

Risk Assessment



Title: Covid-19 Transmission by Proximity and Touch - General [FEB-22]

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General Information

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Next Review Date:

Affected Parties:

- » Visitors » Employees » Public
- » Contractors » Pupils

Risk Matrix

5. Extreme	5 (LOW)	10 (MED)	15 (MED)	20 (HIGH)	25 (HIGH)
4. Major	4 (LOW)	8 (MED)	12 (MED)	16 (MED)	20 (HIGH)
3. Minor	3 (LOW)	6 (MED)	9 (MED)	12 (MED)	15 (MED)
2. Limited	2 (LOW)	4 (LOW)	6 (MED)	8 (MED)	10 (MED)
1. Trivial	1 (LOW)	2 (LOW)	3 (LOW)	4 (LOW)	5 (LOW)
	1. Unlikely	2. Rarely	3. Occasional	4. Frequent	5. Inevitable

RATING

HIGH RISK	Intolerable - Do not start work
MED RISK	Tolerable - Reduce ALARP. Review annually/change.
LOW RISK	Tolerable - Monitor. Review annually/change.

Notes

From the 24th February 2022 the Government is moving to a new phase of COVID-19 management focussed at living with the virus. Many of the legal requirements have been removed, but the virus remains in the community and the control measures within this risk assessment reflect good practice to stay as safe as reasonably practicable.

- #1. Transmission of Covid-19 virus from person to person by being in close proximity, or by hand to face contact after touching a contaminated surface.

Pre Control Scoring (Likeliness x Severity = Risk)

L	S	R
3	3	9

Consequence

Consequence may differ from person to person. The current scoring is based on Omicron being the dominant strain and likely outcomes for persons covered by the risk assessment.

Control Measures

- » All persons to maintain high levels of hand hygiene. Regular and thorough hand cleaning to be carried out. As a minimum, hands should be washed or sanitised by all on arrival to school, on return from breaks, on a change of room and before and after eating.
- » Maintain good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin, kill it' approach. School to provide tissues and bins to facilitate this.
- » Where possible, windows and non-fire doors to be opened to provide a supply of fresh air. Since September 2021 CO2 monitors are to be provided to all state-funded education settings so staff can quickly identify where ventilation needs to be improved.
- » Equipment and resources (including those used in specialist settings such as design & technology and science) should be cleaned regularly, along with all frequently touched surfaces.
- » Regular cleaning still plays a vital role in limiting the transmission of COVID-19. As a minimum, frequently touched surfaces should be wiped down twice a day, and one of these should be at the beginning or the end of the school day.
- » Mechanical ventilation systems should be kept well maintained, should be adjusted to provide increased/sufficient ventilation, and should be adjusted to draw in fresh air rather than recirculate.
- » Pupils will receive reminder briefings as deemed necessary about the importance of hand hygiene.
- » Persons testing positive for COVID-19 are no longer required by law to self-isolate. The Government still recommends staying at home if you can to avoid contact with other people.
- » Wrap around care activities within the school premises will follow the same COVID-19 mitigation protocols as normal school activities.

Final Risk Scoring (Likeliness x Severity = Risk)

L	S	R
2	3	6

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