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<b>Spring Term 2022</b>	<p>4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – Whole school returns.</p> <p>Following further advice from the Local Authority and Public Health England regarding the rise in Covid cases within the area. A number of additional control measures will be re-introduced.</p> <p>This will include immediate testing of all close contacts and isolation of bubble within the school.</p> <p>The school will continue to act on any Government, Public Health England and any Local Health Protection guidance/advice and will increase control measures where necessary.</p>	3	4	<b>M</b>	<p>The further measures may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Face coverings to be worn in communal areas of school by all staff and visitors. This includes the staffroom.</li> <li>- Staffing will be monitored on a school by school basis and in line with DFE guidance additional controls introduced where necessary</li> <li>- Staff will be actively encouraging to maintain a social distance of 2 M from each other due to the highly contagious nature of the omicron virus.</li> <li>- Additional attention will be given to ventilation, cleaning and respiratory and hand</li> </ul>	2	4	<b>M</b>
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					<p>hygiene.</p> <p>governor meetings, where feasible to be carried out <b>virtually</b>, rather than face to face. When face to face staff meeting occurs, they will be carried out in the hall with well over 2 m distance and face covering worn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Limit visitors to the school and consider carefully whether events that bring parents into the school can be managed safely or should return to online.</li> <li>- Careful consideration will be given to the risk assessment of all events to maximise the use of control measures which reduce the risk of transmission.</li> </ul>			
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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- From 14 December 2021, 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 an LFD test every day for 7 days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result.</li> <li>- The isolation period is now 7 days following negative lateral flow test on day 6 and 7.</li> </ul>			
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					Staffing ratios will be monitored by the HT and DHT on a daily basis and in line with the current DFE guidance additional controls are introduced where necessary.			
<b>Volunteers, CTPP, those wanting to gain experience for ITT etc?</b>	<p>All volunteers, student placements etc. must complete a full health and safety induction including Covid.</p> <p>All volunteers etc will be encouraged to obtain LFD home test kits and swab themselves twice weekly at home.</p> <p>Volunteers will be encouraged to take part in the national COVID 19 vaccination programme.</p>	3	4	<b>M</b>	The Trusts Volunteer Policy is available on Teams/BishopHogarthAllStaff /Files/AllTrust Policies & Documentation	2	4	<b>M</b>

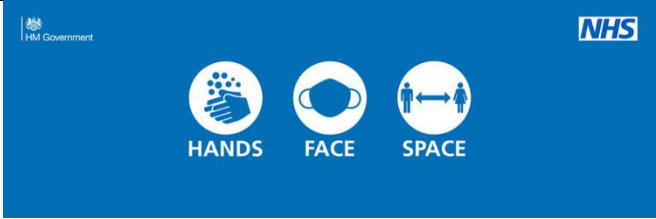
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<b>Visitors to premises: Including Contractors and Parents</b>	<p>All visitors to be directed to wash their hands/apply alcohol gel on their arrival to the school site.</p> <p>A visitor's risk assessment is in place and is communicated with visitors prior to attending school.</p> <p>When Prior notice to visit school is given, school will encourage a lateral flow test on the day they are due to visit school.</p> <p>All meetings will be socially distant in a well-ventilated room.</p>	3	4	<b>M</b>	<p>All visitors <b>must</b> wear masks (or visor if a face mask cannot be worn for medical reasons) whilst transitioning around the school and in general communal areas (and where a 2-metre distance cannot be achieved).</p> <p>Staff and students <b>must</b> wear masks (or visor if a face mask cannot be worn for medical reasons) whilst transitioning around the school and in general communal areas (and where a 2-metre distance cannot be achieved).</p> <p>Staff and students will be discouraged from congregating in corridors.</p>	2	4	<b>M</b>
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<b>Before/After School Entry/Exit Procedures.</b>	See Organisational plan for specific group arrangements.  Each year group will continue to have a dedicated entrance and outside space.	2	4	<b>M</b>	All parents/guardians will be encouraged (where possible) to continue to wear face coverings when dropping off and picking up their children from school (on the school site).	2	4	<b>M</b>
<b>Hands/Face/Space</b>		2	4	<b>M</b>	<p><b>Hands</b> - Washing your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or using hand sanitiser, regularly throughout the day will reduce the risk of catching or passing on the virus.</p> <p><b>Face</b> - Coronavirus is carried in the air by tiny respiratory droplets that carry the virus. Face coverings reduce the spread of these droplets,</p>	2	4	<b>M</b>

