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Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Implementing protective measures within FCAT

COVID-19 Risk Assessment

Academy	Armfield Academy
Activity / Procedure	Opening of schools - managing the risk and rate of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19)
Assessment date	17th September 2020
Review date	To be reviewed and updated frequently in light of any updates to existing government guidance or any new guidance.

Identified groups at risk	
Employees	YES
Children	YES
Visitors	YES
Contractors	YES

Red text is control measures from Government Guidance – Coronavirus (COVID-19); implementing protective measures in education and childcare settings last formally updated on 12th May 2020 and furthermore, takes into account, the latest Government notifications dated 28th August 2020 and 17th September 2020

This risk assessment does not supersede any legal obligations relating to health and safety, employment or equalities.

[Guidance for full opening: schools - GOV.UK](#)

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

[Guidance on shielding and protecting people who are clinically extremely vulnerable from COVID-19](#)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-knowabout-early-years-providers-academy-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providersacademy-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/protective-measures-for-holiday-or-after-academy-clubs-and-other-out-of-academy-settings-for-children-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/protective-measures-for-out-of-academy-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

[Safe working in education, childcare and children's social care settings, including the use of personal protective equipment \(PPE\)](#)

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System of controls

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 within the guidance:

[Guidance for full opening: schools - GOV.UK](#) September 17th 2020.

- 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) Where recommended, use of face coverings in schools.*
- 3) Clean hands thoroughly more often than usual.*
- 4) Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.*
- 5) Introduce enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents and bleach.*
- 6) Minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible.*
- 7) Where necessary, wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).*

Numbers 1 to 5 must be in place in all schools, all the time. Number 6 must be properly considered and schools must put in place measures that suit their particular circumstances. Number 7 applies in specific circumstances. Response to any infection.

- 8) Engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.*
- 9) Manage confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community.*
- 10) Contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice. Numbers 8 to 10 must be followed in every case where they are relevant.*

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PROTECTIVE MEASURES AND CONTROLS

This outlines the key protective measures the academy will take to deliver the nine essential controls identified by Public Health England.

Further controls are set out in this risk assessment.

No.	Control	Actions
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 academy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anyone with symptoms must remain at home and self-isolate for 10 days from testing positive. Anyone in their household needs to self-isolate for 14 days (including siblings). This will be communicated to parents regularly. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools#soc• Any student or staff member will go home immediately if they have symptoms. They should take a test as soon as possible.• A student with symptoms awaiting collection will be isolated and kept at a distance of 2m from the supervising staff member. PPE will be worn if distancing of 2m or more from the symptomatic student is not possible or there is a risk of contaminated bodily fluids.• If the child uses the toilet, it will be thoroughly disinfected before use by anyone else.• All staff and students will wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with soap and running water or use hand sanitiser after any contact with someone who is unwell. The area around the person with symptoms will be cleaned with disinfectant.• All new staff will complete training on infection control. All staff, current and new, will be reminded of the key messages from the training.
2	Clean hands thoroughly more often than usual.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All students and staff will sanitise hands on entering and leaving the academy and before and after each lesson. Sanitiser dispensers will be located at the entrance of the academy and of each classroom.• All students and staff will be reminded to wash hands before and after visiting the toilet, coughing/sneezing and having a meal.• All students will receive regular reminders on effective hand washing routines.• The Estates Team will schedule checks during each day on stocks of hand sanitiser, soap and paper towels to check there is adequate supply. (Cleaning schedules and rotas).
3	Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The academy will deploy posters that remind pupils and staff about the importance of catching a cough or sneeze in tissue, disposing of the tissue and washing hands and by washbasins/toilets and at entry/exit points.• All classrooms, social spaces and corridors will have adequate bins.• There will be an enhanced schedule for bins to be emptied and disinfected.
4	Introduce enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as disinfectants.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All classrooms will be provided with disinfectant wipes for teachers to use on the keyboard, screen and mouse before and after each lesson.• Such wipes will also be provided to each specialist room for use by students to wipe down their chair, workspace and specialist

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		<p>equipment (in addition to the disinfection carried out by cleaners).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All specialist rooms will be disinfected by cleaners between lessons (where students from a different bubble are using the room). • All clearers will be trained and regularly reminded of the protocols for disinfecting surfaces. • There will be an enhanced cleaning schedule throughout the day. • (Cleaning Schedules , Rotas and Cleaning Risk Assessment).
5	<p>Minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All staff to socially distance 2m. • Each bubble will have a designated set of classrooms (i.e. homebase) for all of their lessons, in which no other year group students are permitted. This will minimise movement around the academy and mitigate crowding on corridors and contact with students of other year groups. Staff, as appropriate will only move between bubbles when absolutely necessary and will be required to socially distance from students at all times. • Each bubble will have a designated venue for break time, lunchtime, assembly and when needing the toilet. These venues will be disinfected before and after another bubble is able to make use of them. • Each bubble will have a designated time for arrival, break, lunch and finish. These staggered times will ensure there is minimal contact between students of different bubbles. • When using specialist rooms: - Disinfect teacher and student workspaces before and after lesson. - Students sanitise before and after the lesson. - The class waits in their bubble and their movement to and from their specialist venue is managed by their teacher and school staff to avoid crowding on corridors. • Students and staff will be prohibited from sharing any belongings, including stationery. There will be a stock of new stationery available for students who forget. • Staff will not touch any student belongings. • When giving out resources in lessons (e.g. textbooks, exam papers, table tennis bat), these may be shared within the bubble (ideally, within the class itself). However, such resources may not be shared with students in other year groups until and unless they are disinfected or they are left for a period of 48 hours (72 hours for plastic). • Latest Government guidance will be followed 10th September 2020 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools#music-dance-and-drama-in-school • Where topics in a subject require specialist equipment (e.g. table tennis bat, paintbrushes, musical instrument etc) across year groups, the scheme of work should be revised to allow topics to be delivered in a different sequence. For example, painting may be delivered to Year 7 during the first half-term and then to Year 8 in the second half-term. Similarly, different library books will be designated to each year group and can only be loaned by students in the same year group. • For marking of student work or assessments, teachers will wait 48 hours before handling. Student books and test scripts will be placed in a plastic box (for the teacher) and retained in the academy for 48 hours before being marked. The same approach will be taken to return marked scripts. Teachers will disinfect hands before and after marking. PLEASE SEE UPDATED GUIDANCE FOR MUSIC DANCE AND DRAMA / PE/

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6	Where necessary, wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The academy will maintain stocks of PPE and deploy them around the academy. See FCAT Face coverings policy (Appendix 1)
7 8 9	Engage with the NHS Test and Trace process. Manage confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID19) amongst the academy community. Contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anyone displaying symptoms will be sent home immediately and asked to book a test. They will be asked to inform the academy of the result. The academy will share advice on, and promote engagement with, 'test and trace' with all staff, students and parents. <p><i>'Schools must take swift action when they become aware that someone who has attended has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19). Schools can contact the dedicated advice service introduced by Public Health England (PHE) and delivered by the NHS Business Services Authority. This can be reached by calling the DfE Helpline on 0800 046 8687 and selecting option 1 for advice on the action to take in response to a positive case. Schools will be put through to a team of advisers who will inform them of what action is needed based on the latest public health advice.</i></p> <p><i>The advice service will carry out a rapid risk assessment to confirm who has been in close contact with the person during the period that they were infectious, and ensure they are asked to self-isolate. If, following triage, further expert advice is required the adviser will escalate the school's call to the PHE local health protection team.</i></p> <p><i>The advice service (or PHE local health protection team if escalated) will work with schools to guide them through the actions they need to take. Based on their advice, schools must send home those people who have been in close contact with the person who has tested positive, advising them to self-isolate for 14 days since they were last in close contact with that person when they were infectious'</i></p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools#soc</p>

Issue:	Risk of renewed local lockdown impacting on the ability to open school.			
Existing level of risk				
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE	
How to manage it (control measures)	List your control measures required to reduce risk – add appropriate detail about the type and location of controls			
1.	Academy SLT to agree to a contingency plan.			

