

Opening and Operating Schools/Settings – Coronavirus (Covid-19) Risk Assessment V2 (HG v2)

On the following pages, you will find an extensive risk assessment which will provide you with some of the tools to enable your school/setting to operate safely as the Government begins to ease National Lockdown restrictions over the coming months. Although it based mainly on the previous 'Full Opening of Schools Risk Assessment' (V12) it has been renamed and updated in line with current guidance so will start again from 'Version 1' (*changes between V2 and this new V1 are highlighted*). From 08/03/21, this **replaces** the temporary Risk Assessment that was in place during the National Lockdown.

The Government's plan is for all pupils in all year groups, to return to school face to face provision from 08/03/2021. This risk assessment should be read in conjunction with the [Schools coronavirus \(COVID-19\) operational guidance](#), [Actions for Early years and childcare providers](#) and [Additional operational guidance for special schools, special post-16 institutions and alternative provision](#). Schools should use their existing resources to make arrangements for the education of all children. Schools should not put in place rotas. In line with the [Contingency framework: education and childcare settings \(excluding universities\)](#) any restrictions on education would only be as a last resort and may only be initiated following a ministerial decision. In the very unlikely event that evidence supports limiting attendance in primary schools or early years settings, DfE may advise that only vulnerable children and children of critical workers should be allowed to attend schools. In secondary schools, this may also include pupils in Yrs 11 & 13 and those taking exams this academic year. In special schools, where the contingency framework is implemented, all pupils should continue to attend and whilst attendance is encouraged, it will not be mandatory and parents will not be penalised if their child does not attend. While the aim is to have all pupils back at school, every school will also need to have plans in place to ensure continuity of education.

In most cases the preparation for opening to more pupils and staff will be undertaken by the Head teacher and senior colleagues. However, relevant bodies (such as the local authority, academy trusts or governing bodies, depending on the school type) retain responsibility for key decisions and plans should be confirmed with them, particularly risk assessments of the school opening fully before pupils and staff return. All staff and Trade Union safety representatives should be consulted on the development of your risk assessment(s) - leaders are encouraged to ensure that consultation on any changes to risk assessments that will be in place, to ensure that those that are on term-time only contracts have adequate time to contribute. Ensure all persons understand any safety measures, how usual practice may need to be adapted and the safe ways to work together with timetable changes and operational precautions.

Schools will have already assessed the risks and implemented proportionate control measures to limit the transmission of coronavirus (Covid-19).

As part of planning, it is a legal requirement that schools should revisit and update their risk assessments (building on the learning to date and the practices they have already developed), to consider the additional risks and control measures to enable a return to full capacity - this means making judgments at a school level about how to balance minimising any risks from coronavirus (Covid-19) by maximising control measures with providing a full educational experience for children and young people. 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 control to reduce the risk to the lowest reasonably practicable level. Essential measures include:

- a requirement that people stay at home if they: have virus symptoms, have tested positive even if asymptomatic, have been advised by NHS Test & Trace to do so, are household members of a positive case, including someone in their support or childcare bubble, even if that case is asymptomatic, are legally required to self-isolate having recently visited countries outside the Common Travel Areas, have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for coronavirus.
- robust hand and respiratory hygiene;
- enhanced cleaning and ventilation arrangements;
- active engagement with NHS Test and Trace;
- formal consideration of how to reduce contacts and maximise distancing between those in school wherever possible and minimise potential for contamination so far as is reasonably practicable;

How contacts are reduced will depend on the school's circumstances and will (as much as possible) include:

- keeping children in consistent groups;
- avoiding contact between groups;
- arranging classrooms with forward facing desks;
- staff maintaining distance from pupils and other staff as much as possible.

Having assessed your risks, you must work through the below system of controls, adopting measures to the fullest extent possible in a way that addresses the risks identified in your assessment, works for your school and allows you to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum for you pupils, including full educational and care support for those pupils who have SEND.

Prevention:

- 1) minimise contact with individuals who are required to self-isolate by ensuring they do not attend school;
- 2) ensure face coverings are used in recommended circumstances;
- 3) clean hands thoroughly more often than usual;
- 4) ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach;
- 5) maintain enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents;
- 6) consider how to minimise contact across the site and maintain social distancing wherever possible;
- 7) keeping occupied spaces well ventilated.

In specific circumstances:

- 8) where necessary, wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE);
- 9) promote and engage in asymptomatic testing, where available.

Response to any infection:

Always:

- 10) promote and engage with the NHS Test and Trace process;
- 11) manage and report confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community;
- 12) contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice.
- 13) settings **MUST** notify Ofsted within 14 days of any confirmed cases of coronavirus (Covid-19) in the setting (either child or staff member) and if the setting is advised by Public Health to close as a result. This should be done online via [tell Ofsted if you have a Covid-19 related incident](#).

Numbers 13 applies only to stand alone nursery provision in primary schools (rather than the whole school) including maintained schools, non-maintained schools, independent schools and those on the Early Years Register. Those settings with reception pupils only do not need to notify Ofsted.

Risk reduction measures should (as with all other risk assessments) be assessed in order of priority as set out below; schools should not simply adopt the easiest control measure to implement. Controls should be practical to be implemented and, ideally, should be able to be maintained easily over time. It is critical to remember that it will only rarely be feasible to eliminate individual risks completely.

- 1) **Elimination:** stop an activity that is not considered essential if there are risks attached.
- 2) **Substitution:** replace the activity with another that reduces the risk. Care is required to avoid introducing new hazards due to the substitution.
- 3) **Engineering controls:** design measures that help control or mitigate risk.
- 4) **Administrative controls:** identify and implement the procedures to improve safety (for example, markings on the floor, signage).
- 5) Having gone through this process, **PPE** should be used in circumstances where the guidance says it is required.

The control measures listed in the following risk assessment are a guide to help and support you.

All the control measures will need to be considered. Some of the information can simply be deleted where it does not apply to your setting or where you have devised your own particular control measure to reduce the risks. So, although it may look onerous, much of it is made up of possible practical solutions and measures you will already have considered.

This risk assessment **may well be subject to change** as we move forward, but we will highlight any changes to make life easier for you.

Stay safe, keep well and take care.

Hollins Grundy Primary School Opening & Operating Risk Assessment - Coronavirus (Covid-19) – V2

Activity:	Opening & Operating Schools/Settings during Coronavirus (Covid-19) Pandemic			Location:	
Assessor:	S. Waddington L.McCrorie	Ref No.:		Distribution:	
Date:	22.04.2021	Proposed Review Date:		Signed:	
Individuals at Risk	All employees, pupils, visitors, contractors, members of the public, the people they live with and their other close contacts, in particular, vulnerable children (as classified by DfE or LA guidance or school), vulnerable adults, anyone who is Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic (BAME), young/ inexperienced workers, new/ expectant mothers, anyone experiencing ill-health or who has pre-existing medical conditions, and first aiders/nurses/intimate care providers.				
Risks	COVID-19 or the novel coronavirus (Covid-19) is a new, highly infectious and serious respiratory illness that can cause death, critical illness, and other serious and potentially long-term health complications we are still learning about. The virus can be transmitted by contact with a bodily fluid containing it, most commonly saliva droplets dispersed into the air (aerosols) through talking, coughing, sneezing, and the performance of some healthcare tasks, which are then breathed in by other people nearby or the droplets land on surfaces that others touch, getting into their body when they then touch their face, especially their own mouth, nose and eyes. This may lead to anxiety and other wellbeing issues amongst staff, pupils and parents. Risks arising from lack of building/equipment particularly during periods of partial or full closure. The ability to effectively implement fire and other emergency procedures may be compromised due to reduced staff numbers for example.				

All pupils, in all year groups are expected return to school from 08/03/21. The [Schools coronavirus \(COVID-19\) operational guidance](#) is intended to support schools, both mainstream and alternative provision. Independent schools are expected to follow the control measures set out in the guidance in the same way. Separate guidance is also available for [Early years and childcare providers](#) and [Special schools, special post-16 institutions and alternative provision](#).

ASYMPTOMATIC TESTING

Testing remains voluntary but is strongly encouraged.

Additionally, the households, childcare and support bubbles of pupils, students and staff of schools, nurseries and colleges can get [twice weekly rapid asymptomatic lateral flow tests](#). This is now available to adults working in the wider school community and includes drivers and passenger assistants on school transport.

Primary schools:

Staff in primary schools will continue to test with LFDs twice a week at home, as per existing guidance on testing for staff in primary schools and nurseries. Primary age pupils will not be tested with LFDs.

Refer to: [Mass asymptomatic testing: schools and colleges](#), [Rapid asymptomatic testing in specialist settings](#) and [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) asymptomatic testing for staff in primary schools and nurseries](#).

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Contact with individuals who are unwell Serious respiratory illness, death	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that pupils, staff and other adults do not come into school if they have one or more coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms (a new continual cough, a temperature in excess of 37.8°C or a loss of, or change in their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia) *) a member of their household (including someone in their support bubble or childcare bubble if they have one) has coronavirus symptoms, they are legally required to quarantine having recently visited countries outside the Common Travel Area, they have had a positive test, they have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) for at least 10 days from the day after the start of their symptoms, the test date, if they did not have any symptoms but had a positive test (whether this was a lateral flow device (LFD) or polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test). Staff in all settings and students in Year 7 and above with a positive LFD test result will 	<p>Ensure all staff and parents are made aware.</p> <p>* In addition, if any of our staff or pupils test positive for COVID-19, public health may advise us to ask pupils to get tested and isolate with a wider range of symptoms, including: headache, diarrhoea, severe fatigue and sore throat.</p>	Admin Staff SW All Staff

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	<p>also need to arrange a lab-based polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test to confirm the result if the LFD test was done at home.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If anyone in the school becomes unwell with coronavirus symptoms, they must be sent home and advised to follow the above Stay at home guidance, which sets out that they must self-isolate for that day and the following full 10 days and should arrange to have a test or the test date if they were asymptomatic but had a positive test (lateral flow device or polymerase chain reaction test). Other members of their household (including any siblings) should self-isolate starting from the day the individual's symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms, whether this was an LFD or PCR test), and the next full 10 days. • If someone in a child or staff member's support bubble or childcare bubble is showing coronavirus symptoms, or otherwise self-isolating, everyone in that support bubble should stay home. If the child/staff member or a member of their support bubble is contacted as part of the NHS Test and Trace programme, the individual contacted should stay at home. If the individual becomes symptomatic, everyone in the support bubble should then isolate. • If a child is awaiting collection, they will be moved, if possible, to a room where they can be isolated behind a closed door, depending on the age and needs of the child, with appropriate adult supervision if required. If it is safe to do so, a window should be opened for ventilation. If it is not possible to isolate them, we will move them to an area which is at least 2 metres away from other people. • If they need to go to the bathroom while waiting to be collected, they should use a separate bathroom if possible. The bathroom will be cleaned and disinfected using standard cleaning products before use by anyone else. • If a child needs direct personal care until they can return home, a fluid-resistant surgical face mask will be worn by the supervising adult if a distance of 2m cannot be maintained. If contact with the child is necessary, then disposable gloves and a disposable apron will also be worn by the supervising adult. If a risk assessment determines that there is a risk of splashing to the eyes, e.g. from coughing, spitting, or vomiting, then eye protection will also be worn. Refer to safe working in education, childcare and children's social care settings, including the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) • In an emergency, call 999 if someone is seriously ill, injured or their life is at risk. • Any member of staff who has provided close contact care to someone with symptoms, even while wearing PPE, and all other member of staff or pupils who have been in close contact with that person with symptoms, even if wearing a face covering, do not need to go home to self-isolate unless the symptomatic person subsequently tests positive; they develop symptoms themselves (in which case, they should arrange a test) or if the symptomatic person subsequently tests positive or they have been requested to do so by NHS Test & Trace or the PHE advice service, or they have tested positive from a LFD test. • Everyone must wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with soap and running water or use hand sanitiser after any contact with someone who is unwell. The area around the person with symptoms must be cleaned with normal household disinfectant after they have left to reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people. Refer to COVID-19: cleaning of non-healthcare settings outside the home. • If a child starts displaying coronavirus symptoms while at their school or setting they must be 	<p>Public Health England has good evidence that routinely taking the temperature of pupils is not recommended as this is an unreliable method for identifying coronavirus (COVID-19).</p> <p>Essential workers, which includes anyone involved in education or childcare, have priority access to testing.</p> <p>A small supply of fluid-resistant surgical face masks should be purchased. E.g. https://www.medisave.co.uk/surgical-face-masks-type-iir-x-50.html</p> <p>Anyone with coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms should not visit the GP, pharmacy, urgent care centre or a hospital unless advised to do so.</p>	

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	<p>sent home. We will contact the parent or carer who should make arrangements for the child or young person to journey home as soon as possible. They may walk or cycle if it is possible for them to do so and they are able to wear a face covering and keep a safe distance from others. They must not travel on public transport or in a taxi or private hire vehicle. In exceptional circumstances, where this is not possible, and the setting needs to take responsibility for transporting them home we will do one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - use a vehicle with a bulkhead or partition; - the driver and passenger should maintain a distance of 2m from each other; - the driver should use PPE, and the passenger should wear a face mask if they are old enough and able to do so. 		
<p>Poor response to an infection</p> <p>Infection spread leading to serious respiratory illness, death</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will ensure all staff and parents understand the NHS Test and Trace process used to test symptomatic people (using a 'polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test'). • We will promote and engage in asymptomatic testing and will follow the guidance: Mass asymptomatic testing: schools and colleges, Rapid asymptomatic testing in specialist settings and Coronavirus (COVID-19) asymptomatic testing for staff in primary schools and nurseries. • We will ensure that staff and parents/carers understand the need to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - book a test if they or their child are displaying symptoms (or order via Tel No. 119); - self-isolate immediately and not come to school if they develop symptoms, have been in close contact (within the previous 2 days) with someone who tests positive for Covid-19, anyone in their household or support or childcare bubble develops coronavirus (Covid-19) symptoms, they are required to do so having visited countries from outside the common travel area or have been advised by NHS test and trace or the PHE local health team, which is a legal obligation; - provide details of anyone they have been in close contact with if they were to test positive for coronavirus (Covid-19) or if asked by NHS Test & Trace. • Staff with a negative LFD test result can continue to attend the setting unless they have individually been advised otherwise by NHS Test and Trace or Public Health professionals e.g. as a close contact. They should continue to apply the measures in the system of controls to themselves and the setting. • We will assist the track and Trace service by keeping a temporary record of staff shift patterns for 21 days and assist NHS Test and Trace with requests for that data if needed. Refer to Maintaining records to support NHS Test & Trace. • We will ask parents and staff to inform us immediately of the results of a test and follow this guidance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - if a child or member of staff tests negative, then they should stay at home until they are recovered as usual from their illness but can safely return thereafter. Other members of their household can stop self-isolating. The only exception to return following a negative test result is where an individual is separately identified as a close contact of a confirmed case, when they will need to self-isolate for 10 full days from the day after that contact, or if other members of their household are symptomatic. - if a child or member of staff tests positive, they should follow the 'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection' and must continue to self-isolate for at least from the day of onset of their symptoms and for the following 10 	<p>Schools: Contact the DfE Helpline: 0800 046 8687 & select Option 1 for advice on the action to take in response to a positive case. If, following triage, further expert advice is required the adviser will escalate the school's call to the local health protection team. who will provide definitive advice on who must be sent home.</p> <p>Report confirmed cases of COVID-19 through the online attendance form daily return and also continue to inform the LA of any confirmed cases (How to complete the educational setting status form).</p> <p>If any individual with symptoms is believed to have contracted the COVID-19 virus 'whilst at work', the relevant information must be reported to the HSE under RIDDOR legislation (refer to www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/riddor)</p> <p>In the sad event of the death of a worker in children's services from coronavirus (COVID-19) follow: Actions for employers and providers following a coronavirus (COVID-19) related death of a carer or colleague across children's services</p>	<p>SW All Staff</p>