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					<p>meaning if you're carrying the virus, you're less likely to pass it on when you exhale. <b><u>Find out how to make your own face covering on the gov.uk website.</u></b></p> <p><b>Space</b> - Transmission of the virus is most likely to happen within 2 metres. While keeping this exact distance isn't always possible, remaining mindful of surroundings and continuing to make space has a powerful impact when it comes to containing the spread.</p>			
<b>Handwashing</b>	<p>Handwashing will take place every time a child goes outside or comes back in.</p> <p>Pupils taught how to wash their hands by staff members. Pupils that need support to wash</p>	2	4	M	All persons including staff, parents/carers and visitors are advised to sanitise hands on arrival (sanitising station in reception).	2	4	M

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	<p>their hands will be supported by a member of staff.</p> <p>Where needed alcohol gel be made available to staff and pupils.</p> <p>Pupils are supervised throughout the school day to wash their hands for 20 seconds by staff members. Staff to follow the guidance provided.</p> <p>Handwashing posters located in pupil and staff toilet areas and in classroom.</p> <p>Pupils and staff follow the 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it', guidance and avoid touching their faces, noses etc. practice followed whilst at school.</p> <p>Catch it, bin it, kill it posters located in pupil, staff toilet areas and around the school site.</p>				<p>Pupils and staff are advised to wash hands and/or sanitise throughout the day i.e. on arrival, breaktimes, lunchtime (before and after eating) and when changing rooms etc.</p> <p>Provisions and time has been allocated to facilitate all necessary hand washing and/or sanitising.</p> <p>Disposal facilities for wipes available.</p> <p>Ongoing Monitoring</p>			
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	<p>Pupils taught to cough and sneeze into their elbow and away from the direction of other pupils and staff.</p> <p>Staff and pupils are directed to wash their hands before and at the end of the school day, before and after eating and following coughing and sneezing and where additional need is identified.</p> <p>Pupils and staff to ensure that they thoroughly dry their hands.</p>							
<b>Catering/Lunchtimes/ Playtimes</b>	<p>See organisational plan for specific timings.</p> <p>Cleaning will take place between year groups.</p> <p>Each year group will continue to have a dedicated outside space.</p> <p>All windows/doors in the hall will be open to ensure ventilation.</p>	2	4	M	<p>School kitchens are fully operational but must comply with the <a href="#">“Guidance for food businesses on Coronavirus (COVID 19)”</a>.</p> <p>Catering staff <b>may</b> choose to wear a <b>visor</b> when preparing food or working in the kitchen.</p>	2	4	M

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					They must wear a visor or mask when serving food to the children			
<b>Classrooms</b>	See Organisational plan for specific group arrangements.  To prevent infection spread on handles and for air flow, where possible, classroom doors and windows should be kept open.  Soap, hand wash, tissues and other related products will be available in all teaching areas. Lidded bins with hazards bags will be provided in all classrooms for disposal of tissues and paper towels. Other bins will be provided in all classrooms for any other waste	2	4	<b>M</b>	Staff and children will be actively sanitising their areas throughout the day and predominantly at the beginning and end of the day.  Provisions for regular spot cleaning are located in each classroom.  Air quality monitors checked daily	2	4	<b>M</b>
<b>Resources/Pupil Supplies</b>		2	4	<b>M</b>	Children encouraged to wash hands / use hand gel before lessons and after each lesson.	1	4	<b>L</b>

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<b>Facilities and Premises</b>	Complete all usual pre-term opening checks.	1	4	L	Site Team to ensure all PPM (planned preventative maintenance) is scheduled and carried out.	1	4	L
<b>Ventilation</b>	<p>Good ventilation with fresh air is essential at all times in classrooms and particularly during this period. Refer to the system of controls for guidance on keeping occupied spaces well ventilated.</p> <p>The school now have access to Co2 monitors in all classrooms and shared rooms. They will be used in areas of the school where ventilation is most restricted. Monitoring will be carried out and recorded daily so decisions can be made regarding ventilation i.e., windows open/closed.</p> <p>Where there are positive Covid cases or an</p>	3	4	M	<p>All the school's mechanical ventilation systems are serviced and maintained in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations.</p> <p>All areas of the school must be kept well ventilated. It is the individual's responsibility to ensure that the windows and doors (where appropriate) are fully opened within their office, classroom etc.</p> <p>Results from Co2 monitors will</p>	1	4	L

