'. This document is available on our template site and includes a risk matrix. If required, you have unlimited access to the Judicium e-learning library including 'Risk Assessment Training for Schools – General'.

*Following assessment if no further actions are assessed to be required please mark an **X** in the "Further Actions" box. If however additional controls or actions are assessed to be required please place a **√** in the box and note the action in the action plan.*

*Any further actions identified should be completed before the assessed task is carried out.*