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	<p>full days and then return to school only if they do not have a temperature (a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone). The period of isolation starts from the day they became symptomatic and the following 10 full days. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal. Other members of their household should all self-isolate starting from the day the individual's symptoms started and the next 10 full days. If symptoms develop during this isolation period, then they must restart the 10 day isolation from the day after symptoms developed. Others in the household must self-isolate for 10 days from the day after contact with the individual who tested positive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At this stage, all those who have been in close contact (within the previous 2 days) with the pupil or member of staff in their group or bubble will be asked to self-isolate for 10 days from the day after contact with the individual who tested positive If a further child who is self-isolating develops symptoms, they should be tested for COVID-19. If this result is positive, they will begin the 10 day isolation from the day they became ill. All those in the second child's household will need to self-isolate for 10 days from the day after onset of the symptoms. If the result is negative, the second child will continue with their 10 day isolation period as a result of being in contact with the first child. <p>Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) tests contingency supply</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Separate to the asymptomatic testing regime, all schools have been provided with a small number of home testing PCR kits (Tel: 119 if these have not arrived). Kits are suitable for people of all ages. Kits should not be given directly to children - only to adults over the age of 18 or a child's parent or carer. Parents and carers will be required to administer the test to those under 11. Full instructions on how to administer the test and what to do next are provided within each kit. Schools will not be expected to administer testing, and testing should not take place on site (with the exception of residential settings). As with students, we may consider offering kits to members of staff who become symptomatic on site if we do not think that they will be able to access testing by the usual routes. Any additional kits allocated and provided in this way should be used in line with test kits for schools at our discretion to minimise the impact of the virus on the education of our pupils. This includes ensuring access to testing for symptomatic staff who are vital to the running of our education setting. <p>NHS Test and Trace App</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The national NHS Test and Trace App is now available. All staff/volunteers and students aged 16 and over will be encouraged to download the app to their smartphones (available on the Google Play Store and Apple App Store). The app will be used alongside traditional contact tracing to notify users if they come into contact with someone who later tests positive for coronavirus. The app complements, rather than replaces, existing processes. 	<p>PCR test kits should only be offered in the exceptional circumstance an individual becomes symptomatic and you believe they may have barriers to accessing testing elsewhere. Refer to Test kits for schools</p> <p>Further guidance can be found in Use of the NHS COVID-19 app in schools and FE colleges</p>	

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<p>There is a confirmed case of coronavirus amongst the school community</p> <p>Infection spread leading to serious respiratory illness, death</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will take swift action when we become aware that someone who has attended has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) having developed symptoms and taken a PCR test outside of school. If someone who uses dedicated transport tests positive, we will work with the LA to identify close contacts. The health protection team will carry out a rapid risk assessment to confirm who has been in close contact with the person during the period that they were infectious and ensure they are asked to self-isolate. The health protection team will work with us in this situation to guide us through the actions we need to take. Based on the advice from the health protection team, we must send home those people who have been in close contact with the person who has tested positive. 'A contact' is a person who has been close to someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) with a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test. You can be a contact anytime from 2 days before the person who tested positive developed their symptoms, and up to 10 days after, as this is when they can pass the infection on to others. A risk assessment may be undertaken to determine this, but a close contact includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> anyone who lives in the same household as someone with COVID-19 symptoms or who has tested positive COVID-19; anyone who has had any of the following types of contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 with a PCR or LFD test: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> face-to-face contact including being coughed on or having a face-to-face conversation within 1m, skin-to-skin physical contact for any length of time been within 1m for 1 minute or longer without face-to-face contact; sexual contacts; been within 2m of someone for more than 15 minutes (either as a one-off contact or added up together over 1 day); travelled in the same vehicle or a plane. If someone who uses transport tests positive, the risk assessment is likely to take account of factors such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> vehicle size; degree of face-to-face contact; length of time in close proximity; whether a Perspex screen is in place. The health protection team will provide definitive advice on who must be sent home and asked to self isolate. To support them, we will keep a record of pupils and staff in each group, and any close contact that takes places between children and staff in different groups. This will be a proportionate recording process - we do not need to ask pupils to record everyone they have spent time with each day or ask staff to keep definitive records in a way that is overly burdensome. A template letter has been provided to us to send to parents of children asked to self-isolate. This can also be used for staff if needed. It is important that this letter is shared promptly with all parents of children that have been asked to self-isolate as this letter allows parents who are on a low income and unable to work from home to apply to the LA for financial support under 	<p>We will ensure our privacy notices for both parents/pupils and staff are updated accordingly.</p>	<p>SW All Staff</p>

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	<p>the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme. They will not be able to make an application without providing this letter as supporting evidence. We will not share the names or details of people with coronavirus (COVID-19) unless essential to protect others.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Household members of those contacts who are sent home do not need to self-isolate themselves unless the child, young person or staff member who is self-isolating subsequently develops symptoms unless they have been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or their public health protection team, in which case they must self-isolate; this is a legal obligation. If someone in a class or group that has been asked to self-isolate develops symptoms themselves within the 10-days from the day after contact with the individual who tested positive, they should follow ‘stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection’. They should get a test, and: If the test delivers a negative result, they should remain in isolation for the remainder of the 10-day isolation period. This is because they could still develop the coronavirus (COVID-19) within the remaining days. if the test result is positive, they should inform school immediately, and must isolate from the day of onset of their symptoms and at least the following full 10 days (which could mean the self-isolation ends before or after the original 10-day isolation period). Their household should self-isolate starting from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms and the next 10 full days, following ‘stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection’ We will not request evidence of negative test results or other medical evidence before admitting children or welcoming them back after a period of self-isolation. The asymptomatic testing programme in secondary schools initially included offering those who came into close contact with a positive case in secondary schools and colleges the option of 7 days of daily contact testing (with self-isolation if a subsequent test was positive) as an alternative to self-isolation. PHE and NHS Test and Trace have now reviewed their initial advice and have concluded that changes in the virus warrant further evaluation work and that daily contact testing in place of self-isolation has been paused until this evaluation has taken place. Some school staff, parents and carers who are on a low income, unable to work from home and losing income as a result may be eligible for a one-off Test and Trace Support Payment of £500, payable as a lump sum from the LA. 	<p>The DHSC has launched the Self-Isolation Service Hub, Tel: 020 3743 6715 (7 days a week, 8am to 8pm), allowing schools to provide contact details of any staff who have been asked to self-isolate and are likely to be eligible for the Test and Trace Support Payment or discretionary payment.</p>	
<p>Poor containment of an outbreak by not following local health protection team advice</p> <p>Infection spread leading to serious respiratory illness, death</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If we have 2 or more confirmed cases within 14 days, or an overall rise in sickness absence where coronavirus (COVID-19) is suspected, we may have an outbreak, and will continue to work with the local health protection team who will advise if additional action is required. In some cases, health protection teams may recommend that a larger number of other pupils self-isolate at home as a precautionary measure – perhaps the whole site or year group. If we implement the controls from this risk assessment, whole school closure based on cases within the school will not generally be necessary and should not be considered except on the advice of health protection teams. 		SW

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<p>Clinically vulnerable or extremely clinically vulnerable persons returning to school</p> <p>Serious respiratory illness, death</p>	<p>The government has announced that shielding guidance is being paused. From 01/04/21, clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) people are no longer advised to shield. CEV people must continue to follow the national restrictions that are in place for everyone.</p> <p>Pupils</p> <p><i>Pupils who clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From 01/04/21, all CEV children should attend early years provision, school, college, wraparound childcare and out-of-school settings, unless they are one of the very small number of children under paediatric or other specialist care and have been advised by their GP or clinician not to attend. CEV students who are enrolled in practical, or practice-based (including creative arts) courses should return to in-person teaching. Some pupils, parents and households may be reluctant or anxious about attending school. This may include pupils who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> have themselves been shielding previously but have been advised they no longer need to shield; live in a household where someone is clinically vulnerable or clinically extremely vulnerable (including young carers); are concerned about the possible increased risks from coronavirus (COVID-19) such as those who have certain medical conditions. We will discuss any concerns with parents and provide reassurance about the measures we are putting in place to reduce any risks including the system of controls and testing. We will discuss with individual parents other specific accommodations that can be put in place to ensure that the pupil can regularly attend and emphasise the benefits of regular attendance. Each student's EHCP will be updated to include any additional protective measures being put in place. We will be clear with parents that pupils of compulsory school age must be in school unless a statutory reason applies. Children who live with those who are clinically extremely vulnerable can attend school and out of school settings. We will provide remote education to pupils who are unable to attend school because they are still shielding (as above), have symptoms or have had a positive test result, live with someone who has symptoms or has tested positive and are a household contact or are a close contact of someone who has coronavirus (COVID-19). <p>Immunisation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As normal, we will engage with our local immunisation providers to provide routine immunisation programmes on site, ensuring these will be delivered in keeping with the school's control measures. <p>School workforce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The expectation is that those staff not attending school who are still able to work should do so from home where possible. Some roles, such as some administrative roles, may be conducive to home working, and we will consider what is feasible and appropriate. We will explain to staff the measures the school is putting in place to reduce risks and discuss any changes. We anticipate adherence to the measures in this Risk Assessment will provide the 	<p>Refer to RCPCH COVID-19 - 'shielding' guidance for children and young people</p> <p>Where children do not attend school as parents are following clinical &/or public health advice (self-isolation, family isolation, quarantine or the clinically extremely vulnerable during a future lockdown), absence will not be penalised (record as Code 'X') – see Recording attendance in relation to Covid-19.</p> <p>Where necessary, we will provide equipment for people to work at home safely and effectively, e.g. remote access to work systems and provide guidance on how to work safely at home</p>	<p>SW (in liaison with Parents)</p> <p>SW</p>

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	<p>necessary reassurance for staff to return to schools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will discuss any concerns individuals including those who may be clinically vulnerable, clinically extremely vulnerable or at increased comparative risk from coronavirus, may have around their particular circumstances, reassure staff about the protective measures in place and carry out a specific Individual Risk Assessment with them. <p>Staff who are extremely clinically vulnerable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CEV staff are advised to continue to work from home where possible (as above), but if they cannot work from home, they should now attend the workplace. They should continue to take the extra precautions set out in the Schools coronavirus (COVID-19) operational guidance and this Risk Assessment to help protect themselves including maintaining strict social distancing and keeping their overall social contacts at low levels. Where staff are anxious about attendance, we will speak to them about their concerns and discuss the protective measures that have been put in place to reduce the risk and any additional measures that could be put in place and carry out a risk assessment with them (as above). People who live with those who are clinically extremely vulnerable can attend the workplace where home-working is not possible and should ensure they maintain good prevention practice in the workplace and home settings. <p>Staff who are clinically vulnerable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff who are clinically vulnerable or have underlying health conditions but are not clinically extremely vulnerable, can return or continue to attend school. While in school they should follow the specific measures in this risk assessment to minimise the risks of transmission. We will carry out individual risk assessment with them (as above) This includes taking particular care to observe good hand and respiratory hygiene, minimising contact and maintaining social distancing. This provides that ideally, adults should maintain 2m distance from others, and where this is not possible avoid close face to face contact and minimise time spent within 1 metre of others. While the risk of transmission between young children and adults is likely to be low, adults should continue to take care to socially distance from other adults including older children/adolescents. People who live with those who are clinically vulnerable can attend school, but should ensure they maintain good prevention practice in the workplace and at home. <p>Staff who are pregnant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pregnant women are in the 'clinically vulnerable' category, and are advised to follow the above advice, which applies to all staff in schools. In some cases, pregnant women may also have other health conditions that mean they are considered CEV, where the advice for clinically extremely vulnerable staff will apply. We will conduct a risk assessment for new and expectant mothers in line with the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 (MHSW). Any risks identified at that point, or later during the pregnancy, in the first 6 months after birth, or while the employee is still breastfeeding, will be included and managed as part of the general workplace risk assessment. We will take appropriate sensible action to reduce, remove or control the risks. As part of our risk assessment, we will consider whether adapting duties and/or facilitating home working may be appropriate to mitigate risks. 	<p>Refer to Guidance on shielding and protecting people who are clinically extremely vulnerable from COVID-19</p> <p>See also Coronavirus (COVID-19: advice for pregnant employees , RCOG FAQ's for pregnant women and COVID-19 vaccination: a guide for women of childbearing age, pregnant or breastfeeding contains vaccination advice</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (RCOG) guidance includes advice for women from 28 weeks gestation or with underlying health conditions who may be at greater risk. We will follow this advice and continue to monitor for future updates to it. All pregnant women will be advised take particular care to practise frequent, thorough hand washing, and cleaning of frequently touched areas in their home or workspace. We will ensure pregnant women are able to adhere to any active national guidance on social distancing and/or advice for pregnant women considered to CEV <p>Staff who may otherwise be at increased risk from coronavirus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Those with particular characteristics such as those from the Black, Asian, Ethnic Minority community (BAME) who may be at comparatively increased risk from coronavirus (COVID-19) can return to school as long as the system of controls set out in School Operational Guidance and this Risk Assessment are in place, unless they have been included in the CEV group, where the advice for CEV staff will apply. We will carry out an individual risk assessment with them (as above) People who live with those who have comparatively increased risk from coronavirus (COVID-19) can attend school where it is not possible to work from home 	<p>Refer to COVID-19: review of disparities in risks and outcomes report and Schools and COVID-19: guidance for Black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) staff and their employers in school settings</p>	
<p>Inadequate hand and respiratory hygiene leading to spread of Covid-19 virus</p> <p>Infection spread leading to serious respiratory illness, death</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everyone will be reminded to wash their hands before leaving home, on arrival at school, on return from breaks, when they change rooms and before and after handling cleaning chemicals, eating/drinking, using the toilet, sports activities, using public transport and after coughing or sneezing and not to touch face (eyes, mouth, nose) with hands that are not clean. Wash with liquid soap & water for a minimum of 20 seconds. Alcohol based hand cleansers/gels (containing at least 60% alcohol) can be used if soap and water are not available or practical. We will ensure there are sufficient hand washing or hand sanitiser 'stations' available throughout school for staff and pupils and at the main entrance and dining hall entrance. We will ensure supervision of hand sanitiser use given the risks around ingestion. Small children and pupils with complex needs will continue to be helped to clean their hands properly. Skin friendly skin cleaning wipes can be used as an alternative. Hands must be dried properly to prevent infection and drying out. Pat dry rather than rub to avoid discomfort. Supplies of hand cream (aqueous cream or similar) will be made available to help prevent soreness. Ensure suitable hand washing facilities are available including running water, liquid soap and paper towels or hand driers. Where in place, toilet lids should be closed prior to flushing and remain closed after use. Where not in place, staff and children will be instructed to move away from the toilet as soon as it has been flushed, more frequent cleaning of the toilets and most importantly, ensuring that strict hand hygiene measures are observed following every visit to the toilet. If the site allows it, we will allocate different groups their own toilet blocks. Toilets will be cleaned regularly and pupils encouraged to clean their hands thoroughly after using the toilet. The 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach will continue. Everyone will be reminded to sneeze into a tissue or sleeve NEVER into hands and to wash hands immediately after (as above). 'Catch it, bin it, kill it' posters to be displayed in relevant areas. Used tissues will be put in a bin immediately - all waste bins to be lined (they do not need not be 	<p>Ensure all attending understand how to wash hands correctly - Posters around the school as appropriate.</p> <p>Ensure all sinks have necessary stock & restock as necessary. HSE have issued guidance on Choosing the right hand sanitisers and surface disinfectants</p> <p>We will build these routines into school culture, supported by behaviour expectations and help ensure younger children and those with complex needs understand the need to follow them.</p> <p>We will ensure there are enough tissues and bins available to support pupils and staff to follow the 'Catch it, bin it, kill it' routine</p> <p>The e-Bug coronavirus (COVID-19) website contains free resources for schools, including materials to encourage good hand and respiratory hygiene</p> <p>Refer to HSE: First aid during Covid-19</p>	<p>SW All staff</p>