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2. Academy to implement a contingency plan for any partial/full closure of the school in conjunction with Executive Headteacher and the Trust, in response to the circumstances presented. This will include communication for children, staff, parents/carers and the implementation of remote learning arrangements.			
Remaining level of risk		Consider level of risk following use of control measures	
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

Issue:		The number of staff who are available is lower than that required to teach classes in school and operate effective home learning and premises / site operation.	
Existing level of risk			
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE
How to manage it (control measures)		List your control measures required to reduce risk – add appropriate detail about the type and location of controls	
The health status and availability of every member of staff is known and is regularly updated so that deployment can be planned centrally.			
1. Full use is made of those staff who are self-isolating but who are well enough to teach lessons online.			
2. Flexible and responsive use of teaching assistants and pastoral staff to supervise classes is in place as and where necessary.			
3. Full use is made of testing to inform staff deployment.			
4. A blended model of home learning and attendance at school is planned for and utilised as necessary.			
Remaining level of risk		Consider level of risk following use of control measures	
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

Issue that could cause harm:		Lack of Social Distancing in the learning environment (classroom/ workshop/ hall/ outdoors) which could increase the risk and rate of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19)	
Existing level of risk:			
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE
How to manage it (control measures)		List your control measures required to reduce risk – add appropriate detail about the type and location of controls	
1. Reduce the number of children in the learning environment to enable social distancing with no more than 31 children per group.			
2. 1 or 2 members of staff only are recommended to be with each small group of children. For pre-school children in early years settings, the staff to child ratios within <u>Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)</u> continue to apply and these are recommended to group children.			
3. Ensure that children are in the same small groups at all times each day, and different groups are not mixed during the day, or on subsequent days.			
4. Ensure that the same staff are assigned to each group of children and, as far as possible, these stay the same during the day and on subsequent days, recognising for secondary settings there will be some subject specialist rotation of staff, only where absolutely necessary and will be kept to a minimum based upon the capacity of the academy. Changing the assignment of staff to each group of children/young people should be a last resort but may be necessary for example due to staff absence or redeployment of secondary staff to primary who then may need to return to secondary.			
5. Maximise the number of learning environments used including outdoor space as much as possible to more easily allow for distance between children and staff.			
6. Access rooms directly from outside where possible to reduce mixing of groups.			

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7. Ensure that wherever possible children use the same classroom or area of a setting throughout the day to minimise movement around school.
8. Remove excess furniture to increase space if able to do so.
9. Desks should be spaced as far apart as possible.
10. In primary, unlike older children and adults, early years and primary age children cannot be expected to remain 2 metres apart from each other and staff. Children should be spaced as far apart as possible, aim for 2 metres but accept this may not always be possible.
11. In secondary schools re-arrange classrooms/workshops with sitting positions 2 metres apart.
12. Children keep to their desks when in the learning environment as appropriate in our secondary setting: within the primary phase, teaching staff will determine the optimum classroom dynamic in terms of seating, relevant to the task in hand versus the safety and wellbeing of the children and members of staff. This is necessary due to the young age level and maturity of the children within the primary phase.
13. Where possible seat children at the same desk each day if they attend on consecutive days.
14. Personal property of children should be kept to a minimum e.g. bags, coats, lunchboxes. If these are brought into school they should be stored within individual 'Bubbles' and assigned coat pegs.
15. Staff members keep a minimum 2 metre distance from each other in the learning environment where reasonably possible to do so.
16. Mark out a 2-metre area e.g. with tape for the member(s) to be able to maintain social distancing from children and other staff.
17. Display signage in the learning environment regarding social distancing to reinforce, encourage and promote this for staff and children.
18. Academy SLT to create academy social distancing procedures for staff and children specific to the academy environment; Armfield Reopening Plan drafted in consultation with Primary Colleagues.
19. For children, procedures revisited and managed in line with academy behaviour policy.
20. The use of the School Lifts should be minimised to only those colleagues and students who require access due to infirmity or health reasons: Maximum number of occupants is limited to 2; Face Coverings have to be worn and antibacterial wipes will be located within the life area to sanitise the access buttons.

Remaining level of risk		Consider the level of risk following use of the above control measures	
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

Issue that could cause harm:	Lack of Social Distancing when using toilets and poor hygiene which could increase the risk and rate of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19)
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Existing level of risk:			
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

How to manage it (control measures)	List your control measures required to reduce risk – add appropriate detail about the type and location of controls
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1. Academy SLT to create social distancing procedures for staff use of staff toilets specific to the academy environment; (N/A – individual staff toilets, which are used by colleagues).
2. Ensuring that toilets do not become crowded by limiting the number of children who use the toilet facilities at one time.
3. Allocated toilets for different groups of children and staff to enable toilet facilities to be used by the same small groups of children; coded in line with Armfield 'Bubbles'
4. Staff and children asked to clean hands after using the toilet - wash hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly or use alcohol hand rub or sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered.
5. Ensure that help is available for children who have trouble cleaning their hands independently; Ensure supervision of hand sanitizer use given risks around ingestion. Small children and pupils with complex needs should continue to be helped to clean their hands properly, Skin friendly cleaning wipes can be used as an alternative.

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6. Display signage in the toilets regarding hand washing to reinforce, encourage and promote this for staff and children; **Children and young people should clean their hands regularly including when they arrive at school, when they return from breaks, when they change rooms and before and after eating.**
7. **Prop doors open, where safe to do so (bearing in mind fire safety and safeguarding), to limit use of door handles and aid ventilation.**
8. Full stock of soap and sanitiser to be maintained in the toilets at all times.
9. Academy SLT agrees with the Site Supervisor cleaning schedule and frequency for staff and children's toilets in line with operational requirements (e.g. what needs to be cleaned in the toilets, how it should be cleaned and how often). This will be done on a daily basis, more regularly than normal throughout the day. **Protocol from FCAT Premises to be issued to assist with this.**

Remaining level of risk		Consider level of risk following use of control measures	
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

Issue that could cause harm:	Lack of social distancing and poor hygiene upon arrival and exit from school which could increase the risk and rate of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19)
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Existing level of risk:			
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

