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| **RISK ASSESSMENT** |
| Directorate: **Meanwood Primary School**  | **COVID 19** |
| Job role/s: Teachers / TA’s / Support Staff /  |
| People who might be harmed i.e. staff, members of public: | Assessment date:1-9-21Reviewed :31-10-21Reviewed January 2022 (based on Action for schools 2-1-22) [Action for schools](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1044530/Schools_guidance_Jan_22.pdf)Reviewed 26th January Based on Actions for schools 20-1-22)  |
| Are there any special considerations needed for new & expectant mothers or persons under 18, etc**. Yes / No If yes, specify:** | Review date: 1-12-21. 3-1-22 |
| Names of all involved in assessment process: (e.g. Manager, Union rep, etc.): Helen Vyse | Manager authentication: |
| **Hazard / risk identified** Task/ activity / process / stressor | **Current precautions in place** | **Improvement action needed**following incidents, changes, etc. Place these on an action plan. |
| **TESTING** | * Those with symptoms must isolate and book a PCR test and isolate until results are known
* Continue with LFD home-based testing for staff and secondary-age students without symptoms
* Follow this local guidance and report cases to your local Single Point of Contact (SPOC).
* All staff in Early Years, Primary, Secondary and Further Education colleges encouraged to do twice-weekly home testing
* Adults who are fully vaccinated and all children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 are strongly advised to take a LFD test every day for 7 days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result. Daily testing of close contacts applies to all contacts who are: • fully vaccinated adults – people who have had 2 doses of an approved vaccine • all children and young people aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, regardless of their vaccination status • people who are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons • people taking part, or have taken part, in an approved clinical trial for a COVID-19 vaccine Children under 5 years are exempt from self-isolation and do not need to take part in daily testing of close contacts.
* Day 5 and Day 6 LFT tests to be communicated to the Headteacher by staff and to the office by parents. If both negative then can return on day 6 – if positive, 2 clear days of negative LFT results or full isolation period of 10 days is required before return to school
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| **Infection Control :****Staff** | * Support positive cases to isolate, and support contact tracing of staff as per [workplace guidance](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-workplace-guidance).
* Support any contacts who are [not exempt](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person#exempt) to isolate.
* All adults in school to wear masks in communal areas including corridors, hall and office where you are a visitor – this has now been removed as a directive from 27-1-22

Social distancing between staff (where feasible).**WHERE POSSIBLE** Utilise multiple entrances and exits to and from the setting to avoid large crowding and utilise outdoor space.**WHERE POSSIBLE*** Reduce the number of occasions where larger numbers of adults come into the building and where possible or advantageous to the setting/ families utilise remote connect methods
 | * Those who are not fully vaccinated need to inform the Headteacher so that alternative arrangements can be made for cover
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| **Infection Control :****Start and End of the school day**  | * All children arrive at 8:50 and leave at 3:15 due to lower numbers and number of entrances available. Classes entering own doors and using cloakrooms
* Hand sanitising on entering the building , cleaning station, sanitiser or use of toilets before lesson starts
 | * Hand sanitiser available at each entry and exit door.
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| **Infection Control****Lessons** | * Increase hygiene and washing hands etc.
* Clear instruction to staff / pupils if feeling unwell to report immediately
* Lidded bins and tissues available in all classrooms
* Ventilate classrooms as much as possible – open windows before school, during break and lunchtimes but ensure that there is a comfortable working environment when pupils and staff are in classrooms by opening classroom doors to allow air exchange and open windows to a minimum when pupils are inside
* Use of Co2 monitors in classrooms – to be monitored by staff and reported if over 1500 to the Headteacher – these will be moved around school weekly by the caretaker
 | * Isolation room in PPA room for suspected cases
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| **Infection Control** **Lunchtime**  | * Classes to have staggered lunch to prevent queueing at counter.
* Staggered lunchtime play.
* Play areas separated for different years using cones
* Separate tables only used once in the canteen for each year group bubble
 | * Lunchtime rota for year groups shared
* Play areas designated and on a rota
* Play equipment designated for classes
* Designated tables allocated to classes and high touch areas sanitised between groups
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| **Infection Control** **Playtimes**  | * Staggered playtimes
* Each year group bubble to have their own designated play equipment

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* Playtime boxes of equipment made
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| **First Aid** | * Sufficient first Aiders on site.
* PPE provided as government guidance
 | * Each year groups has at least 1 first aider
* PPE supplied for first aid
* Isolation room with full PPE in PPA room
* Donning and doffing of PPE equipment posters in key areas around school.
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| **Communication to Parents** | * Using mobile phone texting information updates
* Emailing parents with information updates
* Keep the school website up to date
 | * Weekly newsletter
* Text messaging
* Emails
* Facebook
* School website
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| **Control of Visitors and Contractors etc.** | * Ensure the entrance office is always manned by a member of staff.
* Touch screen for visitors/staff sign in - Effective cleaning system in place and hand sanitiser available and sanitiser wipes
* All adults in school to wear masks in communal areas including corridors, hall and office where you are a visitor– this has now been removed as a directive from 27-1-22
* Visitors kept a minimum and virtual meetings held where possible
 | * Contractors/visitors by appointment
* Reduce traffic to the office as much as possible
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| **Fire Safety**  | * Ensure that communicating to staff and pupils what will be the procedure whilst working in school as systems might need to be reviewed.
* Ensure all fire doors and shutters are opened at the start of the school day as the building is occupied!
 | * Usual fire safety in place
* All staff have recently received faire safety training
* All usual fire safety checks, including fire doors and fire alarms checked by the caretaker (daily and weekly)
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This assessment should be reviewed following significant changes, the introduction of new machinery, equipment, substances or procedures & following incidents, or at least annually.

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| **Measures which may be reintroduced in an outbreak or substantial increase in cases***(Effective but will have negative impact on delivery of education)* |
| Daily testing or wider testing of identified/ cohorts of students and staff. |
| In some outbreak circumstances the setting may be require to contact trace and recommend PCR tests for close contacts and self-isolation of unvaccinated adult contacts. |
| Social distancing between children, namely the use of bubble management, between year groups, and/ or classes or in extreme cases where on-site provision is only retained for vulnerable children and children of critical workers. |
| Use of staggered start and finish times that may/ may not require changes to the length of the school day. |
| Limits on use of external adults/staff entering the building. |
| * Face coverings in communal spaces /and in classrooms for staff and students. – this has now been removed as a directive from 27-1-22
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| Limits on trips. |
| As a last resort measure, move classes/ year group to remote learning for a specified period. NB: maintaining provision for vulnerable children/children of critical workers may still be possible. This list has been extended and will include a large number of our children who are eligible [Vulnerable Children](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision)  |

This Risk Assessment sits alongside updated guidance provided by the government and also the outbreak Management Plan and advice from Greater Manchester which has been issued to all staff. A link to these government documents can be found:-

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

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safe-working-in-education-childcare-and-childrens-social-care?priority-taxon=b350e61d-1db9-4cc2-bb44-fab02882ac25>