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	<p>doubled lined) and should be lidded and foot operated and emptied regularly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As with hand cleaning, we will ensure younger children and those with complex needs are helped to get this right, and all pupils understand that this is now part of how school operates. Some pupils with complex needs will struggle to maintain as good respiratory hygiene as their peers, e.g. those who spit uncontrollably or use saliva as a sensory stimulant. This will be considered in risk assessments in order to support these pupils and the staff working with them and is not a reason to deny these pupils face to face education. Where it is necessary for first aid to be administered in close proximity, treating any casualty properly should be the first concern. Those administering it should pay particular attention to sanitation measures immediately afterwards, including washing hands. 		
<p>Inadequate personal protection & PPE & spread of Covid-19 virus</p> <p>Infection spread leading to serious respiratory illness, death</p>	<p>PPE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will review tasks in school which require PPE like first aid, intimate care, cleaning, food preparation etc. and identify where we need extra equipment (like visors where splashing to the eyes is a new significant risk) or more of it (because we change it more often) and we used Covid-19: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to help us decide. Where PPE is required, staff will be trained in and must scrupulously follow the guidance how to put PPE on and take it off safely to reduce cross and self-contamination The majority of staff will not require PPE beyond what they would normally need for their work. PPE is only needed in a very small number of cases, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> where an individual child or young person becomes ill with coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms while at school, and only then if a distance of 2m cannot be maintained where a child or young person already has routine intimate care needs that involve the use of PPE, in which case the same PPE should continue to be used – disposable apron and disposable gloves. When changing children, and where the child can understand, ask the child to turn their head to the side during the changing process. A displayed poster which the children can describe may assist with this. For further information on the use of PPE for supervising a child who has become unwell see section on 'Contact with individuals who are unwell' above. Staff dealing with children with complex medical needs have an increased risk of transmission through aerosols being transferred from the child to the care giver. Staff performing tracheostomy care and other similar procedures will follow the Public Health advice and refer to the DfE guidance Safe working in education, childcare and children's social care settings, including the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) which specifically covers Aerosol generating procedures (AGPs), and wear the correct PPE which is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a FFP2/3 respirator (which must be fit-tested) gloves a long-sleeved fluid repellent gown eye protection If non-symptomatic children present behaviours which may increase the risk of droplet transmission (such as spitting), they will continue to receive care in the same way, including any existing routine use of PPE. <p>Face Coverings:</p>	<p>Ensure adequate bins (lidded and foot operated where possible) and tissues are made available. Ensure school has a stock of rubber gloves and if needed, disposable gloves/aprons/facemasks.</p> <p>Signage as appropriate.</p> <p>Refer to HSE Face Fit Testing Guidance</p> <p>Refer to: Face coverings in Education</p>	<p>SW</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face visors or shields should not be worn routinely as an alternative to face coverings. They may protect against droplet spread in specific circumstances but are unlikely to be effective in preventing aerosol transmission when used without additional face covering. They should only be used after carrying out a risk assessment for the specific situation and should always be cleaned appropriately. • We will have a process for removing face coverings when those who use face coverings arrive and when face coverings are worn within the setting. This process will be communicated clearly to pupils and staff and allow for adjustments to be made for those children and young people with SEND to support them to access education successfully. • It is vital that that face coverings are worn correctly so clear instructions will be provided to staff, children and young people on how to put on, remove, store and dispose of face coverings (Face coverings: when to wear one and how to make your own) in all of the circumstances above, to avoid inadvertently increasing the risks of transmission. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - cleaning of hands before and after touching – including to remove or put them on – and the safe storage of them between use. - Instructed not to touch the front of their face covering during use or when removing it and they must dispose of temporary face coverings in a 'black bag' waste bin (not recycling bin) or place reusable face coverings in a plastic bag they can take home with them, and then wash their hands again before heading to their classroom/workplace; - Where a face covering becomes damp, it should not be worn and the face covering should be replaced carefully. • Staff and where appropriate, children should have access to their own face coverings, however, where anybody is struggling to access a face covering, or where they are unable to use their face covering due to having forgotten it or it having become soiled or unsafe, we will take steps to have a small contingency supply available to meet such needs. • Staff and pupils will be encouraged to bring a spare face covering to wear if their face covering becomes damp during the day. • It is mandatory to wear a face covering if you need to use public transport or when attending a hospital as a visitor or outpatient. <i>Note: children aged 3 to 10 years are exempt from the mandatory requirement to wear a face covering on public transport.</i> Consider this to be best practice where the child understands how to wear a mask properly. • Responsible adults or carers travelling with children on public transport must follow this guidance, wear face coverings, minimise the surfaces they touch and maintain their distance from others, where possible. • Children under the age of 3 should not wear face coverings. • Refer also to 'Measures for arriving at and leaving school' and 'Transport' below. <p>[Primary Schools & educational settings teaching Year 6 & below]:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In primary schools, face coverings should be worn by staff and adult visitors in situations where social distancing is not possible between adults e.g. when moving around in corridors and communal areas. • Children in early years settings and Primary school children do not need to wear a face covering. 	<p>Some individuals are exempt from wearing face coverings e.g. people who cannot put on, wear or remove a face covering because of a physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability, or if you are speaking to or providing assistance to someone who relies on lip reading, clear sound or facial expression to communicate. The same exemptions will apply in education settings, and we would expect teachers and other staff to be sensitive to those needs. Transparent face coverings, which may assist communication with someone who relies on lip reading, clear sound or facial expression to communicate, can be worn</p> <p>Ensure there is a small supply of face coverings available in school</p> <p>Also mandatory to wear face coverings in enclosed public spaces along with indoor transport hubs, taxis & private hire vehicles (see exemptions)</p> <p>We will communicate quickly and clearly to staff, parents, pupils and learners that the new arrangements require the use of face coverings in</p>	

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		certain circumstances	
<p>Failure to adequately identify vulnerable pupils/ safeguarding</p> <p>Vulnerable pupils do not receive appropriate support and protection</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will continue to have regard to statutory guidance (Keeping Children Safe in Education) We will review/update our child protection policy (led by the DSL) to reflect the move to remote education for most pupils and that some may require remote education due to self-isolation for example. There is no change to local multi-agency safeguarding arrangements, which remain the responsibility of the three safeguarding partners (local authorities, clinical commissioning groups and chief officers of police). All local safeguarding partners will remain vigilant and responsive to all safeguarding threats and ensure vulnerable children and young people are safe – particularly as some children and young people will be learning remotely due to self-isolation for example. In particular, vulnerable children and those with a social worker are expected to attend provision (subject to public health advice), given their safeguarding and welfare needs. Where vulnerable children do not attend, we will follow up with the parent/carer, working with the LA/social worker (where applicable) to explore the reasons for absence, discussing their concerns; focus discussions on the welfare of the child ensuring they are able to access appropriate support whilst at home; keep the situation under review and maintain contact. We will take the opportunity to contact all parents to confirm correct emergency numbers and ask for additional emergency contacts where these are available. The DSL (and deputies) will be provided with more time to help provide support to staff and children regarding any new safeguarding and welfare concerns and the handling of referrals to children's social care and other agencies where these are appropriate. The DSL will be best placed to co-ordinate multi-agency working within a school, including communication with school nurses. <p>Elective Home Education (EHE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will encourage parents to send their children to school, particularly those who are vulnerable. EHE does not automatically put children at greater risk of harm. We will consider whether a parent's decision to educate at home gives greater cause for concern compared to remaining in school. If we feel there is additional cause for concern, we will follow our own Child Protection policy and refer this to the DSL who will then consider making a referral to the LA in line with existing procedures. This will happen as soon as we become aware of a parent's intention, or decision, to home educate. Alerting LAs as soon as possible where needed helps them to check if a child is receiving statutory social care services and notify any relevant social worker to work with the home education team to carry out any further checks or assessments that may be needed. We are expected to support social workers and other agencies following any referrals. We are already aware which children have a social worker assigned to them or their immediate family. We will work with LAs and, where possible, coordinate meetings with parents to seek to ensure EHE is being provided in the best interests of the child. We will direct parents to the advice on understanding what EHE is. We are not required to provide any support to parents that have withdrawn their child for EHE. Support provided by 	<p>Refer to the coronavirus (COVID-19): safeguarding in schools, colleges and other providers guidance.</p>	<p>SW PMcC</p>

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	<p>LAs is discretionary, including support for a child's special educational needs.</p> <p>If a parent wants us to admit their child, we will follow our normal processes for in-year admissions applications or put them in touch with the LA admissions team to discuss how to apply for a school place for their child.</p>		
<p>Inappropriate arrangements for opening the school to pupil groups</p> <p>Infection spread leading to serious respiratory illness, death</p>	<p>Minimise contact across the site and maintain social distancing wherever possible</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce the number of contacts between children and staff. • Maintain consistent groups or 'bubbles' that do not mix with other bubbles and maintain distance between individuals. These are not alternative options and both measures will help, but the balance between them will change depending on the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - pupil's ability to distance - layout of the building - feasibility of keeping distinct groups separate while offering a broad curriculum. • Younger pupils and those with complex needs will not be able to maintain social distancing and it is acceptable for them not to distance within their group. • Maintaining distance or forming bubbles could be difficult in special settings, particularly given the need for staff to administer care support and provide therapies to the children and young people attending. However, the average number of pupils or students attending a special school or SPI is much lower than the average number in a mainstream school. This will help to limit the number of contacts for any individual. • We will ensure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the cleaning and use of shared spaces, such as playgrounds, dining halls and toilets; - the provision of specialist teaching and therapies. • We will try to implement 'bubbles' of an appropriate size to achieve the greatest reduction in contact and mixing ensuring this will not affect the quality and breadth of teaching or access for support and specialist staff and therapists. • Whatever the size of the group, they will be kept apart from other groups where possible and we will encourage pupils to keep their distance within groups. • We will try to limit interaction, sharing of rooms and social spaces between groups as much as possible. • We will keep pupils in their class groups for most of the classroom time but also allow mixing into wider groups for specialist teaching, wraparound care and transport. Siblings may also be in different groups. • All teachers and other staff can operate across different classes and year groups to facilitate the delivery of the timetable and specialist provision. Where staff need to move between groups, they will try and keep their distance from pupils and other staff as much as they can, ideally 2m from other adults and try to minimise the number of interactions or changes wherever possible. <p>Measures within the classroom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no need for class sizes to be adjusted from the usual size. • Staff must maintain distance from pupils, staying at the front of the class, and away from colleagues where possible. Ideally, adults should maintain 2m distance from each other, and from children, although this will not always be possible with younger children but if adults can 	<p>Individuals displaying symptoms of COVID-19 should follow the government guidance COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection)</p> <p>Provide ongoing health and safety information not only to staff through induction, training and regular updates/reminders but also for children and young people and parents/carers where applicable. School should consider providing virtual tours for prospective parents and carers wishing to visit the setting for September admissions.</p> <p>Induction checklist/staff handbook or code of conduct to be updated in line with COVID-19 risk assessment and information for parents displayed on the school website. poster to be displayed. GOV.UK: Staying Covid-19 Secure Poster (revised 23/07/20) Consideration must be given to ensuring our plans are communicated to those parents who have English as an additional language and parents of vulnerable children including young carers.</p> <p>Parents will be reminded of the complaints Policy which currently sets out how low level concerns will be resolved.</p> <p>Both the approaches of separating groups and maintaining distance are not 'all or nothing' options and will still bring benefits, even if partially implemented.</p>	<p>SW All Staff</p>

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	<p>do this when circumstances allow that will help.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid close face to face contact and minimise time spent within 1m of anyone. This will not be possible when working with pupils who have complex needs or who need close contact care. These pupils' educational and care support should be provided as normal. • Children old enough, will be supported to maintain distance and not touch staff and their peers where possible. This will not be possible for the youngest children and some children with complex needs. • When staff or children cannot maintain distancing, particularly with younger children in primary schools, we will reduce risks by keeping pupils in the smaller, class-sized groups described above. • We will endeavour to make small adaptations to the classroom to support distancing where possible e.g. seating pupils side by side and facing forwards, rather than face to face or side on, and moving unnecessary furniture out of classrooms to make more space. • Spaces used will be well ventilated using natural ventilation where possible. Maximise ventilation by opening windows and propping open doors (bearing in mind safeguarding in particular) • Doors may be held open to avoid them being touched by those coming and going from the classroom. This will also aid ventilation. This is only permitted where the room is occupied and doors must be closed once the group has left the room. At the end of the day, all doors to all rooms must be closed for fire purposes. • Wherever possible pupils will use the same classroom or area of a setting throughout the day, with a thorough cleaning of the rooms at the end of the day. Consideration will be given to seating the pupils at the same desk each day where possible. • Pupils and staff will be asked to bring in their own water bottles. Water drinking stations and water fountains will be temporarily taken out of use unless it can be guaranteed that the drinking station will be appropriately sanitised between each cohort use. Staff may fill their bottles from the staffroom (observing social distancing) and must clean areas touched after each use. Pupils may use taps in the classroom which will be disinfected after use by each cohort. • We will take steps to limit the use of single-use plastic water bottles • We will risk assess activities that involve malleable materials for messy play such as sand, mud and water, as part of our regular curriculum planning. The risk assessment will consider whether: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - materials can be handled by a small, consistent group of children of no more than 15 at a time, and that no one else outside this group can come into contact with it; - the malleable material for messy play (e.g. sand/water/mud) can be used and cleaned - including being replaced - in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, where applicable. For example, see the managing risk in play provision implementation guide - children will wash their hands thoroughly before and after messy play - frequently touched surfaces, equipment, tools and resources for messy play will be thoroughly cleaned and dried before they are used by a different group. • In order to facilitate cleaning, remove unnecessary items from learning environments where there is space to store them elsewhere. Public Health advice is to remove all soft toys and toys 	<p>Refer to the HSE: Ventilation and air conditioning during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and CIBSE coronavirus (COVID-19) advice</p> <p>Refer also to the managing risk in play provision implementation guide</p>	