How to manage it (control measures)	List your control measures required to reduce risk – add appropriate detail about the type and location of controls
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1. **Tell staff, children, young people, parents, carers or any visitors, such as suppliers, not to enter the education or childcare setting if they are displaying any symptoms of coronavirus.**
2. Academy SLT to create procedures for staff for entry and exit to the academy specific to the academy environment and to communicate these (e.g. what entrances/exits should be used by which staff, use of hand sanitiser as soon as possible each and every time enter/exit the building, staggered arrival times, sign in with fob instead of touching screen, maintain 2 metre distance, go straight to area of work and not to congregate with other staff etc.); Armfield Reopening Plan
3. Installation of hand sanitiser stations at staff entrances/exits to building.
4. Staff to sanitise hands on each and every entry and exit from the building.
5. **Prop doors open, where safe to do so (bearing in mind fire safety and safeguarding), to limit use of door handles and aid ventilation.**
6. Academy SLT to create procedures for operation of the academy Main Reception specific to the academy environment and to communicate these (e.g. keep the number of people in reception to a minimum, who may enter reception and on what basis, mark out a 2 metre area for the member(s) of staff to be able to maintain social distancing from staff, parents, carers, visitors and children, advise visitors that they cannot enter the site unless they have a pre-arranged appointment, utilise glass/perspex screens at the reception desk, use of hand sanitiser for all visitors upon entry/exit etc).
7. **Make clear to parents and carers that they cannot gather at entrance gates or doors, or enter the site (unless they have a pre-arranged appointment, which should be conducted safely).** Communication can be done via email, phone or Class Dojo.
8. Advise visitors that they cannot enter the site unless they have a pre-arranged appointment, which should be conducted safely.
9. Academy SLT to create arrival and exit procedures for parents, carers and children specific to the academy environment and to communicate these (e.g. drop off and collection times, markers outside/inside school at 2 metre intervals to encourage and maintain social distancing for children and adults when waiting outside school, children are queuing and walking in/out of school, allocated times and points of entry/exit for specific groups of children, prop open external doors to limit use of door handles, use of hand sanitiser upon each and every entry/exit etc.).
10. **Implement staggered drop off and pick up times for different groups of children.**
11. **Tell parents that if their child needs to be accompanied to the education or childcare setting, only one parent should attend.**

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12. Staff supervision throughout drop off/pick up to encourage and insist on social distancing as appropriate and where reasonably it is possible to do so.
13. Display signage outside and inside the building regarding social distancing and good hygiene to reinforce, encourage and promote this for staff, parents, carers and children.
14. Everyone should use a tissue or elbow to cough or sneeze and use bins for tissue waste ('catch it, bin it, kill it').
15. Ensure there are lidded bins for tissues and these are emptied throughout the day.

Remaining level of risk		Consider level of risk following use of control measures	
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

Issue that could cause harm:	Lack of social distancing and poor hygiene during break/ playtimes and lunchtimes which could increase the risk and rate of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19)
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Existing level of risk:			
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

How to manage it (control measures)	List your control measures required to reduce risk – add appropriate detail about the type and location of controls
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1. Stagger break times (including lunch), so that all children are not moving around the school at the same time and that any corridors or circulation routes used have a limited number of children or young people using them at any time.
2. Consider using one-way circulation, or place a divider down the middle of the corridor to keep groups apart as they move through the setting where spaces are accessed by corridors.
3. Access rooms directly from outside where possible to reduce mixing of groups.
4. Ensure that children and young people are in the same small groups at all times each day, and different groups are not mixed during the day, or on subsequent days.
5. Ensure that the same staff are assigned to each group of children and, as far as possible, these stay the same during the day and on subsequent days, recognising for secondary settings there will be some subject specialist rotation of staff only where absolutely necessary, based upon the capacity of the academy. Changing the assignment of staff to each group of children should be a last resort but may be necessary for example due to staff absence or redeployment of secondary staff to primary who then may need to return to secondary.
6. As appropriate, allocate different areas for different groups of children and staff. Ideally only one group of maximum 15 children is in the same play area at any one time.
7. Children and young people should clean their hands before and after eating and enter in the groups they are already in, groups should be kept apart as much as possible and tables should be cleaned between each group. If such measures are not possible, children should be brought their lunch in their classrooms if appropriate; Children and young people should clean their hands regularly including when they arrive at school, when they return from breaks, when they change rooms and before and after eating
8. Prop doors open, where safe to do so (bearing in mind fire safety and safeguarding), to limit use of door handles and aid ventilation.
9. Where possible, all spaces should be well ventilated using natural ventilation (opening windows) or ventilation units.
10. Display signage outside and inside the building regarding social distancing and good hygiene to reinforce, encourage and promote this for staff and children. Use markers e.g. paint/tape outside school and inside school at 2 metre intervals to encourage and reinforce social distancing for children and adults.
11. Children and young people should clean their hands after sneezing or coughing, should be encouraged not to touch their mouth, eyes and nose, should use a tissue or elbow to cough or sneeze and use bins for tissue waste ('catch it, bin it, kill it').

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12. Ensure there are lidded bins in break/playtime and lunchtime areas for tissues and these are emptied throughout the day.
13. Ensure that sufficient handwashing facilities are available. Where a sink is not nearby, provide hand sanitiser in play/break time and lunchtime areas.
14. Reduce break/playtime equipment. Remove soft furnishings, soft toys and toys that are hard to clean (such as those with intricate parts). Consider how play equipment is used ensuring it is appropriately cleaned between groups of children using it, and that multiple groups do not use it simultaneously.
15. Games discussed which encourage social distancing e.g. football passing and no sharing of equipment for games e.g. do not play catch, cordon off outdoor play equipment.
16. Staff supervision throughout break/play and lunchtimes to actively encourage and reinforce social distancing where reasonably possible to do so.

Remaining level of risk		Consider level of risk following use of control measures	
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

Issue that could cause harm:	Lack of social distancing and poor hygiene during staff break or lunch times which could increase the risk and rate of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19) or non-contact time.
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Existing level of risk			
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

How to manage it (control measures)	List your control measures required to reduce risk – add appropriate detail about the type and location of controls
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1. Staff room to be properly cleaned at the start and end of each day and surfaces cleaned more regularly than normal throughout the day.
2. Academy SLT to create social distancing procedures for staff use of staff rooms specific to the academy environment (e.g. how many staff, queue system etc.).
3. Use empty classrooms that are specific to year group or primary bubbles.
4. Staff to stagger break and lunch times.
5. Limitations on the number of people in staffroom at any one time; in keeping with the 'Bubble' principle; where possible staff should make use of available rooms within each 'Bubble' – this may not always be possible and the principles set out here need to be observed very carefully.
6. Ensure that sufficient handwashing facilities are available. Where a sink is not nearby, provide hand sanitiser in staff rooms.
7. Staff asked to clean hands upon arrival and exit from the staff room - wash hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly or use alcohol hand rub or sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered
8. Prop doors open, where safe to do so (bearing in mind fire safety and safeguarding), to limit use of door handles and aid ventilation.
9. Where possible, all spaces should be well ventilated using natural ventilation (opening windows) or ventilation units
10. Ensure chairs in staff rooms use back-to-back or side-to-side (rather than face-to-face) whenever possible.
11. Use markers e.g. paint/tape in the staff room at 2 metre intervals to encourage and reinforce social distancing for staff where reasonably possible to do so.
12. Display signage outside and inside the building regarding social distancing and good hygiene to reinforce, encourage and promote this for staff.