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	outbreak, Co2 monitors can be monitored to track air quality.				be used as the basis of SLT discussions regarding increased ventilation and ways to improve air quality if required.			
<b>Extra-curricular Activities</b>	All extra-curricular activities can resume in Jan 2022	3	4	<b>M</b>	A review of all extra-curricular activities (other than essential wrap around care) will be undertaken in line with Government Guidelines and PH advice.	2	4	<b>M</b>
<b>Educational Visits</b>	From the 1 <sup>st</sup> of September 2021 all educational visits including international visits can resume.  You should be aware that the travel list (and broader international travel policy) is subject to change and green list countries may be moved into amber or red. The travel lists may change during a visit and you must comply with international travel legislation and should	2	4	<b>M</b>	The school will consider whether to go ahead with planned international educational visits in line with Government Guidelines.	2	4	<b>M</b>

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	have contingency plans in place to account for these changes.							
<b>Home Visits</b>	Home visits will be in pairs and will maintain social distancing. There will be no entry to home unless there are safeguarding concerns.	2	4	<b>M</b>	Where possible face to face visits should be replaced with video conferencing.  Masks to be worn and at least 2m distance should be maintained.	2	4	<b>M</b>
<b>Offices/Meetings rooms/Staff Room</b>	Encourage increased natural ventilation in smaller offices.  Staff should leave their desks as clear as possible so that it can be easily cleaned.  Waste bins to have lids on for any discarded tissues etc, should be lined with a bag for easy removal and should be operated by foot.	2	4	<b>M</b>	Clean down tables after you have finished and remove all uneaten food and drink and dispose of in bin or rubbish bag.  Hand gel is available throughout the building for staff use.	2	4	<b>M</b>
<b>Cleaning</b>	Where possible cleaners will have own set of cleaning resources (with the exception of	2	4	<b>M</b>	NTH NHS will carry out termly cleaning audits and training where necessary.	2	4	<b>M</b>

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	large equipment i.e. Floor buffers) to reduce the risk of indirect transmission.  Cleaning schedule in place.				All areas within school will be cleaned thoroughly on a daily basis.			
<b>Handling Cash</b>	The school is cash free	1	4	L		1	4	L
<b>Emergency Procedures</b>	Fire Emergency procedures are reviewed regularly to ensure that arrangements remain valid for Fire Safety including the numbers and locations of trained fire wardens and the validity of Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans consider social distancing measures where possible.  Staff must maintain 2 metre separation as far as possible during evacuation and at assembly points.	2	4	M	A fire drill will be carried out during Spring Term TBA.  The school's caretaker will carry out weekly testing of the fire alarm to ensure legal requirements are met.	2	4	M

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	Emergency lockdown procedures are reviewed regularly to ensure that arrangements remain valid.							
<b>First Aid/Possible COVID-19 Symptoms</b>	<p>First aid equipment will be available in each classroom. Where possible, teachers should provide minor first aid to any child who requires it. Incidents that require a fully qualified first aider will be prioritised.</p> <p>Protective equipment, such as disposable gloves, aprons and a mask, should be worn when first aid is administered.</p> <p>First Aid trained/responsible person/s in place.</p> <p>Disposable gloves and aprons available.</p> <p>Children showing signs of Covid-19 will be isolated until parents can collect them.</p>	2	4	M	<p>PPE is in place.</p> <p>Personal protective equipment <b>must</b> be worn when administering first aid.</p> <p><a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877658/Quick_guide_to_donning_doffing_standard_PPE_health_and_social_care_poster_.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877658/Quick_guide_to_donning_doffing_standard_PPE_health_and_social_care_poster_.pdf</a></p> <p>There is a protocol in place for managing individuals who present with symptoms of Covid-19. Individuals who fall within the moderate or high risk</p>	2	4	M

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					category will not be expected to assist any individual who presents with possible symptoms of Covid-19. pupils received the annual flu vaccinations.  See PPE Matrix.			
<b>Contact due to personal / intimate care</b>	Staff must wear the normal personal protective equipment they need for giving intimate/personal care.  Disposable gloves and aprons available.	2	4	<b>M</b>	PPE Is in place and staff have been given instruction on how to use, store, clean and dispose.  See PPE Matrix.	2	4	<b>M</b>
<b>Staff/Pupil Wellbeing</b>	Staff have been provided with Public Health England Guidance for the public on the mental health and wellbeing aspects of coronavirus (COVID-19).  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/public-mental-health#improving-the-lives-of-">https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/public-mental-health#improving-the-lives-of-</a>	2	4	<b>M</b>	Ongoing monitoring  Staff are made aware of: <a href="#">healthy child programme</a>  Parents and carers to be made aware of the following agencies;	2	4	<b>M</b>