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	<p>that are hard to clean, such as those with intricate parts. Where practicable remove soft furnishings such as pillows, beanbags and rugs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dressing up clothing and other fabric items can be used if used intermittently – every 2 days – to reduce the risk of cross contamination or reserved for one class/group. • Where possible (weather permitting) children will make use of outdoor spaces and outdoor equipment. Only one group at a time may use play equipment externally. Again, equipment will be kept to a minimum and disinfected with spray after use by each cohort or reserved for one class/group. • Where possible, external doors from classrooms will be used to access outside areas thus reducing the need to use internal areas. • Wooden equipment will be taken out of use for everyone, or it will be restricted to use by only one bubble and cleaned at least every day it is used, or it will be cleaned and used intermittently between bubbles (i.e. 48 hours between different group use). • IT suites can be used by pupils. Disinfection of workstations, keyboard and mouse after each class/bubble use will be necessary. Communal headphones will not be used. Either ask pupils to bring in their own headphones/earphones or have a supply of cheap ear phones which could be sanitised and rotated on a weekly basis. • Practical lessons can go ahead if equipment can be cleaned thoroughly and the classroom or other learning environment is occupied by the same children in one day, or properly cleaned between bubbles. – see also ‘Curriculum’ below. <p>Measures for break and lunchtimes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will stagger pupil break and lunch times (and time for cleaning surfaces in the dining hall between groups). Where dining halls are used, social distancing will be considered and no mixing of groups must take place. • Separate dining areas will be assigned for each group/bubble and queueing will be kept to a minimum with floor markings designating social distancing. • Where pupil numbers do not allow for each group to use the dining facilities, lunches may be served which are ‘take-away’ to be eaten elsewhere in the school to reduce the need for groups to mix or delivered to each classroom to be eaten at pupil desks. • Lunches will be ordered in advance (by staff and pupils). Alternatively, pupils may bring their own packed lunch. • Playgrounds will be divided to minimise mixing between groups where possible - where there is more than one group using the outdoor space, the space will be zoned so that groups are kept apart. • Shared staff spaces will be set up to help staff to distance from each other. Use of staff rooms will be minimised, although staff must still have a break of a reasonable length during the day – staff breaks may need to be staggered. • Use safe outdoor areas for staff breaks. • Reconfigure seating and tables in staff room/staff common areas to maintain spacing and reduce face-to-face interactions. • Encourage staff to remain on-site at lunch time and, when not possible, maintaining social distancing while off-site wearing face coverings in enclosed public spaces • We will continue to provide meal options for all pupils who are in school. Meals will be available 		

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	<p>free of charge to all infant pupils and pupils who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals who are in school. Meals served should meet the school food standards, and where possible a hot meal should be available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will also continue to provide free school meal support to pupils who are eligible for benefits related free school meals and who are self-isolating and learning from home during term time by providing good quality lunch parcels, - Providing school meals during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. <p>Measures elsewhere</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Groups will be kept apart – we will avoid large gatherings such as assemblies or collective worship with more than one group. Music and singing – see ‘Curriculum’ below When timetabling, groups will be kept apart and movement around the school site kept to a minimum. While passing briefly in the corridor or playground is low risk, we will avoid creating busy corridors, entrances and exits. To reduce movement around the building, wherever possible, groups/classes will remain in the same classroom(s) as much as possible with teachers moving between classes rather than pupils. Where considered wide enough to do so, corridors will be marked with tape showing the direction of travel on each side. We may introduce marked one-way systems in corridors that are already narrow. Where there are multiple stairways to upper floors, these will be allocated and marked/signed as an ‘up stairway’ and a ‘down stairway’ where practical. Floor marking tape will also be used where queues may develop. Lockers will be brought back into use but not shared unless by pupils in the same group. Normal shielding will be used for reception staff – where this is not in place, an area will be marked over which any visitors will be informed not to cross. Maintain social distancing between people who work in one place such as office or reception staff. Office staff to work in separate offices where possible. Desks/workstations should allow staff to maintain social distancing wherever possible. If it is not possible to keep workstations 2m (or 1m with risk mitigation where 2m is not viable, is acceptable) apart, take all mitigating actions possible to reduce the risk of transmission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> review layouts and processes to allow staff to work further apart from each other; use floor tape or paint to mark areas to help workers keep to a 2m (or 1m with risk mitigation where 2m is not viable, is acceptable) distance; only where it is not possible to move workstations further apart, arrange people to work side by side or facing away from each other rather than face-to-face; only where it is not possible to move workstations further apart, use screens to separate people from each other; use a consistent pairing system if workers have to be in close proximity; manage occupancy levels to enable social distancing; workstations should be assigned to an individual as much as possible. If they need to be shared, they should be shared by the smallest possible number of people and establish 	<p>Arrows can be used to indicate left and right. Different coloured tape can be used for up and down on the top and bottom few steps.</p>	

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	<p>cleaning rules after each use of another's workstation;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - avoid use of hot desks and spaces and, where not possible, clean and sanitise workstations between different occupants including shared equipment. • Keep distance between individuals when speaking or sharing a room, regularly wash hands and sanitise surfaces when the individual leaves including telephones, keyboards/mice etc. • Staff to observe social distancing when using communal equipment such as photocopiers – key pads etc. on copying machines to be wiped with anti-viral wipes after each use OR allow one person only to carry out all photocopying (pupils NOT to use copiers). • Ensure that any keypads or electronic entry systems are regularly sanitised throughout the day where different staff/visitors are entering or leaving the school. • Plan work to minimise contact between staff and avoid skin-to-skin and face-to-face contact. Where possible, staff working together (such as site teams for example) should work side by side or facing away from each other as opposed to face to face. Where face-to-face contact is essential, this must be kept to a minimum. Consideration will be given to wearing face coverings in this situation. • As much as possible, keep groups of staff working together in teams that are as small as possible (cohorting). • Where staff are required to sign in/out, use your own pen and wash your hands immediately after; or, where required to use a touch-screen, a supply of anti-viral wipes will be provided to be used by the visitor to clean the screen before/after use. A bin (lidded and foot operated) will be provided for the disposal of the used wipes. • Reduce transmission through contact with objects that come into school such as post and deliveries and limit those accepting and putting away deliveries. • Implement cleaning procedures for goods and merchandise entering the site. • Encourage increased handwashing and introducing more handwashing facilities for staff handling goods and merchandise or providing hand sanitiser where this is not practical. • Restrict non-business deliveries, e.g. personal deliveries to workers. • Revise pick-up and drop-off collection points, procedures, signage and markings. • Consider methods to reduce frequency of deliveries, e.g. by ordering larger quantities less often. • Minimise contact during payments and exchange of documentation, for example, by using electronic payment methods and electronically signed and exchanged documents. • Take steps to avoid people needing to unduly raise their voices to each other. This includes, but is not limited to, refraining from playing music or broadcasts that may encourage shouting, including if played at a volume that makes normal conversation difficult. <p>Measures for arriving at and leaving school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under no circumstances must anyone displaying symptoms of COVID-19 attempt to enter the school site. This information will be included in the letter to parents, suppliers and contractors prior to the school opening. Notice to be displayed on the main school entrance door. All parents will be asked to confirm this when dropping off their child. • We will encourage parents and pupils to walk or cycle to school where possible. • We will consider staggering starts or adjusting start and finish times, to keep groups apart as they arrive and leave school (without reducing the amount of overall teaching time) This may 		

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	<p>include condensing or staggering free periods or break (whilst retaining the same amount teaching time) or keeping the length of the day the same but starting and finishing later to avoid busy periods. We will keep parents/carers informed of their allotted start/finish time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check details of who is eligible to drop off/collect children – they may be different. • Parents will be advised that only one parent should bring the child/ren to school where children cannot attend unaccompanied. Parents of unaccompanied children will be informed of the entrance their child must use. • Parents will be informed and, if necessary, regularly reminded that they must maintain social distancing from the next adult or child at all times when bringing their child to or collecting them from school. We will inform parents of the processes we have in place for drop-off and collection and in particular, will not allow gathering at the school gates. • Where possible, we will consider separate entrance/exit gates or one-way systems. • Children will be collected from the school entrance gate by staff at the beginning of their allotted session. Parents will then be asked to leave immediately. Parents may only enter the site with agreement by the Head teacher and appointments must be made prior to the visit. Parents may, however, telephone the school at any time should they have any concerns or issues of which the school need to be informed. • At the end of the allotted session, parents may collect their children from the same entrance area where they will be supervised by staff. • Where possible, once the cohort of pupils has arrived, they will enter the school via an external door straight into the class where they will be based for the session. • Used PPE and any disposable face coverings that staff or children arrive wearing will be placed in a refuse bag and disposed of as normal domestic waste unless the wearer has symptoms of COVID-19 in which case it will be disposed of in accordance with the guidance on cleaning for non-healthcare settings outside of the home. Any non-disposable washable cloth face coverings that staff or children are wearing when they arrive at school must be removed by the wearer and placed into a plastic bag that the wearer has brought with them in order to take it home. The wearer must then wash their hands. Staff, children and parents will be so instructed <p>Transport</p> <p><u>Dedicated school transport, including statutory provision</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A partnership approach between the LA, school/trust/diocese and others will be required. In particular, it is imperative that we work closely with the LA that have statutory responsibility for 'home to school transport' for many children, as well as a vital role in working with local transport providers to ensure sufficient bus service provision. • The LA is not required to uniformly apply the social distancing guidelines which are in place for public transport on dedicated school transport, although social distancing should be put in place within vehicles wherever possible. It is important, wherever it is possible, that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Distancing is maximised and mixing of groups is minimised where possible and practical. - Parents and carers are responsible for supporting their child to maintain social distancing whilst queuing at bus stops.# - The school will put in place appropriate queuing or other arrangements needed for picking up 	<p>External markings may be used to ensure parents and/or pupils are social distancing appropriately.</p> <p>Where it is possible to do so, different entrances may be allocated to different cohorts of children i.e. a rear or side gate but for many schools will not be possible.</p> <p>If this is not possible, doors should be opened for the pupils to freely enter the school minimising contact points until they reach their 'base'.</p> <p>Refer to safe working in education, childcare and children's social care including the use of PPE and 'PPE/Face Coverings' above</p>	

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	<p>and dropping off children at school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Where possible, children should try to sit within their school bubbles on vehicles or with the same constant groups each day. - All pupils should wash their hands prior to boarding the bus. - Hand sanitiser will be provided on board the vehicle and it should be used by pupils when getting on and getting off the bus. Children should also carry their own hand sanitiser. - The wearing of face coverings on dedicated home to school transport is mandatory. Public Health England advises that children aged 11 years and over must wear a face covering when travelling on dedicated transport to school (these will not be provided) unless exempt. Younger children can wear face coverings where the child understands how to wear a mask properly. We will support the LA in promoting the use of face coverings on school transport and help them to resolve any issues of non-compliance where appropriate. - Drivers and passenger assistants should wear a face covering but will not normally require PPE on home to school transport, even if they are not able to maintain a distance from the children and young people on the transport. However, where the care and interventions that a child or young person ordinarily receives on home to school transport requires the use of PPE, that should continue as usual. - fresh air (from outside the vehicle) through ventilation will be maximised, particularly through opening windows and ceiling vents. - Vehicles will be cleaned and sanitised after each journey - We will ensure that a clear message is given to pupils about their general socialising behaviour beyond the school gates i.e. not congregating in large groups etc. <p><u>Wider public transport</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The use of public transport, particularly in peak times, should be kept to an absolute minimum. • We will work with partners to consider staggered start times to enable more journeys to take place outside of peak hours where possible. • Children, parents, carers and staff may use public transport where necessary, but we encourage them to walk or cycle to and from the setting wherever it is safe to do so. Where children, parents, carers and staff need to use public transport, they should follow. Refer to Coronavirus (COVID-19): safer travel guidance for passengers • We will consider using 'walking buses' (a supervised group of children being walked to, or from, school), or work with the LA to promote safe cycling routes. Driving children to school will also be an option. • If it is necessary for a childminder to pick-up or drop-off a child at school, or when taking children on a trip, walking is preferable. If this is not practicable, then a private vehicle for single household use is preferable. • Pupils using public transport unaccompanied will be reminded that all passengers must wear a face covering. Children aged 3 to 10 years are exempt from the mandatory requirement to wear a face covering on public transport. Consider this to be best practice where the child understands how to wear a mask properly. • Car sharing should be avoided with those outside the household or support bubble unless the journey undertaken is for an exempt reason e.g. if car sharing is reasonably necessary as part of work. (see Safer travel guidance in private cars and other vehicles). Additional mitigations can 	<p>Refer to: GOV UK Transport to school and other places of education: 2020 to 2021 academic year - Guidance for Local Authorities and Schools, Coronavirus Covid-19 Safer transport guidance for operators and LA School Transport guidance</p> <p>Children, young people and their families will need to understand who is required to wear face coverings on home-to-school transport. This Does not apply to those who are exempt</p> <p>Refer also to GOV UK Transport to school and other places of education: 2020 to 2021 academic year</p>	

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	<p>be put in place if car sharing is necessary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that a clear message is given to pupils about their general socialising behaviour beyond the school gates i.e. not congregating in large groups etc. <p>Other considerations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils with SEND will receive specific help with the changes to routine they are experiencing, so teachers and SENCo's will plan to meet these needs, e.g. using social stories. Along with the LA and health partners (where applicable), we will work with families to co-produce arrangements for delivering all therapies and support that would normally be in place for children with EHC plans. There may be times when it becomes more difficult to do so than usual, particularly if children and young people are isolating. Decisions will be considered on a case-by-case basis which takes account of the needs of, and circumstances specific to, the child or young person, avoiding a 'one size fits all' approach. The statutory duties and timescales remain in place for EHC needs assessments and reviews. At all times it is important that these continue to ensure that the child or young person, and their parent and carer, is at the centre of the process and can engage with the process in a meaningful way. Where children and young people with an EHC plan are in receipt of health provision, we will work collaboratively with the LA, health professionals, regional schools' commissioners and other services to agree appropriate support in view of the latest and current local public health guidance. Therapists and other professionals may continue to visit education settings to provide therapies and support, where this is reasonably necessary. Supply teachers, peripatetic teachers and/or other temporary staff along with specialists, therapists, clinicians and other support staff for pupils with SEND can move between schools. They should ensure they minimise contact and maintain as much distance as possible from other staff. They should also participate in schools' rapid testing programmes where these have been established. Specialists, therapists, clinicians and other support staff for pupils with SEND should provide interventions as usual. Where a child routinely attends more than one setting on a part time basis, e.g. because they are dual registered at a mainstream school and an alternative provision setting or special school, we will work through the system of controls to the fullest extent collaboratively, enabling us to address any risks identified and allowing us to jointly deliver a broad and balanced curriculum for the child. For individual and very frequently used equipment, such as pencils and pens, staff and pupils should have their own items that are not shared. Classroom based resources, such as books, toys and equipment, can be used and shared within consistent groups; these will be cleaned regularly, along with all frequently touched surfaces. Resources that are shared between groups, such as sports, art and cooking equipment will be cleaned frequently and meticulously. When sharing equipment between different groups, we will either clean it before it is moved between groups, or allow them to be left unused and out of reach for a period of 48 hours (72 hours for plastics). We will assess the ability to clean equipment used in the delivery of therapies, e.g. physiotherapy equipment or sensory equipment and determine whether this equipment can withstand cleaning and disinfecting between each use before it is put back into general use. Where cleaning or disinfecting is not possible or practical, resources will have to be either 	<p>Face coverings are mandatory in taxis and private hire vehicles along with retail and hospitality venues within transport hubs. Does not apply to those who are exempt</p> <p>Refer to supporting pupils and students with SEND</p> <p>DfE Supporting Pupils at School with Medical Conditions remains in place.</p>	