Remaining level of risk		Consider level of risk following use of control measures	
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

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Issue that could cause harm:	A case of COVID-19; (pupil or school adult) is suspected at our settings. Risk of coronavirus infection spreading to children and staff at schools		
Existing level of risk			
<p style="text-align: center;">HIGH</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MEDIUM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LOW</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NEGLIGIBLE</p>
How to manage it (control measures)	List your control measures required to reduce risk – add appropriate detail about the type and location of controls		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Call NHS 111 and parent (if child) or relative (if adult) and explain reasons for suspicions of exposure and ask for the parent to come to school. Call 999 if they are seriously ill or injured or their life is at risk. ● Child/ Adult is sent to the main school office and will be seated in the Meeting Room/Conference Room. Explain to them that they are safe and that you will close the door – make sure the blinds are up, so that they can be monitored and the window is open for ventilation. ● The Health Protection Team will also be in contact with the patient directly to advise on isolation and identifying other contacts, and will be in touch with any contacts of the patient to provide them with appropriate advice. Advice on cleaning of communal areas such as classrooms, changing rooms and toilets will be given by the Health Protection Team. ● If there is a confirmed case, a risk assessment will be undertaken by the educational establishment with advice from the local Health Protection Team. In most cases, closure of the childcare or education setting will be unnecessary but this will be a local decision based on various factors such as establishment size and pupil mixing. ● No restrictions or special control measures are required while laboratory test results for COVID-19 are awaited. ● No need to close the setting or send other learners or staff home. <p>In the event of a confirmed case:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Contact with the local Public Health England Protection Team will be made to discuss the case, identify people who have been in contact with them and to advise on any actions or precautions that should be taken. An assessment of each childcare or education setting will be undertaken by the Health Protection Team with relevant staff. Advice on the management of pupils or students and staff will be based on this assessment. ● The Health Protection Team will also be in contact with the patient directly to advise on isolation and identifying other contacts, and will be in touch with any contacts of the patient to provide them with appropriate advice. Advice on cleaning of communal areas such as classrooms, changing rooms and toilets will be given by the Health Protection Team. ● If there is a confirmed case, a risk assessment will be undertaken by the educational establishment with advice from, the local Health Protection Team. In most cases, closure of the childcare or education setting will be unnecessary but this will be a local decision based on various factors such as establishment size and pupil mixing. <p>Advice & Guidance Published from the DFE: 28th August 2020</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/how-schools-can-plan-for-tier-2-local-restrictions/how-schools-can-plan-for-tier-2-local-restrictions</p> <p>Full Document Link above – Key Principles cited below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The ‘tiered’ approach to control the spread of an infection will be adopted to the best our ability where appropriate. ● In the event an area within the secondary school moves to tier 2 intervention; our EYFS & primary school will continue to allow all children to attend full-time. Our mainstream secondary school, will continue to operate on a rota system. Full-time on-site provision where possible will remain available for all vulnerable children and young people, who are expected to attend full-time, and for the children of critical workers who require this. ● In the event of an outbreak in the Primary school/EYFS occurs the aforementioned point will be reversed: the secondary school will continue, whilst the control measures take effect to control the spread of the virus in our Primary setting (possible due to educational facilities being located with different sites, separated by Arnold Avenue) 			

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- Should 'tier 2' be necessary the school will move to a rota system which incorporates, blended learning with remote learning as appropriate to the technical capabilities of Armfield Academy, within each of the Year Group(s)/Primary, Segregated Bubbles.
- Should it be necessary to move to 'tier 3' or 'tier 4' the guidance refers to contingency measures adopted during the summer term at the height of the lockdown period.

Remaining level of risk		Consider level of risk following use of control measures	
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

Issue that could cause harm:	Lack of social distancing in the corridors which could increase the risk and rate of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19)		
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Existing level of risk:			
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

How to manage it (control measures)	List your control measures required to reduce risk – add appropriate detail about the type and location of controls		
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1. Stagger break times (including lunch), so that all children are not moving around the school at the same time and that any corridors or circulation routes used have a limited number of children or young people using them at any time.
2. Consider using one-way circulation, or place a divider down the middle of the corridor to keep groups apart as they move through the setting where spaces are accessed by corridors.
3. Access rooms directly from outside where possible to reduce mixing of groups.
4. Children and young people walk single file on the corridor and consider having a member of staff at the front and back of the line to supervise and actively encourage and reinforce social distancing.
5. Use markers e.g. paint/tape on corridors at 2 metre intervals to encourage and reinforce social distancing for children and adults.
6. Prop doors open, where safe to do so (bearing in mind fire safety and safeguarding), to limit use of door handles and aid ventilation.
7. Where possible, all spaces should be well ventilated using natural ventilation (opening windows) or ventilation units.
8. Display signage on corridors regarding social distancing to reinforce, encourage and promote this for children and staff.
9. Staff supervision on corridors to actively encourage and reinforce social distancing.
10. Encourage staff communication via phone, radio or e-mail to limit unnecessary movement of staff on corridors.

Remaining level of risk		Consider level of risk following use of control measures	
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

Issue that could cause harm:	Contact with surfaces/shared resources and poor hygiene which could increase the risk and rate of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19)		
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Existing level of risk:			
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

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How to manage it (control measures)	List your control measures required to reduce risk – add appropriate detail about the type and location of controls
<p>1. Learning environments to be properly cleaned at the start and end of each day and properly cleaned between uses by different groups of children. Academy SLT to agree with the Site Supervisor cleaning schedule and frequency for the academy in line with operational requirements (e.g. what needs to be cleaned, how should it be cleaned and how often). This should be at the start and end of each day as well as more regularly than normal throughout the day across school. Cleaning protocol from FCAT Premises to be issued to assist with this.</p> <p>2. Clean surfaces that children and young people are touching, such as toys, books, desks, chairs, tables, doors, sinks, toilets, light switches, bannisters, more regularly than normal.</p> <p>3. Shared materials and surfaces should be cleaned and disinfected more frequently than normal.</p> <p>4. Ensure that sufficient handwashing facilities are available across the school. Where a sink is not nearby, provide hand sanitiser.</p> <p>5. Children and staff to wash hands/use sanitiser frequently throughout the day - wash hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly or use alcohol hand rub or sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered.</p> <p>6. Children and young people should clean their hands on arrival at the setting, before and after eating, after sneezing or coughing, should be encouraged not to touch their mouth, eyes and nose, should use a tissue or elbow to cough or sneeze and use bins for tissue waste ('catch it, bin it, kill it').</p> <p>7. Ensure there are lidded bins in break/playtime and lunchtime areas for tissues and these are emptied throughout the day.</p> <p>8. Display signage across school regarding handwashing to reinforce, encourage and promote this for staff and children.</p> <p>9. Full stock of soap and sanitiser to be maintained in school at all times.</p> <p>10. Prop doors open, where safe to do so (bearing in mind fire safety and safeguarding), to limit use of door handles and aid ventilation.</p> <p>11. Learning planned so resources are individual and not shared outside discrete Armfield 'Bubbles' – or on white board.</p> <p>12. Resources on tables ready for learning and not distributed during the learning as appropriate.</p> <p>13. Use plastic packets (zippy) bags used for individual resources as appropriate.</p> <p>14. Limit the amount of shared resources that are taken home and limit exchange of take-home resources between children, young people and staff.</p> <p>15. Seek to prevent the sharing of stationery and other equipment where possible.</p> <p>16. Practical lessons can go ahead if equipment can be cleaned thoroughly and properly cleaned between different groups of children.</p> <p>17. Children keep to their desks when in the learning environment as appropriate.</p> <p>18. Where possible seat children at the same desk each day if they attend on consecutive days.</p>	

