

**SCHOOLS COVID RISK ASSESSMENT**

Activities Covered by this Assessment	Covid19 Schools operational risk assessment V10		
Site Address / Location	All OAK MAT Schools	Department / Service / Team	
<p><b>This risk assessment is for guidance only and must be adapted to include any further hazards and subsequent control measures. It is intended for activities within and connected to the school premises. Once completed, please ensure initial risk ratings are added.</b></p> <p>It is a legal requirement that <b>schools review and update their risk assessments</b> (building on the learning to date and the practices they have already developed), to consider the removal of restrictions and control measures in line with the roadmap out of the pandemic. Settings should also review and update their wider risk assessments and consider the need for relevant revised controls in respect of their conventional risk profile considering the implications of coronavirus (COVID-19). Schools should ensure that they implement sensible and proportionate control measures which follow the health and safety hierarchy of controls to reduce the risk to the lowest reasonably practicable level.</p> <p><b>Schools may wish to retain previous versions of risk assessments as the DfE have indicated that schools may be asked to reinstate controls in the event of a local outbreak. These reinstatements are envisaged to be of short duration but may mean that there are frequent changes required. All reinstatements should be on the advice of public health (PH) and schools should tailor any risk assessment reviews to PH advice.</b></p> <p><b>This risk assessment template is designed to address the Covid19 controls during the normal day to day operation of a school.</b></p> <p>Operational guidance. Please refer to:  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/schools-covid-19-operational-guidance">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/schools-covid-19-operational-guidance</a></p>			

**From 16<sup>th</sup> August:**

- Close contacts of a confirmed case under 18 (18yrs + 4 months) will no longer be required to self-isolate. However, they will be required to engage with test and trace and take a PCR test.

**Schools should continue to:**

- Exercise good hand hygiene.
- Exercise good respiratory hygiene, catch it, bin it, kill it principles.
- Use 'enhanced cleaning' regimes, particularly on frequently touched surfaces (minimum twice a day is suggested).
- Maintain good ventilation in occupied parts of the school, balancing ventilation with thermal comfort.
- Use PPE where appropriate to their setting or activity ([link](#)).
- Have systems in place to encourage all who have symptoms of covid to self-isolate (including household siblings), engage with test and trace and follow PH advice.
- Engage with testing 3 days prior to the start of the autumn term. (to be reviewed Sept 2021)

**Outbreak Management:**

**Schools will be required to have an Outbreak Management Plan for Covid 19 – a template will be available from PHE**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection#exempt>

**Schools will no longer have to perform their own track and trace. This will be carried out by NHS.**

**PPE:**

Additional PPE for coronavirus (COVID-19) is only required in a very limited number of scenarios, for example, when:

- a pupil becomes ill with coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, and only then if a 1+ metre distance cannot be maintained
- performing aerosol generating procedures (AGPs)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safe-working-in-education-childcare-and-childrens-social-care/the-use-of-personal-protective-equipment-ppe-in-education-childcare-and-childrens-social-care-settings-including-for-aerosol-generating-procedure>

**Face Coverings:**

Face coverings will be recommended for pupils in classrooms or communal areas at Manor High School. Face coverings will also be recommended for staff in classrooms.

The reintroduction of face coverings for pupils, students or staff may become mandatory for a temporary period in response to localised outbreaks, including variants of concern. In all cases, any educational drawbacks should be balanced with the benefits of managing transmission. The Local Action Committee structure (bronze/silver/gold) should be used in such circumstances to re-introduce the use of face coverings. Immediate outbreak response (at the level of individual settings or a cluster of settings) remains for **local directors of public health** to advise on.

**Domestic residential educational visits:**

Any domestic and international residential educational visits must be conducted in line with relevant COVID-19 guidance and regulations in place at that time and for the country you are visiting. For international trips the foreign and commonwealth office (FCO) should be consulted before any trip is considered.

For international visits, schools will need to be mindful of the restrictions still in place regarding the red, amber and green list and consider that for amber countries there may be requirements for all participants to quarantine or self-isolate upon return.

Schools should also check their insurance status for short notice cancellation.

For guidance refer to gov.uk or <https://oeapng.info/>

Hazard (Something with a potential to cause harm)	Who might be Harmed & How?	Existing Controls (Consider Hierarchy of Control)	Initial Risk Rating (S x L)			Further Controls Required (Consider Hierarchy of Control)	Final Risk Rating (S x L)			Action Required		
			Severity	Likelihood	Risk Rating		Severity	Likelihood	Risk Rating	Who (Initial)	Date By: (--/--/--)	Done ?
<b>Coming into contact with individuals who are unwell</b>	Staff, pupils, visitors and contractors. Reduced infection control which may result in spread of COVID19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff, pupils, visitors and contractors do not come into the school if they have COVID19 symptoms or have tested positive in the last 10 days.</li> <li>Anyone developing COVID19 symptoms is sent home.</li> <li>Persons who have symptoms will isolate for at least 10 days and will not be in school.</li> </ul>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow advice from PH concerning return to school.</li> </ul>						
<b>A pupil shows</b>	Staff, pupils, visitors and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A pupil awaiting to be collected, is moved, if possible, to a room</li> </ul>				You should call the						