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	<p>restricted to one user or left unused for a period of 48 hours (72 hours for plastics) between use by different individuals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor playground equipment will be cleaned more frequently than normal. This also applies to resources used inside and outside by wraparound care providers and out of school setting providers. • Pupils should still limit the amount of equipment they bring into school each day to essentials such as lunch boxes, hats, coats, books, stationery, sun protection and mobile phones. Bags are allowed. • Pupils and teachers can take books and other shared resources home, although unnecessary sharing will be avoided, especially where this does not contribute to pupil education and development. Similar rules on hand cleaning, cleaning of the resources and rotation will apply to these resources. <p>Cleaning throughout the day non-healthcare settings where no-one has symptoms of, or confirmed COVID-19</p> <p><i>Cleaning and disinfection</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define a new cleaning schedule that ensures cleaning is generally enhanced and includes more frequent cleaning of rooms / shared areas that are used by different groups, toilets and frequently touched surfaces being cleaned more often than normal. • Implement a cleaning log to track cleaning frequency for bathrooms, classrooms and communal areas. • Schedule frequent cleaning of resources (e.g. books, toys) shared within groups. • Schedule the isolation or cleaning of resources (e.g. books, toys) shared between groups. • Reduce clutter with only the minimum items left on work and other surfaces. This allows for more intensive cleaning and reduces the risk of the virus landing on multiple surfaces. • Regularly check stocks of cleaning supplies and purchase additional supplies as necessary. • Use disposable cloths or paper roll and disposable mop heads wherever possible, disposing of after use. • Avoid creating splashes and spray when cleaning. • Reduce the number or eliminate soft toys which are more difficult to clean. • Increase the frequency of cleaning, using standard cleaning products such as detergents and bleach, paying attention to all surfaces but especially ones that are touched frequently, such as door handles, light switches, work surfaces, remote controls and electronic devices. • As a minimum, frequently touched surfaces should be wiped down twice a day, and one of these should be at the beginning and at the end of each day, and more frequently depending on: the number of people using the space, whether they are entering and exiting the setting, and access to hand washing and hand-sanitising facilities. Cleaning of frequently touched surfaces is particularly important in bathrooms and communal kitchens. • When cleaning surfaces, it is not necessary to wear personal protective equipment (PPE) or clothing over and above what would usually be used. • Telephones, keyboards/mice, light switches, electronic entry systems, iPads used by pupils and staff, etc., will be cleaned with anti-viral wipes on a regular basis throughout the day. 	<p>Do not rely on cleaning staff to clean/wipe surfaces when others leave as cleaners may be working less frequently than usual or may not be rostered during the school day - clean and wipe as you go as described.</p> <p>Carry out inventory check of cleaning products and</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that electronic entry systems and keypads are regularly sanitised particularly first thing in the morning and where possible after each use. • All bins will be lidded and foot operated where possible, will be lined and the liner removed at the end of the day, sealed/knotted and placed in the main waste container. • Ensure disposable tissues are available in each room for both staff and pupils. • Ensure arrangements are in place for the disposal of clinical and general waste where required. Plan for the daily removal and safe disposal of rubbish. • Cleaning staff will ensure adequate ventilation in the areas they are working e.g. by opening windows <p>Laundry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Items should be washed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. • There is no additional washing requirement above what would normally be carried out. <p>Kitchens and communal canteens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is very unlikely that COVID-19 is transmitted through food. However, as a matter of good hygiene practice, anyone handling food should wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds before doing so. • Crockery and eating utensils should not be shared. Clean frequently touched surfaces regularly. • Food business operators should continue to follow the Food Standard Agency's (FSA) guidance on good hygiene practices in food preparation, Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) processes and preventative practices (pre-requisite programmes (PRPs)). <p>Bathrooms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean frequently touched surfaces regularly. • Ensure suitable hand washing facilities are available including running water, liquid soap and paper towels or hand driers. • Where cloth towels are used, these should be for individual use and laundered in accordance with washing instructions. <p>Waste</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waste does not need to be segregated unless an individual in the setting shows symptoms of or tests positive for COVID-19 • Dispose of routine waste as normal, placing any used cloths or wipes and used PPE in 'black bag' waste bins. You do not need to put them in an extra bag or store them for a time before throwing them away. Do NOT use recycling bins. All bins will be lidded and foot operated where possible. <p>Wraparound care provision, holiday clubs and extra-curricular activity, including out of school sports provision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From 29/03/21, in line with the COVID-19 Response - Spring 2021 out-of-school settings, including sports provision and wraparound providers will be able to offer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - outdoor provision to all children, without restrictions on the purpose for which they may attend; - indoor provision to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vulnerable children and young people under any circumstances; 	<p>stock at regular intervals, restocking as necessary. Ensure contingency plans are in place to respond to any shortages in supply.</p> <p>Refer to Coronavirus (Covid-19): Disposing of waste</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> children are eligible for free school meals and are attending as part of the DfE's holiday activities and food programme. other children, where the provision is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> reasonably necessary to enable their parents and carers to work, search for work, undertake education or training, or attend a medical appointment or address a medical need, or attend a support group being used electively home educating parents as part of their existing arrangements for their child to receive a suitable full-time education being used as part of their child's wider education and training - efforts to obtain a regulated qualification, meet the entry requirements for an education institution, or to undertake exams and assessments From 12/04/21 at the earliest (which will be confirmed as part of step 2 of the COVID-19 Response - Spring 2021) we should be able to offer provision to all parents without any restrictions on the reasons for which their children may attend. Our provision will ensure they are following the same protective measures being taken by school during the day and work with school to follow our arrangements, such as minimising mixing between children by keeping them in the same bubbles that they are in during the school day as far as possible. If provision is taking place indoors and it is not possible to maintain bubbles being used during the school day then will use small, consistent groups of no more than 15 children and at least one member of staff, with the same children each time they attend. Further steps than can be taken to minimise the risk of mixing between children would include keeping children from the same school together, or working with parents and carers to keep siblings from the same household together to minimise household mixing. From 29/03/21, activities taking place outdoors can happen in groups of any number. However, it remains important to minimise mixing between children. This can be achieved by taking steps to keep children in separate groups or 'bubbles' e.g. keeping children from the same school day bubble or school together or working with parents and carers to keep siblings from the same household together. Where we are operating larger groups (e.g. larger than 15) it will be even more important to implement these measures and try to keep children in consistent groups. We will review groups to minimise the amount of 'mixing' e.g. when new children register for our provision, we will determine whether they attend the same school or early years setting as other children in our setting and group them together if appropriate. To help review our groups, we will keep up-to-date records of the children attending our setting for at least 21 days. These records should include the school or early years setting that they attend and the specific groups and members of staff they have been assigned to in our setting. There may be instances where we cannot keep consistent groups, or we need to have smaller groups. Any decisions will be taken with full consideration of any welfare needs and safeguarding concerns. When caring for children: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> under 5 years only - refer to the Actions for Early years and childcare providers both under 5 years and aged 5 years and over, in mixed groups together, follow this 	<p>Refer to Protective measures for out-of-school settings during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak</p> <p>The owners of these shared spaces must continue to meet all existing health and safety obligations with regard to ensuring that their premises are safe for providers to hire and to operate from.</p>	

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	<p>guidance and keep children in small consistent groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When operating provision for multiple groups of children throughout the day, we will allow enough change over time in between groups for cleaning, and to prevent children and parents or carers waiting in large groups. Multiple groups of 15 children (or more if the provision is outside) plus staff can use the same shared space if necessary, with distancing between the groups and adequate ventilation, although, different groups sharing the same space should be avoided where possible. • We will advise parents to limit their use of multiple out-of-school settings providers they access, as far as possible; encourage them to seek assurance that the providers are carefully considering their own protective measures and send them the link to the guidance for parents and carers. • We will also work closely with any external wraparound/out of school providers. • Toilets will be cleaned thoroughly using detergent and bleach. The frequency of cleaning required will depend on usage, however we expect toilet facilities to be cleaned at least twice a day, and in between use by different groups • Children will be encouraged to attend settings close to where they live or go to school. This should, ideally, be within walking or cycling distance. • Some premises are only permitted to open for certain exempt activities up until 29/03/21. Closures applying from 29/03/21 can be found in Covid-19 response: spring-2021. • Where we operate our setting in a shared space, we will have regard to relevant guidance for operators of shared spaces, such as the guidance for the safe use of multi-purpose community facilities and for places of worship. We will discuss the infection protection and control measures with the owner of the space. • We will ensure we have enough staff available to meet the required ratios for our setting including at least one person with first aid training, at least one person with up-to-date DSL training (and a deputy DSL to cover if the DSL is unavailable) along with a caretaker or cleaning staff if available. • We are able to work with external coaches, clubs and organisations for curricular and extra-curricular activities where we are satisfied that it is safe to do so. We will consider carefully how such arrangements can operate within our wider protective measures. • In out of school settings, particular care will be taken to observe social distancing in the case of a sports setting because of the way in which people breathe more heavily and more rapidly during exercise. • From 29/03/21 as set out in the COVID-19 response – Spring 2021 guidance, all outdoor sports provision will be able to be accessed by all children without restriction on the purposes for which they may attend. However, restrictions on access to indoor provision will remain (see above on who can attend out-of-school settings and considering group sizes). • Outdoor sports will be prioritised where possible, and large indoor spaces • Outdoor sports will be prioritised where possible, and large indoor spaces used where it is not, maximising natural ventilation flows (through opening windows and doors or using air conditioning systems wherever possible), distancing between pupils and paying scrupulous attention to cleaning and hygiene. External facilities can also be used in line with government guidance for the use of, and travel to and from, those facilities. • For team sports we must only consider those sports whose national governing bodies have 	<p>The owners of these shared spaces must continue to meet all existing health and safety obligations with regard to ensuring that their premises are safe for providers to hire and to operate from</p>	