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	<a href="#">people-with-mental-health-problems</a> Staff receive sufficient breaks during the school day.  Staff informed of 24-hour free counselling/physio service offered by Trust				- <b>MindEd</b> - a free educational resource from Health Education England on children and young people's mental health.  <b>Bungalow Partnership</b> will continue to carry out therapeutic work within school  - <b>Rise Above</b> is a website co-created and produced by young people. - <b>Every Mind Matters</b> includes an online tool and email journey which aims to support everyone to feel more confident in taking action to look after their mental health and wellbeing.			
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					<p>- Barnardo's <b>See, Hear, Respond</b> programme, focusing on finding and reaching out to vulnerable children around the country who are experiencing negative impacts on their health and wellbeing, as well as those at risk of harm; and are not being seen by statutory agencies.</p> <p>- <b>Bereavement UK</b> and the <b>Childhood Bereavement Network</b> provide information and resources to support bereaved pupils, schools and staff.</p>			
<b>Potential Symptoms (General)</b> <b>High Temperature</b> <b>Coughing and sneezing</b>	General precautions as advised by the Government to be strictly observed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze</li> </ul>	2	4	<b>M</b>	Any member of staff presenting with symptoms whilst in school will inform the Head Teacher or SLT.	2	4	<b>M</b>

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<b>Loss of taste and smell</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Put used tissues in the bin immediately</li> <li>Wash your hands with soap and water often – use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available</li> <li>Try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell</li> <li>Don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean</li> </ul> <p>Each person in school, staff, student or visitor will where possible maintain a practical distance away from each other and not get into close proximity with each other if it can be avoided.</p> <p>Staff and children within school showing symptoms will be isolated (and supervised) and sent for immediate LFT and a PCR</p>				<p>Advice will be sought from Public Health England.</p> <p>To arrange a test call 119 or visit <a href="http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus">www.gov.uk/coronavirus</a></p>			
<b>Clinically Extremely Vulnerable / Clinically Vulnerable</b>	Shielding is currently paused. Although the advice to shield has ended, clinically extremely vulnerable people must continue to	3	4	<b>M</b>	A risk assessment review will be carried out with all pregnant staff approaching 28+ weeks, so that	2	4	<b>M</b>

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<b>Staff (Including BAME, pregnancy etc.)</b>	follow the <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19">rules</a> that are in place for everyone. We are also advising clinically extremely vulnerable people to continue to take extra precautions to protect themselves.				additional control measure can be considered (if required).			
<b>Tracing close contacts and isolation</b>	Close contacts in schools are now identified by NHS Test and Trace and education settings will no longer be expected to undertake contact tracing.  From 14 December 2021, 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	3	4	M	All travellers arriving into the UK will need to isolate and get a PCR test by 'day two' after arrival. They may end their isolation once they receive a negative result. If the result is positive, they should continue to isolate and follow rules on isolation following a positive test. Unvaccinated arrivals aged over 18 will follow the existing, more onerous, testing and	2	4	M

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	<p>have a positive test result. Daily testing of close contacts applies to all contacts who are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>fully vaccinated adults – people who have had 2 doses of an approved vaccine.</li> <li>all children and young people aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, regardless of their vaccination status.</li> <li>people who are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons.</li> <li>people taking part, or have taken part, in an approved clinical trial for a COVID-19 vaccine.</li> </ul> <p>Children under 5 years are exempt from self-isolation and do not need to take part in daily testing of close contacts.</p> <p>Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no</p>				isolation regime. All Red list arrivals will enter quarantine.			
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	longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education or childcare setting from day 7.  <a href="#">Report your LFD test results</a> after taking each test,							
<b>Asymptomatic testing of staff</b>	From 11 January 2022 any member of staff or student who receives a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result for coronavirus (COVID-19) will be required to self-isolate immediately and won't be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.	2	4	M	All staff have been provided with LFD home test kits to swab themselves twice a week at home.  Households of children attending Education can now	2	4	M

