

A summary of the key changes to the St Nicholas School Covid-19 Risk Assessment

1. All parents and visitors are to wear a face covering for the duration of they stay, when they are in open areas or around the children. 1 parent per family is allowed in the building at any one time to limit numbers.
2. Visitors to the class bubbles/pupils must be for essential reasons only – i.e. direct therapy or medical observation, general welfare checks may be done via digital means.
3. Staff may wear a face mask in corridors or personal care settings. The use of face coverings when staff are sent into another bubble (in emergency or planned) occasions is promoted. If staff wish to use a face covering in their own class/base this will require an individualised risk assessment.
4. Small training courses (including external delegates) are permitted as part of “work” duties but the training centre is limited to only 11 individuals in socially distant seating – with good room ventilation, with spray cleaner and sanitiser.
5. The Curriculum Support office is limited to six users at any one time, therapy/nurse room – three users, medical room three users (two adults), Shine Room five users (two adults), Gold Star four users (1 adult), offices are limited to three persons only.
6. Meetings should be digital preferably, if involving more than nine people or external people. Small meetings – 3 or 4 to 9 may take place in the training centre or staff room.
7. Staff must observe the “Rule of 6” and be socially distant out of school, including outside the school gates, at all times.
8. All bleach-based products used by class staff will need a 1-1 (in)formal training session from site staff about their use.
9. The school will try to secure staff a flu vaccine, antigen/antibody tests and/or COVID-19 vaccine, as soon as possible.
10. There are four possible responses to low staffing within bubbles – full or partial closure (if there is planning time) or the temporary movement of staff (with facial coverings) or students into other bubbles (if an emergency response), following a dynamic risk assessment.
11. Staff will no longer be expected to clean all outdoor playground equipment at the end of each play session – enhanced hand hygiene procedures for all staff and students are considered sufficient mitigations before and after each playtime – the disinfectant cannot be left/must be dried – unless a child has been seen to spit/lick/sneeze on a surface. The outdoor equipment will be disinfected 1 time daily during the afternoon session – on a rota basis. Classes will dip clean their own small play equipment and toys after use.
12. Timings will now be 8.45 – 2.45 pm and 8.55 – 2.55 pm.
13. There are new mentions of risk assessment procedures described for AGP (aerosol generating procedures), the travel training and Independent Living Skills Cottage areas.