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	<p>developed guidance under the principles of the government's guidance on team sport and been approved by the government i.e. Coronavirus (COVID-19): grassroots sports guidance for safe provision including team sport, contact combat sport and organised sport events. Competition between different settings should not take place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will follow the same protective measures as listed under 'Music, Dance and Drama' for these out-of-school activities and keep groups smaller than 15 when indoors (as above) <p>School uniform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is for the governing body or trust to make decisions regarding school uniform. Uniforms do not need to be cleaned any more often than usual, nor do they need to be cleaned using methods which are different from normal. We may feel it is appropriate to relax our uniform policy whilst only certain categories of pupils are attending Increased ventilation may make school buildings cooler than usual over the winter months. While we will want to maintain the benefits of our uniform, we may need to consider allowing additional, suitable indoor items of clothing to be worn during the winter period in addition to the school's current uniform. Where this occurs, we will ensure that no extra financial pressure is placed on parents. 	<p>Refer also to Sport England, Youth Sport Trust and AfPE COVID-19: Interpreting the Government Guidance in a PESSPA Context</p> <p>The Government are encouraging all schools to maintain their usual uniform policies</p>	
<p>Inappropriate arrangements for managing the curriculum</p> <p>Infection spread leading to serious respiratory illness, death</p>	<p>General including Catch-up Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All pupils – particularly disadvantaged, SEND and vulnerable pupils must be given the support needed to make good progress. The key principles that underpin curriculum planning are: education is not optional: all pupils receive a high-quality education that promotes their development and prepares them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life; the curriculum remains broad and ambitious: all pupils continue to be taught a wide range of subjects, maintaining their choices for further study and employment. remote education, where needed, is high quality and aligns as closely as possible with in-school Informed by these principles, we will meet the following key curriculum expectations: teach an ambitious and broad curriculum in all subjects; 	<p>Refer to the Schools coronavirus (COVID-19) operational guidance for further details</p> <p>Refer to EEF support guide for schools and school planning guide: 2020 to 2021. Additional funding will be available to secondary schools to deliver</p>	<p>SW SLT</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> consider it appropriate to suspend some subjects for some pupils in exceptional circumstances. The Catch-up Package also includes a National Tutoring Programme to provide additional, targeted support for those children and young people who need the most help. The National Tutoring Programme will continue to offer tuition as normal and we will continue to sign up and engage with the programme. For pupils in Reception, disapplications of specific EYFS requirements can be used where coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions prevent settings delivering the EYFS in full. We will consider focusing more on the prime areas of learning in the EYFS, including communication and language, personal, social and emotional development, and physical development, if we think this would support our children following time out due to coronavirus (COVID-19). For pupils in Reception, teachers will also assess and address gaps in language, early reading and mathematics, particularly ensuring children's acquisition of phonic knowledge and extending their vocabulary. For Reception, we will consider how all groups of children can be given equal opportunities for outdoor education. In EYFS, we will continue to consider what strategies they are using to keep children safe online during this period, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - checking apps, websites and search results before using them with children; - supervising children when accessing the internet. Consideration will be given to the learning needs and objectives of children with SEND, to ensure, for e.g. that they receive appropriate preparation for adulthood. We will develop remote education so that it is integrated into school curriculum planning. In our regular communications with parents we will continue to emphasise and promote online safety for those pupils who are not attending the school. <p><u>Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity (PESSPA)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have the flexibility to decide how physical education, sport and physical activity will be provided for pupils attending whilst following the measures in our system of controls although contact sports should not take place. Pupils will be kept in consistent groups, sports equipment thoroughly cleaned between each use by different individual groups, and contact sports avoided. We can hold PE lessons indoors, including those that involve activities related to team sports, e.g. practising specific techniques within our own system of controls. However, outdoor sports will be prioritised where possible, and large indoor spaces used where it is not, maximising natural ventilation flows (through opening windows and doors or using air conditioning systems wherever possible), distancing between pupils and paying scrupulous attention to cleaning and hygiene. External facilities can also be used in line with government guidance for the use of, and travel to and from, those facilities. For team sports we will only consider those sports whose national governing bodies have developed guidance under the principles of the government's guidance on team sport and been approved by the government i.e. Coronavirus (COVID-19): grassroots sports guidance for safe provision including team sport, contact combat sport and organised sport events. 	<p>face-to-face summer schools</p> <p>Refer to Safeguarding children and protecting professionals in early years settings: online safety guidance for practitioners (also relevant for parents and carers).</p> <p>Refer to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coronavirus (COVID-19): grassroots sports guidance for safe provision including team sport, contact combat sport and organised sport events Working safely during coronavirus (COVID-19) for providers of grassroots sports and gym / leisure facilities Sport England for grassroots sport Youth Sport Trust AfPE COVID-19: Interpreting the Government Guidance in a PESSPA Context and 'frequently asked questions' for PE staff. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indoor competition between different schools should not take place until wider grassroots sport for under 18s is permitted. This will be no earlier than 12/04/21 and Government will confirm this in due course. We are able to work with external coaches, clubs and organisations for curricular and extra-curricular activities where we are satisfied that this is safe to do so. We will consider carefully how such arrangements can operate within our wider protective measures Activities such as active miles, making break times and lessons active and encouraging active travel help to enable pupils to be physically active while encouraging physical distancing. For out of school activities/sports provision, refer to 'Wrap Around Care' <p><i>Use of external premises</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some premises are only permitted to open for certain exempt activities up until 29/03/21. Closures applying from 29/03/21 can be found in Covid-19 response: spring-2021. Where we use these facilities as part of our normal provision, we will negotiate appropriate access with the facility concerned. <p><i>Science, Art and D&T</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For guidance regarding Science and D&T in relation to pupils attending school and running practical activities in school or at home, we will refer to the relevant CLEAPSS Guidance. Although specific risk assessments will not be required, our existing curricular risk assessments will be reviewed and where necessary updated to reflect altered practices and CLEAPSS Guidance. <p><i>Music, Dance and Drama</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will continue teaching music, dance and drama as part of the school curriculum. There may, however, be an additional risk of infection in environments where singing, chanting, playing wind or brass instruments, dance and drama takes place. [EYFS]: The following guidance relates to organised group activity, not to spontaneous singing, dance and role-play that young children may naturally do, and should be encouraged to do, by early years practitioners. Singing, wind and brass instrument playing can be undertaken in line with Working safely during coronavirus (COVID-19) for performing arts. We will do everything possible to minimise contacts, mixing and reduce the number of contacts between pupils/students and staff by keeping groups separate (in bubbles) and through maintaining the social distance between individuals. If staff need to move between classes and year groups, they should try and keep their distance from pupils and other staff as much as they can, ideally 2 metres from other adults. We take particular care in music, dance and drama lessons to observe social distancing where possible. This may limit group activity in these subjects in terms of numbers in each group. It will also prevent physical correction by teachers and contact between pupils in dance and drama. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swim England – for guidance on school swimming Guidance on using changing rooms and showers safely <p>Primary Schools (CLEAPSS): P110, P104, P112 & CLEAPSS Explore Issue 9 Secondary D&T (CLEAPSS): GL344, GL360, GL356, GL355, GL347, GL348 & GL354 Secondary Science (CLEAPSS): GL336, GL338, GL339, GL343, GL345, GL352, GL353 and GL362</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additionally, we will keep any background or accompanying music to levels which do not encourage teachers or other performers to raise their voices unduly. If possible, we will use microphones to reduce the need for shouting or prolonged periods of loud speaking or singing. If possible, we will not share microphones. If they are shared, we will follow the guidance on handling equipment. <p>Performances</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will NOT host performances with an audience, but will consider alternative methods such as live streaming and recording, subject to the usual safeguarding considerations and parental permission. The intention is that this will be permitted from Step 3 of the Roadmap (no earlier than 17/05/21 although this is subject to review and further guidance will follow). <p>Peripatetic teachers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We can continue to engage peripatetic teachers during this period, including staff from music education hubs – refer to ‘Other Considerations’ above and ‘Rations/Qualifications’ below. They should avoid situations where distancing requirements are broken; e.g. demonstrating partnering work in dancing. <p>Music teaching including singing, and playing wind and brass instruments in groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playing instruments and singing in groups should take place outdoors wherever possible. If indoors, we will limit the numbers in relation to the space. If indoors, we will consider limiting the numbers in relation to the space and use a room with as much space as possible, e.g. larger rooms; rooms with high ceilings. If playing indoors, we will limit the numbers to account for ventilation of the space and the ability to social distance and ensure good ventilation. Singing, wind and brass playing should not take place in larger groups such as choirs and ensembles, or assemblies unless significant space, natural airflow (at least 10l/s/person for all present, including audiences) and strict social distancing and mitigation can be maintained. In the smaller groups where these activities can take place, we will observe strict social distancing between singers and players, and any other people such as conductors, other musicians, or accompanists. If the activity is face-to-face and without mitigating actions, 2 metres is appropriate. Pupils will use seating where practical to help maintain social distancing. Pupils should be positioned back-to-back or side-to-side when playing or singing (rather than face-to-face) whenever possible. Position wind and brass players so that the air from their instrument does not blow into another player. Use microphones where possible or encourage singing quietly. <p>Handling equipment and instruments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase handwashing before and after handling equipment, especially if being used by more than one person. Avoid sharing equipment wherever possible. Place name labels on equipment to help identify the designated user, e.g. percussionists’ own sticks and mallets. If instruments and equipment have to be shared, disinfect regularly (including any packing cases, handles, props, chairs, microphones and music stands) and always between users. 	<p>Refer to COVID-19: suggested principles of safer singing</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instruments should be cleaned by the pupils playing them, where possible. • Limit handling of music scores, parts and scripts to the individual using them. • Limit the number of suppliers when hiring instruments and equipment. We will agree whose responsibility cleaning hired instruments is with the suppliers. Clean hire equipment, tools or other equipment on arrival and before first use. • Equipment and instruments should be stored in a clean location if we take delivery of them before they are needed, and they should be cleaned before first use and before returning the instrument. • Pick up and drop off collection points should be created where possible, rather than passing equipment such as props, scripts, scores and microphones hand-to-hand. <p>Individual lessons and performance in groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual lessons in music, dance and drama can continue in schools and organisations providing out of school childcare. This may mean teachers interacting with pupils from multiple groups, so we will need to take particular care, in line with the measures set out above on peripatetic teachers. • If there is no viable alternative, music lessons in private homes can resume, following the same guidelines, and additionally following the government guidance for working in homes and the guidance for out-of-school provision • In individual lessons for music, dance and drama, social distancing should be maintained wherever possible, meaning teachers should not provide physical correction. <p>Commercial Training Environments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where our setting operates commercial training environments such as hairdressing, barbering and beauty salons, sports and fitness facilities or restaurants, we will comply with relevant sector guidance in Working safely during coronavirus (Covid-19) and the stay-at-home guidance (and the COVID-19 Response - Spring 2021). <p>Exams, Tests and Assessments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exams in the summer (GCSEs, A & AS Levels) will now longer go ahead as planned. Students taking GCSE, AS and A levels, will receive grades based on teacher assessment, with teachers supported to reach their judgements by guidance and training from the exam boards. • Guidance on year 11 to 13 exam cohort attendance and provision for the 2021 summer term can be found in Annex B of the school's operational guidance operational guidance. • Primary assessments cannot continue as intended and the statutory KS1 and KS2 tests and teacher assessments planned for summer 2021, including the KS2 tests in reading and mathematics are cancelled. • We will continue to use assessment during the summer term to inform teaching, to enable us to give information to parents on their child's attainment in our annual report and to support transition to secondary school, using past test papers if we wish. <p>. [EYFS] Supervised toothbrushing programmes</p>	<p>Refer to Awarding qualifications in summer 2021, Responsibility for Exams, DfE Support Service and Public health guidance to support exams</p> <p>The DfE is planning for a full programme of primary assessments to take place in the 2021/22 academic year</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PHE have confirmed that supervised toothbrushing programmes may be re-established using the dry brushing method The wet brushing model is not recommended because it is considered more likely to risk droplet and contact transmission and offers no additional benefit to oral health over dry toothbrushing. 	<p>Refer to COVID-19: guidance for supervised toothbrushing programmes in early years & school settings.</p>	
<p>Inadequate contingency plans for remote education</p> <p>Inadequate planning in place for remaining open for vulnerable children/children of critical workers and for providing remote education to those students at home</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We already have plans in place for the possibility of national lockdown or other restrictions to ensure we will ensure continuity of education. For individuals or groups of self-isolating pupils and pupils who are shielding following government advice and during periods of national lockdown when face to face provision is limited to vulnerable children and those of critical workers, remote education plans are in place. These meet the same expectations as those for any pupils who cannot yet attend school at all due to covid-19 in line with the Remote Education Temporary Continuity Direction - refer to Section under 'Curriculum' above on remote education support. Schools affected by the Remote Education Temporary Continuity Direction are still required to provide remote education to pupils covered by the direction where their attendance would be contrary to government guidance or legislation around coronavirus (COVID-19). This includes, for example, where such guidance means that a class, group or small number of pupils need to self-isolate or that clinically extremely vulnerable children are to shield. All such pupils not physically unwell should have access to remote education as soon as reasonably practicable, which may be the next school day. Where secondary schools are operating a phased return of pupils in the week commencing 08/03/21 to allow for testing that week, we will provide remote education for all pupils not yet expected to attend on-site. Independent Schools (not including academies) are not all covered by the remote education temporary continuity direction. However, they are still expected to meet the Independent School Standards in full at all times. This includes the requirement to meet all of the education requirements set out in part 1 of the Independent School Standards. For individuals or groups of self-isolating pupils and pupils who are shielding following government guidance related to coronavirus (COVID-19), remote education plans are in place. We will continue to operate as normally as possible. In the event that restrictions in schools are needed to help contain the spread of the virus, we may be asked to revise our delivery models for a short period of time. <p>Remote education expectations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remote education should be equivalent in length to the core teaching pupils would receive in school. This will include both recorded or live direct teaching time and time for pupils to complete tasks and assignments independently, and will be as a minimum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KS1: 3 hours a day, on average, across the school cohort, with less for younger children; KS2: 4 hours a day; KS3 & 4: 5 hours a day. Online video lessons do not necessarily need to be recorded by teaching staff at the school: Oak 	<p>High-quality remote education should be provided for all pupils not in school.</p> <p>Any decision that there should be local restrictions in any childcare or education settings will be made by central government on a case-by-case basis</p> <p>Refer to Remote education during Coronavirus (Covid-19), Resources to support schools in delivering remote education, Adapting teaching practice for remote education, review your remote education provision and Get help with technology</p>	<p>SW DA SLT</p>

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	<p>National Academy lessons, for example, can be provided in lieu of school-led video content.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In developing remote education, we will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> teach a planned and well-sequenced curriculum so that knowledge and skills are built incrementally, with a good level of clarity about what is intended to be taught and practiced in each subject so that pupils can progress through the school's curriculum; select a digital platform for remote education provision that will be used consistently across the school in order to allow interaction, assessment and feedback and make sure staff are trained and confident in its use. If we do not have an education platform in place, we can access free support at Get help with technology for remote education during coronavirus (Covid-19); overcome barriers to digital access for pupils by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> distributing school-owned laptops accompanied by a user agreement or contract; providing printed resources, such as textbooks and workbooks, to structure learning, supplemented with other forms of communication to keep pupils on track or answer questions about work. have systems for checking, daily, whether pupils are engaging with their work, and work with families to rapidly identify effective solutions where engagement is a concern; identify a named senior leader with overarching responsibility for the quality and delivery of remote education, including that provision meets expectations for remote education. <p><input type="checkbox"/> When teaching pupils remotely, we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> set meaningful and ambitious work each day in a number of different subjects; consider how to transfer into remote education what we already know about effective teaching in the live classroom by, for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> providing frequent, clear explanations of new content, delivered by a teacher or through high-quality curriculum resources; providing opportunities for interactivity, including questioning, eliciting and reflective discussion; providing scaffolded practice and opportunities to apply new knowledge; enabling pupils to receive timely and frequent feedback on how to progress, using digitally-facilitated or whole-class feedback where appropriate; using assessment to ensure teaching is responsive to pupils' needs and addresses any critical gaps in pupils' knowledge; avoiding an over-reliance on long-term projects or internet research activities. <p><input type="checkbox"/> We will consider the above in relation to the pupils' age, stage of development and/or special educational needs, e.g. where this would place significant demands on parent's help or support.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Younger children in KS1 or Reception often require high levels of parental involvement to support their engagement with remote education, which makes digital provision a particular challenge for this age group. Digital means will not therefore be solely used to teach these pupils remotely.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> We have published information for pupils, parents and carers about our remote education provision on our website (see optional template).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Schools and families can request free mobile data increases for students without broadband</p>	<p>for remote education during coronavirus (Covid-19)</p> <p>Remote Education Support including delivering remote education safely can be accessed at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DfE: Remote education good practice guide; Adapting teaching practice for remote education; Get help with remote education; Support for parents and carers to keep children safe online, Guidance on staying safe online and Remote education webinars SWGfL: Safe remote learning and live remote lessons LGfL: Online safety and safeguarding The National Cyber Security Centre: which video conference service is right for you and using video conferencing services securely Safeguarding and remote education during coronavirus (COVID-19) Annex C of keeping children safe in education PSHE Association: Checklist for choosing safe PSHE education/RSHE home learning resources 	

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	<p>and/or who can't afford extra data for their device during lockdown. Three, Smarty, Virgin Mobile, EE, Tesco Mobile, O2, Vodafone and Sky Mobile are all taking part in the scheme. Refer to data increase initiative for children.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> If speaking to families whose children are struggling to access online learning because they don't have a device at home, a quick fix is available to those with PlayStation or Xbox game consoles. All recent PlayStations and Xbox games consoles have just about everything required to act like a computer: an internet connection, ports for connecting keyboards and mice, and even web browsers. We will share this with families as appropriate. Full instructions can be found on the TES website: how to use Xbox or PlayStation for online learning.</p> <p>Special educational needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will recognise that some pupils with SEND may not be able to access remote education without adult support, so we will work collaboratively with families, putting in place reasonable adjustments as necessary, so that pupils with SEND can successfully access remote education alongside their peers and we can deliver an ambitious curriculum appropriate for their level of need. Teachers are best-placed to know how the pupil's needs can be most effectively met to ensure they continue to make progress. <p>Alternative Provision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For pupils in Alternative Provision settings, teachers are best-placed to know how the pupil's needs can be most effectively met to ensure they continue to make progress. <p>Vulnerable children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where individuals who are self-isolating are within the definition of vulnerable, it is important that we put systems in place to keep in contact with them, offer pastoral support and check they are able to access education support. When a vulnerable child is asked to self-isolate, we will notify their social worker (if they have one). We will then agree with the social worker the best way to maintain contact and offer support to the vulnerable child or young person. We will also have in place procedures to check if a vulnerable child is able to access remote education support, to support them to access it (as far as possible) and to regularly check if they are doing so. 	<p>Direct parents of EYFS children to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hungry little minds campaign BBC: tiny happy people National Literacy Trust's Family Zone Help children aged 2 to 4 to learn at home during coronavirus (COVID-19) <p>The requirement for schools to use their best endeavours to secure the special educational provision called for by the pupils' special educational needs remains in place. Refer to supporting pupils and students with SEND</p>	
<p>Poor or inappropriate behaviour and attendance</p> <p>Infection spread leading to serious respiratory illness, death</p>	<p>Behaviour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our Behaviour policy will be updated with any new rules/policies and will be communicated clearly and consistently to staff, pupils and parents, setting clear, reasonable and proportionate expectations of pupil behaviour both in school and online. We will set out clearly at the earliest opportunity the consequences for poor behaviour and deliberately breaking the rules and how we will enforce those rules including any sanctions. We will work with staff, pupils and parents to ensure that behaviour expectations are clearly understood, and consistently supported, taking account of individual needs and we will also consider how to build new expectations into our rewards system. It is likely that adverse experiences and/or lack of routines of regular attendance and classroom 	<p>Refer also to the DfE Checklist for school leaders to support full opening</p>	<p>SW SLT</p>