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<b>symptoms of COVID19 whilst in school</b>	contractors. Reduced infection control which may result in spread of COVID19	<p>where they can be isolated behind a closed door (<i>depending on the age and needs of the pupil</i>) with appropriate adult supervision if required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Windows are opened for ventilation.</li> <li>• PPE is worn by staff caring for the pupil while they await collection if a distance of 1+ metres cannot be maintained.</li> <li>• The area around the pupil with symptoms is cleaned and disinfected after they have left. (See cleaning hazard)</li> <li>• Everyone washes their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with soap and running water or use hand sanitiser after any contact with someone who is unwell.</li> </ul>				dedicated advice service who will escalate the issue to your local health protection team where necessary and advise if any additional action is required, such as implementing elements of your outbreak management plan. You can reach them by calling the DfE helpline on 0800 046 8687 and selecting option 1 for advice on the action to take in response to a positive case.						
<b>Use of public transport/school buses</b>	Staff, pupils, parents/guardian, visitors and contractors. Reduced infection control which may result in spread of COVID19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pupils and staff are encouraged to cycle or walk to work.</li> <li>• Communicate information to parents and staff where appropriate.</li> <li>• pupils clean their hands before boarding transport and again on disembarking.</li> <li>• Additional cleaning of vehicles is put in place, touch points in school owned buses / minibuses</li> </ul>										

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	<p>This activity requires the 1+mtr social distancing rule to be broken. This could lead to either person involved in becoming infected with COVID-19 through close contact with an asymptomatic carrier, transmitting the virus through bodily fluids or respiratory droplets entering the persons eyes, nose or mouth.</p> <p>The First aider may have an allergic reaction to latex gloves.</p>	<p>soap and water before donning gloves.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nitrile Gloves conforming BSEN455 will be worn to deliver first aid.</li> <li>• Latex gloves will be avoided to remove the risk of allergic reaction.</li> <li>• The first aider will cover any cuts on their hands with waterproof plasters.</li> <li>• The first aider will avoid putting their fingers in their mouth and touching their face.</li> <li>• The first aider will avoid touching any part of a dressing that will come in contact with a wound.</li> <li>• The first aider will wear goggles (if the person requiring first aid is showing signs of COVID19) conforming BSEN 166.1b.3 to prevent bodily fluids being splashed into the eyes.</li> <li>• A fluid-resistant surgical face mask will be worn by the first aider, if the person is presenting with COVID19 symptoms. The surgical masks used conform to <b>BS EN 14683:2019 Type IIR</b>.</li> <li>• After each first aid treatment is given all equipment and surfaces,</li> </ul>													
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		<p>due to their intimate care needs will continue to receive their care in the same way, using the same PPE as they have always done for this task. This PPE includes:</p> <p>(Please delete/add as appropriate)</p> <p>Gloves</p> <p>Goggles</p> <p>Apron</p> <p>Mask</p> <p>Visor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If contact with the unwell child or young person is necessary, then nitrile/latex disposable gloves, a disposable apron and a fluid-resistant surgical face mask should be worn by the supervising adult. If a there is a risk of splashing to the eyes, for example from coughing, spitting, or vomiting, then eye protection should also be worn.</li><li>• The room is well ventilated at all times.</li></ul>										
Insufficient Cleaning	Reduced infection control which may result in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A detailed cleaning schedule will be implemented throughout the site, ensuring that contact points,</li></ul>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consider increasing hours of cleaning</li></ul>						

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**Source:**

## Air conditioning and ventilation during the coronavirus outbreak

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/equipment-and-machinery/air-conditioning-and-ventilation.htm>

**Contacts: PHE health protection teams**

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/contacts-phe-health-protection-teams>

Source NHS:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>

COVID-19: cleaning in non-healthcare settings:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings>

St. John Ambulance Covid-19: advice for first aiders:

<https://www.sja.org.uk/get-advice/first-aid-advice/covid-19-advice-for-first-aiders/>

Risk Assessor (s) Name(s):		Risk Assessor(s) Signature (S):		
Authorised By:		Authoriser Signature:		<b>Initial</b>
Date Conducted:	30/08/2021	Date of Next Review:	01/10/2021	
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Potential Severity of Harm	<b>High</b> Death, long term serious ill health.	<b>Medium</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>High</b>
	<b>Medium</b> Illness requiring further medical assistance.	<b>Low</b>	<b>Medium</b>	<b>High</b>
	<b>Low</b> Mild illness requiring self-isolation only	<b>Low</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Medium</b>
		<b>Low</b> The event is unlikely to happen.	<b>Medium</b> It is fairly likely to happen.	<b>High</b> It is likely to happen.
Likelihood of Harm Occurring				

Risk Rating Definitions	
<b>Low</b>	This is an acceptable level of risk. No further controls are required as the risk rating cannot be reduced any further. However, it is advised that continual monitoring occurs in order to ensure that no changes / deviation of control measures occur.
<b>Medium</b>	It is advised that further controls are implemented to reduce the risk rating to as low a level as possible. If the risk cannot be reduced to lower than a medium, then on site monitoring should occur to ensure that all stipulated controls are being adhered to.
<b>High</b>	This is an unacceptable risk rating. Urgent interim controls should be implemented to reduce the risk so far as is reasonably practicable. If the risk rating cannot be reduced to lower than a <b>High</b> , then a documented safe system of work should be implemented to control the activity. It may be necessary to seek further professional advice. Serious considerations should be given to the validity of carrying out the activity at all. Regular monitoring of the activity should occur.