Remaining level of risk	Consider level of risk following use of control measures		
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

Issue that could cause harm:	Lack of cleaning which could increase the risk and rate of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19)		
Existing level of risk			
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE
How to manage it (control measures)	List your control measures required to reduce risk – add appropriate detail about the type and location of controls		
1. Follow the COVID-19: cleaning of non-healthcare settings guidance			

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2. School to be properly cleaned at the start and end of each day **and properly cleaned between uses by different groups of children**. Academy SLT to agree with the Site Supervisor cleaning schedule and frequency for the academy in line with operational requirements (e.g. what needs to be cleaned, how should it be cleaned and how often). This will be done on a daily basis, more regularly than normal throughout the day. **Protocol from FCAT Premises to be issued to assist with this.**
3. **Clean surfaces that children and young people are touching, such as toys, books, desks, chairs, tables, doors, sinks, toilets, light switches, bannisters, more regularly than normal.**
4. **Shared materials and surfaces should be cleaned and disinfected more frequently than normal.**
5. PPE will be worn by all cleaning staff in accordance with [COVID-19: cleaning of non-healthcare settings guidance](#).
6. **As far reasonably possible we will remove soft furnishings, soft toys and toys that are hard to clean (such as those with intricate parts).**
7. Deep clean of the academy before wider re-opening.
8. To ensure effective stock control and sufficient stock of cleaning materials, hygiene materials and PPE in line with cleaning schedule.
9. **Ensure there are lidded bins across school for tissues and these are emptied throughout the day.**

Remaining level of risk		Consider level of risk following use of control measures	
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

Issue that could cause harm:	Risk of spreading virus due to close contact with parents / carers / visitors / contractors / children – 1:1 and restraint which could increase the risk and rate of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19)		
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Existing level of risk			
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

How to manage it (control measures)	List your control measures required to reduce risk – add appropriate detail about the type and location of controls		
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- Seek expert guidance re support for children with behaviour difficulties – that might need restraint and display spitting, biting etc. leading to the implementation of individual risk assessments.
- Reduced timetable/exclusion/inclusion considered if necessary to manage the behaviour of children and young people and minimise risk to staff.
- Use of PPE where 2 metre distance cannot be maintained as appropriate.
- Utilise glass/perspex screens at the reception desk.

In the case of Teaching Assistants working on a 1:1 basis with a vulnerable child or child with an EHCP plan, please see separate Risk Assessment produced by the SENCO; said document should be read in tandem with the Whole School Risk Assessment.

Remaining level of risk		Consider level of risk following use of control measures	
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

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Issue that could cause harm:		First Aid/Accident/Administering medicines/EHP/Personal Care which could increase the risk and rate of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19)		
Existing level of risk:				
HIGH		MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE
How to manage it (control measures)		List your control measures required to reduce risk – add appropriate detail about the type and location of controls		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure there is a member of First Aid trained staff on site and only trained staff carry out First Aid (for primary requires Paediatric First Aid). 2. Ensure full and complete first aid stock on site at all times. 3. Ensure FCAT First Aid, Accident Administering medicines and EHP Policies are followed. 4. Staff should wear PPE if a child or young person becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus while in their setting and needs direct personal care until they can return home. A fluid-resistant surgical face mask 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 disposable gloves, a disposable apron and a fluid-resistant surgical face mask 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. 5. Staff should wear PPE for children, young people and students whose care routinely already involves the use of PPE due to their intimate care needs. They should continue to receive their care in the same way. 6. Full and complete stock of PPE on site at all times. 7. Some pupils with complex needs will struggle to maintain as good respiratory hygiene as their peers, for example those who spit uncontrollably or use saliva as a sensory stimulant. Staff should wear PPE when supporting pupils with complex needs as outlined above. 				
Remaining level of risk		Consider level of risk following use of control measures		
HIGH		MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

Issue that could cause harm:		Safeguarding checking how the academy is safeguarding children and young people during the remaining partial closure of schools and in the wider opening.		
Existing level of risk				
HIGH		MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE
How to manage it (control measures)		List your control measures required to reduce risk – add appropriate detail about the type and location of controls		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All academy safeguarding procedures and reporting mechanisms operate in full and in the usual way. Any safeguarding concerns will be reported, recorded, managed and referred as appropriate, using existing procedures as set out in the FCAT Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy. 2. Academy SLT to ensure that targeted and effective pastoral care is in place to support children designed to meet individual and collective needs. 				
Remaining level of risk		Consider level of risk following use of control measures		
HIGH		MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

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Issue that could cause harm:		Emotional distress of the children - including mental health conditions.	
Existing level of risk			
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE
How to manage it (control measures)		List your control measures required to reduce risk – add appropriate detail about the type and location of controls	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Children and young people will be in the same small groups and as far as possible with the same staff assigned to that group of children which will support consistency and stability. Reduce time in school to ensure transition is supported and successful from home to school. Consideration will be given to curriculum delivery to ensure transition is supported and successful from home to school. Academy SLT to ensure that targeted and effective pastoral care is in place to support children designed to meet individual and collective needs. 			
Remaining level of risk		Consider level of risk following use of control measures	
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

Issue that could cause harm:		Emotional distress of the staff – including mental health conditions.	
Existing level of risk			
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE
How to manage it (control measures)		List your control measures required to reduce risk – add appropriate detail about the type and location of controls	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Academy SLT to ensure continuous clear and effective communication with staff regarding the detail of plans for the phased wider re-opening of schools and this COVID-19 risk assessment and control measures in advance and following 1st June 2020 to aim to minimise uncertainty and anxiety. At least one SLT member of staff on site every day for staff to share any questions or concerns with: a priority within the brief of SLT bubble leads to ensure safe working practices and reassuring colleagues as appropriate to the present circumstances which are unprecedented in nature. Continued access for staff to remote wellbeing support from qualified professionals via Line Manager or teamfcatwellbeing.fcat.org.uk monitored by HR daily. Ongoing signposting of staff to online/phone wellbeing support. Ongoing review of COVID-19 risk assessment to ensure control measures are implemented and updated if necessary to maintain a safe working environment. To promote the Team FCAT Work and Wellbeing charter. Set up of trust-wide e-mail address for staff to share/report and health and safety concerns relating to COVID-19. 			
Remaining level of risk		Consider level of risk following use of control measures	
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