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	<p>discipline may contribute to disengagement with education upon return to school, resulting in increased incidence of poor behaviour. We will work with those pupils who may struggle to reengage in school and are at risk of being absent and/or persistently disruptive, including providing support for overcoming barriers to attendance and behaviour and to help them reintegrate back into school life.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some pupils will return to school having been exposed to a range of adversity and trauma including bereavement, anxiety and in some cases increased welfare and safeguarding risks. This may lead to an increase in social, emotional and mental health concerns and some children, particularly vulnerable groups such as children with a social worker, previously looked-after children who left care through adoption or special guardianship and young carers, will need additional support and access to services such as educational psychologists, social workers, and counsellors. Additionally, provision for children who have SEND may have been disrupted during partial school closure and there may be an impact on their behaviour. We will work with local services (such as health and the LA) to ensure the services and support are in place for a smooth return to schools for pupils. The disciplinary powers that schools currently have, including suspension and expulsion, remain in place. Expulsion will only be used as a last resort and must be lawful, reasonable and fair. Where a child with a social worker is at risk of expulsion, their social worker will be informed and involved in relevant conversations. We will, as far as possible, avoid permanently excluding any pupil with an education, health and care (EHC) plan, or a looked-after child. Where a looked-after child is at risk of suspension or expulsion, the designated teacher should contact the relevant authority's virtual school head as soon as possible to help the school decide how to help the child and avoid expulsion becoming necessary. Where a previously looked-after child is at risk of expulsion, the designated teacher will speak with the child's parent or guardian and seek advice from their virtual school head. Pre-empting that a pupil may commit a disciplinary offence, and thus not allowing a pupil to attend school, is an unlawful exclusion. Any disciplinary exclusion of a pupil, even for short periods of time, must be consistent with the relevant legislation. This includes sending a pupil home for poor behaviour, whether or not remote education is provided. 'Informal' or 'unofficial' exclusions, such as sending pupils home 'to cool off' for part of the day are unlawful, regardless of whether they occur with the agreement of parents or carers. We will be mindful that it is unlawful to punish a child for the actions of their parents and will consider this when applying sanctions. <p>Attendance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School attendance became mandatory again for all pupils from 08/03/21. The usual rules on school attendance will apply, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> parents' duty to secure that their child attends regularly at school where the child is a registered pupil at school and they are of compulsory school age; 	<p>WSS have produced resources to support the schools' workforce to prepare for the return, such as the COVID-19 SEND review guide which settings can use to reflect on their provision and a handbook to support teachers to take a whole school approach to supporting pupils following a traumatic event</p> <p>Refer to Improving school attendance: support for schools and local authorities</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with LA' codes of conduct. • We are responsible for recording attendance, following up absence and reporting children missing education to the LA. • During the week commencing 08/03/21, pupils will be offered asymptomatic testing on site in secondary schools. Pupils who consent to testing should return to face-to-face education following their first negative test result. Pupils not undergoing testing should attend school in line with our phased return arrangements. Vulnerable children and children of critical workers in secondary schools should continue to attend school throughout unless they receive a positive test result. Testing is voluntary, but strongly encouraged. • We will not plan for rotas as there is no requirement to reduce occupancy in schools. Instead, everyone must follow the system of controls. • Vulnerable children - refer to page 12. • Guidance on year 11 to 13 exam cohort attendance and provision for the 2021 summer term can be found in Annex B of the school's operational guidance operational guidance. 	Continue completing the educational status form	
Inadequate arrangements in place for managing off-site visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In line with current COVID-19 restrictions, the Government advises against undertaking all educational visits. • Dates in the Government's Roadmap are indicative and subject to change. Advice will be updated in line with the roadmap. <p>Educational day visits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In line with the roadmap, should step 2 commence as planned, schools can resume educational day visits no earlier than 12/04/21. • Any educational day visits must be conducted in line with relevant COVID-19 secure guidelines and regulations in place at that time. This includes system of controls, such as keeping children within their consistent groups and the COVID-secure measures in place at the destination. • We must undertake full and thorough risk assessments in relation to all educational visits to ensure they can be undertaken safely. As part of this risk assessment, we will need to consider what control measures need to be used and follow wider advice on visiting indoor and outdoor venues. <p>Domestic residential educational visits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In line with the roadmap, the Government advise against domestic residential educational visits until at least step 3, no earlier than 17/05/21. • When domestic residential educational visits for schools are permitted, we may use out-of-school settings such as outdoor education centres, to undertake these visits. <p>Existing bookings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should step 3 commence as planned, we may undertake domestic residential education visits, that are already booked, no earlier than 17/05/21. • Any domestic residential educational visits must be conducted in line with relevant COVID- 	<p>Learning outside the classroom activities are permissible, including off-site, where coach or bus transport etc is not used.</p> <p>Refer to the Association of British Insurers (ABI) travel insurance implications</p> <p>Refer to the health and safety guidance on educational visits when considering visits</p>	

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	<p>19 secure guidance and regulations in place at that time.</p> <p>New bookings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We may begin planning for new domestic residential educational visits to take place. Should step 3 commence as planned, new visits will be possible from and no earlier than 17/05/21. We will not to enter into any new financial or contractual commitments at this stage. This advice will remain under review and updated at the earliest opportunity. Any new domestic residential educational visits must be conducted in line with relevant COVID-19 secure guidance and regulations in place at that time. The Government is working with Public Health England and the sector on what COVID-19 secure residential visits will look like at step 3, and further advice will follow. <p>International visits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Global Travel Taskforce has been commissioned to set out how to facilitate a return to international travel as soon as possible while managing the risk from imported variants of concern. It is due to report on 12/04/21. This advice will be updated following the publication of the report. <p>Credit notes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any school holding ATOL or ABTA refund credit notes may use these credit notes to rebook educational international visits. 	<p>The Government recognise the gap created by the COVID-19 pandemic in the commercial insurance market relating to COVID-19 travel cancellation insurance and are with HM Treasury to explore the possibility of addressing that gap and putting in place a coronavirus (COVID-19) restricted indemnity (more details to follow) that will give schools cover against coronavirus (COVID-19) travel cancellations in the future and allow schools to book new visits with confidence.</p>	
<p>Inadequate staffing ratios, staff availability and recruitment</p> <p>Inadequate supervision of children, access to DSLs and inadequate statutory first aid or medical provision</p>	<p>Ratios and Qualifications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will undertake an appropriate audit to ensure staffing levels are appropriate. The EYFS: disapplications and modifications allows for the temporary disapplying and modifying of a number of requirements within EYFS, giving settings flexibility to respond to changes in workforce availability and potential fluctuations in demand while ensuring children are kept safe. It allows further exceptions to be made to the qualification level that staff hold in order to be counted in the ratio requirements. We will use reasonable endeavours to ensure that at least half of staff (excluding the manager) hold at least a full and relevant level 2 qualification to meet staff to child ratio requirements, but this is not a legal requirement. In nursery classes in maintained schools, caring for children aged 3 and over, reasonable endeavours will be used to ensure that at least one member of staff is a school teacher. Where this is not possible, there must be at least one member of staff for every 8 children, with at least one member of staff who holds at least a full and relevant level 3 qualification. We will use our reasonable endeavours to ensure that at least half of other staff hold at least a full and relevant level 2 qualification. We have contingency plans in place should staff be absent as a result of COVID-19. Our possible approaches to managing a shortfall in staffing include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will ensure that appropriate support is made available for pupils with SEND, e.g. by deploying teaching assistants and enabling specialist staff from both within and outside the 	<p>Refer to Early Years Foundation Stage Framework and the EYFS: disapplications and modifications for early years provision open during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak</p> <p>New regulations (in force from 26/09/20) will allow temporary changes to be reapplied if COVID-19 related local restrictions are imposed by government.</p>	<p>SW All Staff</p>

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	<p>school to work with pupils in different classes or year groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Where support staff capacity is available, we will consider using this to support catch-up provision or targeted interventions. TAs may also be deployed to lead groups or cover lessons, under the direction and supervision of a qualified, or nominated, teacher. Any redeployments will not be at the expense of supporting pupils with SEND. The Head teacher will be satisfied that the person has the appropriate skills, expertise and experience to carry out the work, and discuss and agree any proposed changes in role or responsibility with the member of staff. This includes ensuring that safe ratios are met, and/or specific training undertaken, for any interventions or care for pupils with complex needs where specific training or specific ratios are required. - We can continue to engage supply teachers and other supply staff during this period including to deliver face to face education to pupils who continue to attend school and remote education - Supply staff and other temporary workers can move between schools, but we will minimise the number of visitors to the school where possible. Where it is necessary to use supply staff and peripatetic teachers, they will be expected to comply with our arrangements for managing and minimising risk, including taking particular care to maintain distance from other staff and pupils. - To minimise the numbers of temporary staff in school, we will use longer assignments with supply teachers and agree a minimum number of hours across the academic year (also applies to other temporary staff, peripatetic teachers such sports coaches, and those delivering before and after school clubs). - ITT trainees can continue to go into their host school or college on placement and students completing Level 2, Level 3 qualifications, including the T Level in Education and Childcare, and early years initial teacher training (EYITT) trainees can continue to go into their early years setting on placement; should be offered coronavirus (COVID-19) testing in the same way other school staff are and are expected to follow all control measures put in place by school. - Volunteers may be used to support the work of the school - they will be properly supported and given appropriate roles. - Mixing of volunteers across groups should be kept to a minimum, and they should remain 2m from pupils and staff where possible. • If children are aged 2-5 within a setting, we will use our 'best endeavours' to ensure at least one person with a full PFA certificate is on-site when children are present. If after using best endeavours we are still unable to secure a member of staff with full PFA to be on site then we will carry out a written risk assessment and ensure that someone with a current First Aid at Work or emergency PFA certification is on site at all times children are on premises (<i>The HSE have relaxed their advice in relation to first aid certificate expiry dates and have agreed that First Aid at Work (FAW) or emergency first aid at work (EFAW) certificate expiry dates after 16 March 2020 can remain valid until 31 October 2020 or 6 months from date of expiry, whichever is later. All requalification training for these certificates should be completed by 31 March 2021 (HSE first aid requalification guidance). In line with the EYFS disapplication arrangements if PFA certificate requalification training is prevented for reasons associated directly with the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, or by complying with related government advice, the validity</i> 	<p>Refer to making the best use of teaching assistants.</p> <p>Consider using DfE's and Crown Commercial Service's agency supply deal when hiring agency workers. Get direct support from Crown Commercial Services on how to use the deal by emailing supplyteachers@crowncommercial.gov.uk with the school's details & contact details</p> <p>'Best endeavours' means to identify and take all the steps possible within your power, which could, if successful, ensure there is a paediatric first aider on site when a setting is open, as per the usual EYFS requirement on PFA.</p> <p>If asked to do so, we should be able to explain why any first aider hasn't been able to requalify and demonstrate what steps have taken to access the training. We must make every effort to arrange requalification training ASAP and explain in detail</p>	

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	<p><i>of current certificates can be extended to 31/03/21 at the latest. This applies to certificates expiring on or after 01/10/20, if exceptionally paediatric requalification training is still unavailable, our PFA Covid-19 risk assessment will show how we are making the 'best endeavours' to ensure the EYFS Statutory framework Annex A is being complied with</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will ensure we have adequate and appropriate equipment and facilities to give first aid to any employee who is injured or becomes ill at work; the level of first aid cover provided remains appropriate for our particular work environment and the level of first aid provision necessary in high risk settings is fully maintained Key telephone numbers of all available DSL's/deputies to be displayed in school. Ensure the contact details of the Safeguarding Hub/Early Help Team/LADO are available to all staff on duty. Ensure sufficient competent staff on duty to administer or supervise the administration of medication. Wherever possible, children to self-administer, witnessed by staff. Where not possible (age, SEND etc.) social distancing cannot be maintained – think about how this can be done safely – PPE, vigilant personal hygiene etc. <p>Staff taking leave</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under current UK COVID-19 restrictions, travel, including abroad, is not permitted unless you have a legally permitted reason to do so. It is illegal to travel abroad for holidays and other leisure purposes. Staff will need to be available to work in school during term time. We will discuss leave arrangements with staff to inform workforce planning taking into account their individual contractual arrangements. There is a risk that where staff travel abroad for a legally permitted reason, their return travel arrangements could be disrupted due to COVID-19 restrictions and they may need to quarantine on their return. Refer to how to self-isolate when you travel. Where it is not possible to avoid a member of staff having to quarantine during term time, we will consider if it is possible to temporarily amend working arrangements to enable them to work from home. <p>Recruitment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruitment will continue as usual. We will continue to adhere to Keeping Children Safe in Education regarding pre-appointment checks. We will consider a flexible approach to interviews, with alternative options to face-to-face interviews offered where possible. Where face-to-face meetings are arranged, we will make clear that candidates must adhere to the system of controls that we have in place including any requirements to wear face coverings where social distancing cannot be managed safely. Initial teacher training (ITT) providers have worked flexibly to ensure this year's NQTs are ready and prepared to enter the classroom. They will also be supported by materials DfE is making available to all schools based on the, early career framework reforms, to support them. 	<p>why we have not been able to do so; e.g. we must show evidence that staff with expired certificates are booked on to requalification courses.</p> <p>Where it is not possible to have a DSL or Deputy physically in school, arrangements may be made for the DSL to be contactable via phone or video link if they are working from home. Alternatively, arrangements may be made with an alternative school to use the expertise of their DSL. Where a trained DSL (or deputy) is not on site, in addition to one of the above options, a senior leader should take responsibility for co-ordinating safeguarding on site.</p> <p>The latest guidance on travel/quarantine can be accessed at Coronavirus Covid-19 safer travel guidance for passengers, How to quarantine when you arrive in England, Coronavirus (COVID-19) testing before you travel to England, Travel Corridors, Booking and staying in a quarantine hotel when you arrive in England, Coronavirus (COVID-19): red list travel ban countries</p> <p>The government's Teaching Vacancies service can help schools to list vacancies for both permanent and fixed-term teaching staff quickly</p> <p>Interviewing remotely may be a new experience for many schools. Refer to Recruiting during lockdown? How we did it and Attending your first remote interview</p>	
Visiting children in their own homes and contact with COVID-19 virus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should we have a situation where a child requires a home visit such as in relation to safeguarding concerns or delivery of the EHC Plan to pupils not attending school, we will consider and adhere to guidance issued in Safe working in education, childcare and children's 		SW JR