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	This is a temporary measure while COVID-19 rates remain high across the UK.				access lateral flow tests as per Government Guidance. <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff</a>			
<b>Impact on individuals who may be more vulnerable to COVID-19 due to their vaccination status</b>	The Trust encourage all employees to take part in both LFD testing twice a week and where medical conditions allow the National Vaccination Programme.	3	4	<b>M</b>	Ongoing Monitoring  Unvaccinated, employees who are identified by Track & Trace as a close contact should self-isolate as instructed, and where possible work from home.	3	4	<b>M</b>

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**Risk Assessment Notes:**

**Government Guidance**

[Managing COVID 19 in Educational and Childcare Settings](#)

[Actions for school during the COVID 19 outbreak](#)

[Guidance on protecting Clinically Extremely Vulnerable from COVID 19](#)

[When to Self-isolate and what to do](#)

***\*Throughout the re-opening process there will be incidents that require a dynamic risk assessment – an assessment of unforeseen or emergency hazards. The risk will be assessed by the staff at the time of the event.***



The normal duties of consultation on health and safety matters still apply during the pandemic. Section 2(6) HSWA states:

“It shall be the duty of every employer to consult any such representatives with a view to the making and maintenance of arrangements which will enable him and his employees to co-operate effectively in promoting and developing measures to ensure the health and safety at work of the employees, and in checking the effectiveness of such measures.”



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Declaration of Competent Person	Print Name: Tracy Metcalfe	Head Teacher	Print Name: bernadette Rizzi-Allan
	Signed:  <b><i>I am satisfied that the controls within this risk assessment are sufficient to mitigate identified risks.</i></b>		Signed:  <b><i>I undertake to implement the control measures identified in this risk assessment and to review the assessment on a dynamic basis</i></b>

**Rating: Low = 1 – 6, Medium = 8 – 15, High = over 15**

Risk Assessment Matrix (Probability and Likelihood Scales)							
		Likelihood Rating					
Severity Rating	Description	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Very Unlikely	Unlikely	May happen	Likely	Very likely	Certain or imminent
1	Delay only	<p>The matrix grid consists of 6 rows and 6 columns of cells. The cells are colored as follows: Row 1 (Severity 1) is entirely green. Row 2 (Severity 2) has the first two columns green and the last four yellow. Row 3 (Severity 3) has the first column green, the next two yellow, and the last three red. Row 4 (Severity 4) has the first column green, the next two yellow, and the last three red. Row 5 (Severity 5) has the first column green, the next two yellow, and the last three red. Row 6 (Severity 6) has the first column green, the next two yellow, and the last three red. The labels 'LOW', 'MEDIUM', and 'HIGH' are placed in the center of the yellow, red, and red areas respectively.</p>					
2	Minor injury, minor damage						
3	Lost time injury, illness, major damage						
4	Major injury, disabling illness, major damage						
5	Single fatality, or permanent total disability						
6	Multiple fatalities						



## Outbreak Management Plan

<b>Date Adopted</b>	July 2021
<b>Date Reviewed</b>	
<b>Next Review Date</b>	Jul 2022
<b>Version</b>	1.0
<b>Review Cycle</b>	Annual
<b>Publication Scheme</b>	Trust Website Local Schools' Websites

This Outbreak Management Plan is based on the contingency framework for managing local outbreaks of COVID 19 and the school's/college's operational guidance from step 4, published by the Department for Education (DfE).

We will only implement some, or all, of the measures in this plan in response to recommendations provided by our local authority (LA), director of public health (DsPH), Public Health England (PHE) health protection team or the national government.

It may be necessary to implement these measures in the following circumstances:

- To help manage a COVID-19 outbreak within the school/college
- If COVID-19 infection rates in the community are extremely high, and other measures have failed to reduce transmission
- As part of a package of measures responding to a 'variant of concern' (VoC)

The Trust will have an up-to-date risk assessment in place, it will be communicated to the whole staff team; appropriate information will be shared with students, parents/carers, visitors, and any other people impacted by the school/college activities.

The Senior Leadership Team will review the risk assessment each month to make sure the measures included are providing the best level of protection available, whilst allowing the school/college to run in a way which will prioritise student's education and growth.