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Issue that could cause harm:	Risk of COVID-19 illness to extremely clinically vulnerable and clinically vulnerable children staff and family members.		
Existing level of risk			
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE
How to manage it (control measures)	List your control measures required to reduce risk – add appropriate detail about the type and location of controls		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Where a pupil is unable to attend school because they are complying with clinical and/or public health advice, school will immediately offer them access to remote education. Schools should monitor engagement with this activity. 2. Where children are not able to attend school as parents are following clinical and/or public health advice, absence will not be penalised. All other pupils must attend school 3. Shielding advice for all adults and children paused on 1 August, subject to a continued decline in the rates of community transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19). This means that even the small number of pupils who will remain on the shielded patient list can also return to school, as can those who have family members who are shielding. If rates of the disease rise, children (or family members) may be advised to shield during the period where rates remain high and therefore they may be temporarily absent. In this event remote learning provision will be activated immediately. 4. FCAT has taken a position of the wearing of face masks in communal areas which reduces further the risk to vulnerable staff and students. (See separate Face coverings Protocol as Appendix at the end of this Risk Assessment) 5. Parents of pupils and staff with significant risk factors should discuss their concerns with pastoral staff and senior leaders respectively. 6. It is anticipated that fewer young people will be advised to shield and that the majority of pupils will be able to return to school. Some pupils no longer required to shield but who generally remain under the care of a specialist health professional may need to discuss their care with their health professional before returning to school (usually at their next planned clinical appointment). 7. Following the reduction in the prevalence of coronavirus (COVID-19) and relaxation of shielding measures from 1 August, we expect that most staff will attend school. 8. It remains the case that wider government policy advises those who can work from home to do so. We recognise this will not be applicable to most school staff, but where a role may be conducive to home working, for example some administrative roles, school leaders might consider what is feasible and appropriate. 9. Individuals who were considered to be clinically extremely vulnerable and received a letter advising them to shield are now advised that they can return to work from 1 August as long as they maintain social distancing. 10. School leaders should be flexible in how those members of staff are deployed to enable them to work remotely where possible or in roles in school where it is possible to maintain social distancing. 11. People who live with those who are clinically extremely vulnerable or clinically vulnerable can attend the workplace. 			
Staff who are clinically vulnerable or extremely clinically vulnerable			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12. The measures outlined in the DfE guidance for full opening of schools (page 1 of this risk assessment) will be applied and will mitigate risks significantly for staff, including those who are extremely clinically vulnerable and clinically vulnerable. This will allow most staff to return to the workplace, although we advise those in the most at risk categories to take particular care while community transmission rates continue to fall. 13. Parents of pupils and staff with significant risk factors should discuss their concerns with pastoral staff and senior leaders. 14. FCAT still wishes to support staff in continuing to work from home, if able to do so, balancing this with increasing operational requirements. 15. Staff who are extremely clinically vulnerable (those who have received a letter from Government or clinician advising them to shield) will be advised that they can return to work from 1 August as long as they maintain social distancing. 16. Staff who are clinically vulnerable should return to work where possible. Government advice is available for colleagues in these categories and those who are pregnant. Education and childcare settings should endeavour to support flexible deployment where possible. 17. The government is currently undertaking an official review of whether factors including ethnicity can affect people's vulnerability to COVID-19. The government has said this is because a disproportionately higher number of 			

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people have died from COVID-19 from black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) backgrounds. As such the trust will undertake individual risk assessments for any staff who are within the high risk categories and/or BAME background.

18. Staff and children living with those that are clinically vulnerable can attend school and work with children or adults adhering to this risk assessment.

Remaining level of risk		Consider level of risk following use of control measures	
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

Issue that could cause harm: Staff health and wellbeing when working from home for which FCAT remains responsible for as the employer.

Existing level of risk			
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

How to manage it (control measures) List your control measures required to reduce risk – add appropriate detail about the type and location of controls

1. Line Managers to maintain regular and reasonable contact with staff in their teams.
2. Encourage staff to undertake a workstation risk assessment and consider any equipment staff may require in order to work from home safely.
3. Encourage staff to take short and regular rest breaks when using a computer screen.
4. To encourage staff not to work excessively long hours and to take a lunch break.
5. To promote the Team FCAT Work and Wellbeing Charter.
6. Continued access for staff to remote wellbeing support from qualified professionals via Line Manager or teamfcatwellbeing.fcat.org.uk monitored by HR daily.
7. Ongoing signposting of staff to online/phone wellbeing support.

Remaining level of risk		Consider level of risk following use of control measures	
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

Issue that could cause harm: Lack of Social Distancing and poor hygiene in staff offices and meeting rooms which could increase the risk and rate of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19)

Existing level of risk			
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

How to manage it (control measures) List your control measures required to reduce risk – add appropriate detail about the type and location of controls

1. Staff offices to be properly cleaned through the day and at the end of each day and surfaces (e.g. desks, door and window handles, light switches etc.) cleaned more regularly than normal throughout the day. Academy SLT to agree with the Site Supervisor cleaning schedule and frequency for the offices and meeting rooms in line with operational requirements (e.g. what needs to be cleaned, how should it be cleaned and how often). **Cleaning protocol from FCAT Premises to be issued to assist with this.**
2. Staff who are office based and can undertake their job role at home, should continue to work from home.
3. Limit the number of people in office at any one time.
4. Ensure a 2 metre distance between staff work spaces. Use markers e.g. paint/tape in the office at 2 metre intervals to encourage and reinforce social distancing.
5. Use back-to-back or side-to-side working (rather than face-to-face) whenever possible.

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6. Reducing the number of people each person has contact with by using 'fixed teams or partnering' (so each person works with only a few others) inter-cross bubble meetings should be the preserve of virtual meetings, wherever possible. It is accepted that there may be the exception to the rule, given the dynamics of a fully functioning academy. SLT will be required to have access to all aspects of the school, appropriate to their overarching responsibilities to the school. Notwithstanding strict social distancing parameters and COVID secure measures need to be adopted at all times in such isolated circumstances.
7. Provide hand sanitiser in offices and meeting rooms.
8. Staff asked to clean hands upon arrival and exit from the office and regularly throughout the day - wash hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly or use alcohol hand rub or sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered
9. Prop doors open, where safe to do so (bearing in mind fire safety and safeguarding), to limit use of door handles and aid ventilation.
10. Where possible, all spaces should be well ventilated using natural ventilation (opening windows) or ventilation units
11. Display signage in offices regarding social distancing and good hygiene to reinforce, encourage and promote this for staff.
12. Avoiding use of hot desks and spaces and, where not possible, for example, call centres or training facilities, cleaning and sanitising workstations between different occupants including shared equipment as appropriate.
13. Use remote working tools to avoid in-person meetings.
14. Only absolutely necessary participants should attend meetings and should maintain 2m separation throughout.
15. Avoiding transmission during meetings, for example avoiding sharing pens and other objects.
16. Hold meetings outdoors or in well-ventilated rooms whenever possible.

