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Newbridge Primary School Coronavirus (COVID-19) Risk Assessment

School: Newbridge Primary School	Assessment Date: 31 st March, 2022	Completed by: Cill Kennaugh
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What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed?	What are you already doing?	What further action is necessary?	Action by whom and by when?	Date Complete d/Outco me
Contracting Covid 19 virus	All attending school	 Following up to date Government guidance and Public Health: Note, much guidance has now been withdrawn, including the Schools Covid-19 operational guidance and the Contingency Framework for eduactions settings, on 1st April 2022. This has been replaced by https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-safely-with-respiratory- infections-including-covid-19 Cleaning hands more often than usual - washing hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap or use alcohol sanitiser. Ensuring that sufficient handwashing and sanitising facilities are available. Cleaning hands on arrival at the school, before and after eating, after sneezing or coughing, when returning from breaks and after using the toilet Encouraging not to touch mouth, eyes and nose Ensuring enough bins and tissues are available throughout school 	 Some children will need additional support to follow these measures. Start of term/weekly newsletter from GK to parents, informing them of all school measures and up to date guidance, as required School to issue regular reminders to staff, pupils and parents, as required Daily messaging to staff about cases in school, safety messages Site Manager to ensure that each classroom has a good supply of handwashing soap and hand sanitiser 	Gill Kennaugh Dave Clark	Ongoing

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		 Assisting those with complex needs to maintain good respiratory hygiene 			
		 Opening doors and windows during the school day, where safe to do so (not fire doors) to aid ventilation 			
		• Using CO2 monitors in each classroom to indicate if further ventilation is necessary			
		• Staff are no longer required to wear a face covering in shared areas. NPS recommends that staff, parents and viisitors wear one on site, in c;assrooms and around the school.			
		• School will follow PHE advice in reponse to a high number of respiratory infections reported			
		 Maintaining contact with the cleaning company to ensure thorough cleaning routimes. 	• Meetings and communication with the cleaning company.	Gill Kennaugh	
Confirmed positive case of Covid-19	All attending school or in class/group	• Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious.	NHS Test and Trace is no longer carrying out close contact tracing.		Ongoing
		• For children and young people aged 18 and under, advice is to stay at home for 3 days.	 Parents to keep school informed of anticipated date of return to school. 		

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Known symptoms of respiratory infection	All attending school, visitors and parents	• Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.	 Reminders of this message in weekly updates and challenge if needed. 	GK/all staff to be vigilant	
		• Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can return to school when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.			
		• If a parent or carer insists on a pupil attending school, school can take the decision to refuse the pupil if, in reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection of a respiratory disease.			
Infection All attending outbreak/cases school or in class/group		 Staff are no longer required to engage in LFD testing twice weekly – staff therefore should report when they are suffering from the known symptoms of a respiratory infection/a high temperature. Staff with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature School will note any rise in respiratory disease and will contact the local Public Health England Health Protection 	 GK to monitor situation and contact PH for advice Reference to the Contingency Plan in the event of an outbreak/meeting threshold. 	GK	Ongoing
		 Team to seek advice about any required measures. The school's Contingency Plan is n place and will be adhered to if advised by Public Health. 			

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Cleaning	Cleaners and all others attending school	 Guidance has been issued to the cleaning company and site manager. 	 School to follow the usual cleaning protocol and monitor standards 	GK and Site Manager	Ongoing
Waste	All attending the school who may be in contact with it.	 Following all PHE and PH SW guidance. Facilities are in place for the disposal of waste and PPE, and adequate storage procedures prior to collection. 			Ongoing
Other visitors including parents/suppliers/ contractors arriving at school	All staff, pupils and visitors/contr actors	 Visitors are informed not to enter the site if they are displaying any symptoms of a respiratory disease/high temperature Visitors are advised to wear a face covering when entering the site/school. 		Office staff	Ongoing
Poor mental health and pupil wellbeing and supportStaff/pupils due to concerns over the impact of the pandemic and changes being made in schools	 School considers the curriculum provision, pastoral support and extra-curricular activities, to: support social engagement address and equip pupils to respond to issues linked with the pandemic/coming out of the pandemic support pupils with approaches to improving their physical and mental well-being Staff in school trained in bereavement are available. 	Keeping up to date with mental health guidance	AB/GK	Ongoing	
		 Staff, parents and pupils are referred to information on the GOV.UK Education Hub for useful links and sources of mental health and wellbeing 			

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Poor mental health and staff wellbeing and support	Staff	 Staff know to contact DR/GK or their line manger to seek support. Staff are reffered to information about the GOV.UK Education Hub for some useful links and sources of mental health and wellbeing. Access to Public Health training and staff aware of Health Assured contact details 			Ongoing
Staff returning from holidays (including travel abroad)	All staff and pupils	 School staff know to follow government requirements for people returning from travel abroad. 		Holidays must be taken within holiday time including quarantine time if necessary.	Ongoing
Clinically extremely vulnerable/vulner able pupils and staff	Staff/pupils	 Parents and staff to follow medical advice if in this category <u>current advice on shielding</u> & <u>COVID-19 - 'shielding' guidance for children and young people</u> <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on- shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from- covid-19</u> 	School will follow the latest medical advice and risk assess each case in turn.	GK/CH	As required
Occupied spaces not being well ventilated	Staff/pupils by possible contamination	 External doors are open, and internal doors when possible Windows are open (in cooler weather windows should be opened enough to provide constant background ventilation, and opened more fully during breaks/when CO2 monitor sounds). Windows must be open in all rooms when occupied library, staff room, PPA, Blue Room, etc. 	Continued monitoring of CO2 monitors/ventilation	Teachers/Site Manager	Ongoing

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		 The school heating will be used as necessary to maintain comfort levels. CO2 monitors must be on and observed in each classroom. 			
Member of a class becoming unwell with symptoms of a respiratory infection	Staff/pupils by possible contamination	 Pupils will be isolated outside the office, whilst parents are informed. PPE can be worn by staff caring for the child while they await collection. 			Ongoing
PPE	Staff/pupil by incorrect use or no appropriate PPE available	 Staff appropriately trained in correct use, if required. Adequate supplies of PPE are maintained. Guidance from B&NES Public Health is followed. 	Ensure adequate supplies	Site Manager	Ongoing
Delivery of first aid	Staff members or pupils	 After delivering any first aid, disposable items will be disposed of. Hands will be washed thoroughly with soap and water. 			Ongoing
Increased cases of respiratory infection	Staff and Pupils	 The school follows the Public Health thresholds - a higher than previously experienced and/or rapidly increasing number of staff or student absences due to respiratory infection. 	 Call to Public Health to seek advice/discuss risk planning GK to share updated information with all parties 	GK	When required When required
Mixing of groups inside school building	Staff and Pupils	 'Bubbles' are not required in school. The Contingency Plan will be applied if it becomes necessary to reintroduce 'bubbles' for a temporary period, to reduce mixing between groups – and only through advice of Public Health. 	 Monitoring of cases within classes/groups Advice sought when necessary from PH 	GK	Ongoing

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Extra-Curricular Activities and peripatetic music lessonsl	Pupils Staff	 All extra-curricular activities and peripatetic lessons will be in place to support opportunity and well-beimg. 		GК	Ongoing
Educational visits	Pupi Is/ Staff	 Full risk assessments will be undertaken, taking into account respiratory infection measures e.g. ventilation on the coach. 			As required
Wrap Around Care	Pupils	 Breakfast and After School Club can offer provision to all children, without restriction. 	 Monitoring of cases within groups .Advice sought when necessary from PH 	GK	Ongoing