The Trust will have arrangements in place so it can re-introduce measures, up to and in line with the Summer 2021 COVID-19 risk assessment. This may include:

- Reintroduction of face coverings in communal areas
- Adhering to national guidance on the reintroduction of shielding which would apply to those on the shielded patient list (SPL). We will speak to individuals required to shield about additional protective measures in school/college or arrangements for home working or learning
- If recommended to reduce mixing between groups, we would:
  - Reintroduce bubbles
  - Have separate entrances/exits for bubbles
  - Deliver lunches to classrooms
  - Separate rota for breaks and lunches
  - Timetabled use of specialist rooms
  - Reintroduce 'maximum capacity' notices for all communal areas
- If recommended, we would limit:
  - Residential educational visits
  - Transition days
  - Parents coming into school/college
  - Non-essential visitors coming into school/college
  - Live performances

As well as increasing the level of controls, the measures will include providing high quality remote education where students are not able to attend. The school will continue to provide meals or lunch parcels for students eligible for benefits-related free school meals while they are not attending school because of COVID-19 isolation guidelines.

LFD Testing kits will be available on site and supplies will allow for a scaling up of testing if required to allow students and staff to attend. LFD testing is not appropriate for people with symptoms, and they should not attend school/college whilst they have symptoms.

PCR Testing kits will be available for any individual who is symptomatic and may not be able to access a PCR test by other means. Individuals (and where appropriate their parents/carers) should be encouraged to use PCR testing centres where they are likely to get a rapid result. Individuals (and where appropriate their parents/carers) should be strongly encouraged to share the results with the school/college at the earliest opportunity.

- Where a suspected case occurs, the individual will be asked to self-isolate and take a PCR test.
- It is possible when there are confirmed cases the school/college will be asked to provide a list of close contacts, this could lead to the need to take advice from PHE or the Local Health Protection team.
- Where there are multiple cases within a year group, further measures in line with the summer term risk assessment may be re-introduced. Public Health England will be consulted (08000468687 (1)) and any changes in their immediate or publicised guidance will be acted upon. In line with guidance released in August, if the school/college hits the outbreak threshold (General education 5 individuals or 10% of people test positive in a group), advice will be taken, and significant measures introduced.






Where an individual is asked to self-isolate, they will be provided with an isolation number. The number will allow the individual and the school/college to track how long the isolation must be in place.

Individuals who have been informed by Test and Trace to isolate, or have symptoms, must not attend the school/college. The school/college retains the authority to refuse entry to individuals who have symptoms or where the school/college feels their attendance may lead to an outbreak.

### Personal Protective Equipment Matrix

The matrix below details the type (not make) of Personal Protective Equipment which may be suitable for a specific task. Government advice specifically states:

*The majority of staff in education settings will not require PPE beyond what they would normally need for work, even if they are not always able to maintain a distance of 2 metres from others. PPE will only be required in a very small number of cases.*

	(Not PPE) Sanitiser	Face Mask	Disposable Gloves	Disposable Apron	Full Face Shield
					
Teaching or Assisting Teaching	When hand washing facilities are not available	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
Cleaning / Site responsibilities	When hand washing facilities are not available	When specific protection is needed due to chemicals being used or cleaning a potentially infected area.	When specific protection is needed due to chemicals being used or cleaning a potentially infected area.	When specific protection is needed due to chemicals being used or cleaning a potentially infected area.	<b>X</b>
Kitchen/Dining roles	When hand washing facilities are not available	<b>X</b>	In line with normal guidance and while clearing used crockery/cutlery	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
First Aid	When hand washing facilities are not available	When close contact is needed whilst administering First Aid	In line with normal guidance	In line with normal guidance	<b>X</b>
Required close contact (within 2 metres) with an actual or suspected COVID 19 case	When hand washing facilities are not available	When close contact is required whilst supporting an individual before they are transported off site, and until area is cleaned.	When close contact is required whilst supporting an individual before they are transported off site, and until area is cleaned.	When close contact is required whilst supporting an individual before they are transported off site, and until area is cleaned.	When close contact is required whilst supporting an individual before they are transported off site.
Cleaning an area after a suspected COVID 19 case	When hand washing facilities are not available	Used when cleaning an area where a significant chance of infection exists (room where individual has waited for attention or toilet used)	Used when cleaning an area where a significant chance of infection exists (room where individual has waited for attention or toilet used)	Used when cleaning an area where a significant chance of infection exists (room where individual has waited for attention or toilet used)	<b>X</b>
Transporting in vehicles	Required along with disposable wipes	Available and provided for employees. Students encouraged to use their own	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>