Remaining level of risk		Consider level of risk following use of control measures	
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

Issue that could cause harm:	Risk of a person coming into work/school with COVID-19 which could increase the risk and rate of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19)
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Existing level of risk			
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

How to manage it (control measures)	List your control measures required to reduce risk – add appropriate detail about the type and location of controls
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1. Tell staff, children, young people, parents, carers or any visitors, such as suppliers, not to enter the education or childcare setting if they are displaying any symptoms of coronavirus (following the [COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection](#)).
2. If anyone becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature in an education or childcare setting, they must be sent home and advised to follow the [COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection guidance](#).
3. Proper cleaning of the area where anyone has become unwell with symptoms of COVID-19 should take place.
4. If a child is awaiting collection, they should be moved, if possible, to a room where they can be isolated behind a closed door, depending on the age of the child and with appropriate adult supervision if required. Ideally, a window should be opened for ventilation. If it is not possible to isolate them, move them to an area which is at least 2 metres away from other people.
5. If they need to go to the bathroom while waiting to be collected, they should use a separate bathroom if possible. The bathroom should be cleaned and disinfected using standard cleaning products before being used by anyone else.
6. PPE should be worn by staff caring for the child while they await collection if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained (such as for a very young child or a child with complex needs). A fluid-resistant surgical face mask 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 disposable gloves, a disposable apron and a fluid-resistant surgical face mask should be worn by the

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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.

7. Academy SLT should ensure any confirmed cases of COVID-19 following a positive test result should be notified to Jane McCumiskey (FCAT COO) to ensure that the FCAT procedure in the event of this can be followed.
8. Everyone must wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with soap and running water or use hand sanitiser after any contact with someone who is unwell.

Remaining level of risk		Consider level of risk following use of control measures	
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

Issue that could cause harm:	Travel to and from work/school for staff/children which could increase the risk and rate of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19).
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How to manage it (control measures)	List your control measures required to reduce risk – add appropriate detail about the type and location of controls
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1. Encouraging parents and children and young people to walk or cycle to their education setting where possible and are aware of the [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): safer travel guidance for passengers when planning their travel](#)
2. Where using transport providers e.g. school buses; Academy SLT to review the transport provider's control measures for the risk of COVID-19 and to confirm if you are satisfied with these if children or your people from the academy will be using the transport. Please discuss any questions or concerns with Gary Fletcher, FCAT Health and Safety Lead. (N/A in the context of Armfield).
3. Taking appropriate actions to reduce risk if hygiene rules and social distancing is not possible, for example when transporting children and young people with complex needs who need support to access the vehicle or fasten seatbelts.
4. Encouraging staff to travel to work by personal vehicle, walk or cycle instead of using public transport.
5. Advise staff not to car share where appropriate.
6. Pupils on dedicated school services do not mix with the general public on those journeys and tend to be consistent. This means that the advice for passengers on public transport to adopt a social distance of two metres from people outside their household or support bubble, or a 'one metre plus' approach where this is not possible, will not apply from the autumn term on dedicated transport. The approach to dedicated transport should align as far as possible with the principles underpinning the system of controls set out in this document and with the approach being adopted for your school. It is important to consider:
 - a. how pupils are grouped together on transport, where possible this should reflect the bubbles that are adopted within school
 - b. use of hand sanitiser upon boarding and/or disembarking
 - c. additional cleaning of vehicles
 - d. organised queuing and boarding where possible
 - e. distancing within vehicles wherever possible
 - f. the use of face coverings for children over the age of 11, where appropriate, for example, if they are likely to come into very close contact with people outside of their group or who they do not normally meet
7. Encourage staff to follow social distancing in the staff car park.

Remaining level of risk	Consider level of risk following use of control measures
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HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE
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Issue that could cause harm:	Communication failure with staff, parents, carers, children visitors, contractors, volunteers etc. which could increase the risk and rate of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19)
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How to manage it (control measures)	List your control measures required to reduce risk – add appropriate detail about the type and location of controls
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1. Tell parents that if their child needs to be accompanied to the education or childcare setting, only one parent should attend.
2. Tell parents and young people their allocated drop off and collection times and the process for doing so, including protocols for minimising adult to adult contact (for example, which entrance to use)
3. Make clear to parents that they cannot gather at entrance gates or doors, or enter the site (unless they have a pre-arranged appointment, which should be conducted safely).
4. Advise visitors that they cannot enter the site unless they have a pre-arranged appointment, which should be conducted safely.
5. Ensure parents and young people are aware of recommendations on transport to and from education or childcare setting (including avoiding peak times). Read the [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): safer travel guidance for passengers](#).
6. Talk to staff about the plans (for example, safety measures, timetable changes and staggered arrival and departure times), including discussing whether training would be helpful.
7. Communicate early with contractors and suppliers that will need to prepare to support your plans for opening for example, cleaning, catering, food supplies, and hygiene suppliers.
8. Discuss with cleaning contractors or staff the additional cleaning requirements and agree additional hours to allow for this.

Year 7 & Year 8 Parental consultations Monday 29th June – end of term (last three weeks)

**Protocol worked incredible well in-situ; was very well received and fully appreciated by staff, parents and students alike; therefore the measure will remain here in the RA, should it be necessary to implement a similar measure in the future – MKI
28/08/2020**

- Separate Entrance & Exits; Mem hall (7s) & Sports Hall (8s)
- Clear directional markings evidenced upon arrival
- Sanitisation stations x 2 on entrance and exits; both the hall and sports hall.
- Guided by senior staff on hand to help steer traffic, which given the planning should be for any one time, minimal.
- Socially distanced stations keyed to A, R, M, F, L, D forms (double staffed to reduce numbers meetings) approximate number of meetings equals 26; divided by 2 = 13 to be completed over the course of three weeks.
- Staff provided with a separate socially isolated station within a ‘bubbles’
- Screens, Cleaning Caddies, and aprons provided for staff and parents together with disposable bins/sanitisation equipment.
- Meetings should last no longer than 20 – 25 minutes and are separated by a 20 minute break
- Cleaning team on site constantly refreshing the hall and sports hall as appropriate after use.

Remaining level of risk	Consider level of risk following use of control measures		
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HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE
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Issue that could cause harm:		Risk relating to 'educational visits'	
Existing level of risk			
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE
How to manage it (control measures)		List your control measures required to reduce risk – add appropriate detail about the type and location of controls	
		<p>We continue to advise against domestic (UK) overnight and overseas educational visits at this stage see coronavirus: travel guidance for educational settings. In the autumn term, schools can resume non-overnight domestic educational visits. These trips should include any trips for pupils with SEND connected with their preparation for adulthood (for example, workplace visits, travel training etc.). This should be done in line with protective measures, such as keeping children within their consistent group, and the COVID-secure measures in place at the destination. Schools should also make use of outdoor spaces in the local area to support delivery of the curriculum. As normal, schools should undertake full and thorough risk assessments in relation to all educational visits to ensure they can be done safely. As part of this risk assessment, schools will need to consider what control measures need to be used and ensure they are aware of wider advice on visiting indoor and outdoor venues. Schools should consult the health and safety guidance on educational visits when considering visits'.</p>	
Remaining level of risk		Consider level of risk following use of control measures	
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW (No Visits)	NEGLIGIBLE

Issue that could cause harm:		Home-visits to children, parents and carers which could increase the risk and rate of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19) e.g. delivery of food parcels to vulnerable families.	
Existing level of risk			
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE
How to manage it (control measures)		List your control measures required to reduce risk – add appropriate detail about the type and location of controls	
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Home visits should be a last resort and alternative measures implemented firstly. 2. Where a home visit is absolutely essential this must be agreed by the Headteacher and the member of staff must undertake the home visit on a volunteer basis only. No member of staff should be forced to undertake a home visit. 3. A time for home visit should be pre-arranged between the school and the parent/carer. 4. The member of staff should maintain a distance of 2 metres from any adult or child and must not enter the home. 5. The member of staff should drive to the home, knock on the door, leave the food parcel and return to their vehicle, locking the doors and driving away. 6. Lone working arrangements should be implemented between the member of staff and a member of SLT (e.g. agreed appointment time for the visit, member of staff to call SLT to confirm they have safely completed the home visit). 7. The member of staff must have business insurance for their personal vehicle. 	

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Remaining level of risk		Consider level of risk following use of control measures	
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

Issue that could cause harm:	Implementation of the Emergency Evacuation Procedure/ Emergency Plan which could increase the risk and rate of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19)		
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Existing level of risk			
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

How to manage it (control measures)	List your control measures required to reduce risk – add appropriate detail about the type and location of controls		
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- Existing Academy Emergency Evacuation procedure to continue to be followed, however ensuring that a 2 metre social distance is possible at all times when evacuating the building and when congregating at the emergency evacuation point.
- Existing Academy Emergency Plan to be followed in the event of loss of electrical power, loss of water supply, loss of communications, intruder etc. however ensuring that a 2 metre social distance is possible at all times.
- To review any Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans (PEEP) for staff and children to ensure that control measures are implemented to minimise the risk and rate of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19) between an individual and the adult facilitating the emergency evacuation.

Remaining level of risk		Consider level of risk following use of control measures	
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

Issue that could cause harm:	Premises statutory servicing, testing and monitoring not being completed resulting in legislative non-compliance and risk to health and safety of all groups.		
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Existing level of risk			
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

How to manage it (control measures)	List your control measures required to reduce risk – add appropriate detail about the type and location of controls		
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- All statutory servicing (weekly/monthly/6 monthly and annual testing and monitoring systems and audits) are in place and continuing in line with current trust and academy procedures.
- To ensure a schedule of contractors is determined (so that that they can be appropriately briefed in advance of visiting the school and on the day regarding the academy's procedures for social distancing and good hygiene) for: Gas, Electric, Water, Lifts, Alarm, Fire equipment, Pat testing, Kitchen, Emergency lighting, Doors, Plant equipment, Ventilation.

Remaining level of risk		Consider level of risk following use of control measures	
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

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Issue that could cause harm:		Security during the partial closure and wider reopening of schools (intruders, trespassers)	
Existing level of risk			
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE
How to manage it (control measures)		List your control measures required to reduce risk – add appropriate detail about the type and location of controls	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Academy Security Procedures 2. Academy Opening and Closing procedures 3. Academy Out of hours procedures 4. Academy Lockdown policy 5. Academy Emergency Plan 6. FCAT Abusive Parents policy 7. CCTV 			
Remaining level of risk		Consider level of risk following use of control measures	
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

Authorisation by Risk Assessor and Headteacher

OVERALL level of risk		Consider level of risk following use of control measures	
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE
Assessor's comments		Insert comments relevant to findings as appropriate	

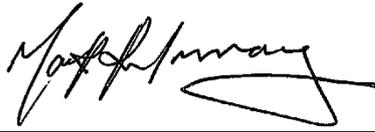
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Head teacher comments	Insert comments relevant to assessment as appropriate

Name of Head teacher	Signature of Head teacher	Date

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Risk assessment reviews

28th September 2020 / Gov updates

Appendix 1 - Face Coverings Policy

General Principles and Protocol

- This protocol is based on the updated Government guidance (published 26/8/20).
- This guidance applies to students from Y7 upwards and to all staff working in schools which educate children 12 and above.
- All face masks worn by students in school must be plain and black..
- All face masks worn by staff in school must be of a plain colour or pattern ie no logos or messages
- This advice may change should a local lockdown be in place or should Government guidance change.
- Montgomery Academy (and the wider Fylde Coast Academy Trust) will require the use of face coverings to be worn by all students in Y7 above and staff in areas **indoors** where social distancing is more difficult. These include, but are not limited to: -
 - Corridors
 - In the Assembly Hall when moving to their seat and when exiting
 - Canteens when entering, queuing and exiting
 - Staff rooms and kitchens
- Each student (and member of staff if they wish) will be provided with 3 washable fabric face coverings, the coverings should be washed regularly (this is the responsibility of the student/parent and the staff member). These will be part of the uniform and students should only wear the provided mask or a disposable mask.
- If a student or member of staff forgets a mask, they will be required to wear a disposable face mask. If the fabric face masks do not arrive in time for the start of the new academic year, disposable masks will be provided until they do arrive.
- Staff should be consistent in requiring the use of face coverings and the usual behaviour policies will apply with sanctions up to and including time in isolation.
- Some staff and children will be exempt, however, parents will be required to discuss this with their child's Pastoral Manager or Progress Manager. In such a case, the SSC should be informed and an exemption pass will be issued.
- **Staff should wear face masks in the corridors and other inside communal spaces between the hours of 8am and 4pm. Outside of these hours social distancing should still apply when not wearing a mask. Staff can remove their masks when sat down in designated staff work areas.**
- Face masks should not be used in classrooms, children will remove them when they are sat at their own desk. Resealable plastic bags will be provided for hygienic storage. If a parent would like a student to wear a mask in the classroom or a student would like to wear a mask in the classroom, they should contact the relevant Progress Manager to discuss this. **- will they get a pass? Would show that a conversation has happened.**

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- Staff will be required to wear face masks in communal staff areas, but will not be required to wear them in offices when working at a desk. Staff who wish to wear a visor may wear them, though they are not a substitute for a mask. When meeting with parents or visitors (including in the Reception area) if social distancing cannot be adhered to, staff should wear visors.
- Parents or visitors will not be able to speak to members of staff unless they have pre-arranged an appointment. For such meetings, a meeting room will need to be booked by appointment. Visitors will not be allowed to enter the main school unless they are wearing a face mask.
- **To facilitate good order in busy dining halls, designated areas will be marked out on the floor that only staff can stand in. This will mean that staff instructions can be given (as masks make it difficult to communicate in environments with raised noise levels). This is critical if good order and safety is to be maintained in these areas. If the member of staff needs to leave the designated area they will need to replace their face mask.**

Face Covering in Education, Dfe, 25/8/20 <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-in-education/face-coverings-in-education>

Face Coverings, when to wear one and how to make them, Dfe, 21/8/20
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own>

Face Coverings, Exemption cards, Dfe, 21/8/20
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own>

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Appendix 2 RISK MATRIX

Impact	Likelihood		
	Probable	Possible	Remote
Major Harm Physical Injury Illness	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
Severe Physical Injury Illness First Aid	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW
Minor Physical or emotional discomfort	MEDIUM	LOW	LOW

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