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	social care settings, including the use of PPE.		
<p>Visitors & spread of Covid-19 virus</p> <p>Infection spread leading to serious respiratory illness, death</p>	<p>ALL Visitors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visitors to the premises will be discouraged and meetings held remotely where possible visitors will be by appointment only A record should be kept of all visitors/contractors with sufficient detail to support rapid contact tracing if required by NHS Test and Trace. Create a signing in sheet – with date, times, name, company (where relevant), contact Tel No., where in the building they are going to be for the majority of the time and who they are meeting with Do not leave a pen available – they should use their own. If a touch screen is used, anti-viral wipes must be available along with a bin for disposal. Refer to Maintaining records to support NHS Test & Trace Site guidance on physical distancing and hygiene should be documented & explained to visitors/contractors on or before arrival - make it clear via a notice on the inner door that all visitors must wash their hands as soon as they enter the building or sanitise their hands. Ensure that any keypads or electronic entry systems are regularly sanitised throughout the day (as above). Where possible, limit the areas that visitors/contractors can go in the building and reduce the number of people they come into contact with. <p>External Education Professionals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In instances where we need to use other essential professionals such as social workers, speech and language therapists or counsellors, or professionals to support delivery of a child's EHC plan, we will assess whether the professionals need to attend in person or can do so virtually. If they need to attend in person, they should closely follow the protective measures in the school, wash hands frequently, keep the number of attendances to a minimum and where possible to do so, maintain social distancing. For children with EHC Plans, refer to 'Other Considerations' <p>Other Visitors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will consider how to manage other visitors to the site, such as contractors, and ensure that the risks associated with managing contractors, visitors, catering staff and deliveries, as well as cleaning staff on site who may be working throughout the school and across different groups, are addressed. This will require close cooperation between both school and the other relevant employers. We will have discussions with key contractors about the school's control measures and ways of working. Site guidance on physical distancing and hygiene is explained to visitors on or before arrival. Access to contractors/external maintenance personnel should be by appointment only and wherever possible, arranged after school, holidays or weekends to reduce contact with others and appropriate hygiene and social distancing arrangements are followed (including in an emergency situation where access is required urgently to undertake maintenance/repair). <p>Parents/Carers</p> <p>New Admissions</p>	<p>Undertake effective liaison with contractors BEFORE they attend site – ask contractors to provide key information in relation to how they are managing infection control (risk assessments) and any control measures we have in place which we expect them to follow will be shared with them either in advance or on immediate arrival. Contractors should be working to Construction Leadership Council - Site-Operating-Procedures</p>	<p>Admin Staff SW</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For new admissions, we will provide virtual tours for prospective parents and carers wherever possible. If parents and carers are keen to visit in person, we will ensure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> face coverings are worn if required in line with arrangements for staff and other visitors to the setting; there is regular handwashing, especially before and after the visit; holding visits after hours. If this is not possible, consider limiting visits to the outside play areas during regular hours, and ensure strict social distancing is observed. Prior to a visit, we will ensure that parents and carers are aware: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> of our 'system of controls'; how this impacts them and their responsibilities during their visit; how to maintain social distancing from staff, other visitors, and children other than those in their care. <p>Other visits by parents and carers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-person visits from parents and carers can take place if they are necessary but we will make use of remote visits wherever possible. We will work with parents and carers to ensure they still have visibility of the childcare environment during this time, including through the use of remote visits, pictures and phone calls. <p>[EYFS] Parents settling children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will ensure that parents and carers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> wear face coverings, if required, in line with arrangements for staff and other visitors to the setting; stay for a limited amount of time (ideally not more than an hour); avoid close contact with other children; are aware of our 'system of controls', how this impacts them, and their responsibilities in supporting it when visiting school with their child; we will explain these expectations, verbally or in writing, to parents and carers before or on arrival. <p>Parent and Child groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is a legal requirement that support groups and parent and child groups must be organised by a business, a charitable, benevolent or philanthropic institution, or a public body, and must only be held in places that are permitted to be open and not in private dwellings. Groups must have no more than 15 attendees. Children under five and someone who is working as part of the group, such as a group leader, are not counted in the number. Support groups, such as for breastfeeding, postnatal, and baby and toddler groups, for the provision of support for parents and their children, that are necessary to deliver in person, can continue to take place. This does not typically permit support groups focused on social or development activities, such as singalong groups or art classes. From 29/03/21, parent and child groups, for the benefit of children aged under five years, can take place outdoors. Step two to easing national restrictions will take place no earlier than 12/04/21. Step two includes allowing parent and child groups, for the benefit of children under 5 years of age, to 	<p>Further information on specific Covid-19 preventative controls is available in Actions for early years and childcare providers during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak</p>	

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	<p>restart indoors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is important for group participants to ensure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A risk assessment is completed prior to groups and activities taking place; Social distancing between adults who do not live together and who are not in the same support or childcare bubble everyone maintains good hand hygiene. Participants should clean their hands as they arrive and as they leave. adults wear face coverings should be worn by both staff and adult visitors where social distancing between adults is not possible e.g. when moving around in corridors and communal areas; groups and activities take place separately to areas being used at the same time by registered children attending an Ofsted registered setting; where permitted to be held indoors, the areas used are well ventilated (see the section on ventilation); where singing takes place, the guidance in the music, dance and drama section is followed; any rooms used by these groups are cleaned after each use; a record of all visitors to the setting is kept - Maintaining records to support NHS Test & Trace. <p>Lettings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where Lettings (private hire) are to take place, our documented Lettings Arrangements/Procedures which include conditions of hire, will be revised to identify any specific rules school expects hirers to follow in light of Covid-19, thinking about, for example (list not exhaustive): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ensuring details of those attending each Let is kept by the organiser (for NHS Test & Trace purposes); potentially restricting numbers if social distancing cannot be adhered to; where hirers can and can't go (at this time we should probably be putting more restrictions in place – we may need to take changing rooms out of action and ask participants to arrive in their sports kit and go home in it to shower for example; we may need to limit toilet facilities to reduce the amount of cleaning required); what they can & can't do; what equipment (if any) they can use etc. include cleaning regimes – who is expected to clean premises/ equipment following a Let, particularly if there has been a suspected or confirmed case of Covid-19 during the Let. How do hirers report such a case? who will provide hand sanitiser, tissues etc. – school or the hirer; provision of more waste facilities (for tissues etc.); will there be any necessary changes needed to fire evacuation procedures and assembly points to allow for social distancing? 	<p>Refer to Maintaining records to support NHS Test & Trace</p> <p>Refer to protective measures for holiday clubs and after-school clubs and other out-of-school clubs for children during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where we hire out our premises for use by external wraparound childcare providers, such as after-school or holiday clubs, we will ensure these organisations have considered the relevant government guidance for their sector and put in place protective measures. We will check that each organiser has their own suitable Covid-19 risk assessment in place which we are satisfied with. <p>Delete or amend information below as necessary for your setting]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The NHS Test and Trace App has a check-in feature which enables a venue to register for an official NHS QR code and allows users to 'check-in' to participating venues on their app by scanning that code. However, Schools are NOT expected to create NHS QR code posters for their normal day to day operations. NHS QR posters will be considered if the premises are let out during evenings, weekends or holidays to external providers and if we feel that use of NHS QR codes and the app is more effective than their existing process for recording external visitors and providing those visitors' details to NHS Test and Trace in the event of a positive case at the setting. 	<p>If needed, schools can create NHS QR code posters online for free</p>	
<p>Lack of wellbeing management for pupils and families</p> <p>Mental ill health</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some pupils may be experiencing a variety of emotions in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, such as anxiety, stress or low mood. This may particularly be the case for vulnerable children, including those with a social worker and young carers. It is important to contextualise these feelings as normal responses to an abnormal situation. Some pupils, parents and households may be reluctant or anxious about attending school. We will identify pupils who are reluctant or anxious about attending or who are at risk of disengagement and develop plans for re-engaging them with a particular emphasis on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> disadvantaged and vulnerable children and young people; pupils who were persistently absent prior to the pandemic; pupils who have not engaged with school regularly during the pandemic. We will discuss any concerns with parents and provide reassurance about the measures we are putting in place to reduce any risks including the system of controls and testing. We will discuss with individual parents other specific accommodations that can be put in place to ensure that the pupil can regularly attend and emphasise the benefits of regular attendance. We will offer pastoral support to pupils who are self-isolating, shielding or who are vulnerable. We will consider using pastoral and extra-curricular activities to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> support the rebuilding of friendships and social engagement; address and equip pupils to respond to issues linked to coronavirus (Covid-19); support pupils with approaches to improving their physical and mental wellbeing including continuing to remain fit and active and, wherever possible, having the 60 minutes of daily physical activity recommended by the Chief Medical Officers. We will also provide more focused pastoral support for pupils' individual issues, drawing on external support where necessary and possible. Where there is a concern a child is in need or suffering or likely to suffer from harm, we (generally led by the DSL or deputy) will follow our Child Protection Policy and Part 1 of keeping children safe in education and consider any referral to statutory services (and the police) as 	<p>Refer to DfE - teaching about mental wellbeing, the DfE/PHE/NHS YouTube webinar and the Wellbeing for Education Return programme</p> <p>The Every interaction matters webinar can help with offering pastoral support for wellbeing</p> <p>Further support & resources can be found at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PHE: supporting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing Every Mind Matters MindEd learning platform for professionals MindEd coronavirus (COVID-19) staff resilience hub Whole School SEND Resource page Transition planning for post-year 11 destinations COVID-19 SEND review guide <p>A Handbook to support teachers to take a whole school approach to supporting pupils following a traumatic event</p>	<p>SW JR VG</p>

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	<p>appropriate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will work with school nurses, where in place to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ensure delivery of the healthy child programme; identify health and wellbeing needs; provide support for resilience, mental health and wellbeing including anxiety, bereavement and sleep issues; support for pupils with additional and complex health needs. Staff will need to strike an appropriate balance between reintegrating pupils into a reassuring and familiar work ethic to support their mental wellbeing on the one hand and identifying and taking time to address explicitly individual concerns or problems on the other. If parents of pupils with significant risk factors are concerned, we will discuss their concerns and provide reassurance of the measures we are putting in place to reduce the risk in school. We will be clear with parents that pupils of compulsory school age must be in school unless a statutory reason applies If safeguarding issues come to light they will be addressed using the school's Child Protection policy, which may need to be updated. The Head teacher will consider how they might manage any increase in referrals as pupils return to school. 		
<p>Lack of wellbeing management for staff</p> <p>Mental ill health</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will be conscious of the wellbeing of all staff, including senior leaders themselves, and the need to implement flexible working practices in a way that promotes good work-life balance and supports teachers and leaders. Particular regard will be given to ensuring staff who are BAME (Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic) and those with existing health conditions (but do not fall into the category of critically vulnerable) are appropriately supported, given that they may be at increased risk of severe ill-health should they contract COVID-19. Workload will be carefully managed and the school will assess whether staff who are having to stay at home due to health conditions are able to support remote education, while others focus on face-to-face provision. This issue will be factored into our resource and curriculum planning and consideration given to where additional resource could be safely brought in if necessary. We may need to alter the way in which we deploy staff and use existing staff more flexibly to welcome back all pupils at the start of the autumn term. We will discuss and agree any changes to staff roles with individuals. We will monitor the wellbeing of people who are working from home or self-isolating and help them stay connected to the rest of the workforce, especially if the majority of their colleagues are on-site. We will keep in touch with off-site workers on their working arrangements including their welfare, mental and physical health and personal security. We will consider how to support the mental wellbeing of our staff who are returning after a significant period of either home working, shielding or furlough. Where work-related issues present themselves, the HSE's published stress Management Standards will be followed. We will also review how we can support employees on broader issues, such as bereavement support and general anxiety about the ongoing situation (for example by signing up for a formal Employee Assistance Programme providing confidential telephone advice and counselling). 	<p>Refer to extra mental health support for pupils and teachers, NHS Every Mind Matters and Wellbeing for education return programme</p> <p>Refer to BAMEed Network guidance for assistance in completing an individual risk assessment before affected staff return to work.</p> <p>Refer to the DfE workload reduction toolkit and case studies to support remote education</p> <p>Education Support Partnership provides a free helpline for school staff and targeted support for mental health and wellbeing</p>	<p>Governing body SW All Staff</p>

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<p>Inadequate communications with and training of staff</p> <p>Staff do not understand safety procedures</p>	<p>Returning to work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will ensure all staff understand coronavirus related safety procedures. We will provide clear, consistent and regular communication to improve understanding and consistency of ways of working amongst staff. We will engage with staff through existing communication routes and staff representatives to explain and agree any changes in working arrangements, including those working from home. We will develop communication and training materials for staff prior to returning to site, especially around new procedures for arrival at work. <p>Ongoing communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will ensure all staff are kept up to date with how safety measures are being implemented or updated. We will ensure ongoing engagement with staff, (including through trades unions or employee representative groups) to monitor and understand any unforeseen impacts of changes to working environments. We will promote awareness and focus on the importance of mental health at times of uncertainty (see above). We will use simple, clear messaging to explain guidelines using images and clear language, with consideration of groups for which English may not be their first language and those with protected characteristics such as visual impairments. We will use visual communications, e.g. whiteboards or signage, to explain safe working practices around the working site to reduce the need for face-to-face communications. 		<p>Governing body SW</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elements of premise related issues below will have been completed prior to full opening in September so feel free to remove any detail below that has already been completed; has been or is ongoing or simply indicate in the 'Notes' column that this is complete. 		
<p>Fire and emergencies</p> <p>Inability to operate emergency systems or procedures</p> <p>All building users, contractors/maintenance personnel</p> <p>Injury sustained due to fire or emergency evacuation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and where necessary, update the existing Fire Risk Assessment and Fire Safety Management Policy/Evacuation Plan. Ensure adequate provision of fire wardens and update training where zones they normally cover have been altered. Ensure that during any future national restrictions/local lockdown (including partial lockdown/closure) that there are sufficient trained staff/fire wardens on duty to cover the site to enable sweeps of all areas to be carried out and to ensure full evacuation of the building. Assess the suitability of Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans (PEEPs) – especially if working hours are elongated and/or previous role holders are no longer available to continue. Consider altered escape routes where children are restricted to certain areas. Consider the layout of muster points; more points may need to be created to allow for social distancing and to prevent groups or bubbles mixing – how will the person in charge at each assembly point communicate with the others? How will pupils line up – is marking required? Test whether the school's existing system works appropriately in relation to social distancing and the advice not to mix groups or bubbles. More frequent drills may be required in the short term as more children and staff return to 	<p>Refer to advice on Fire safety in new and existing school buildings</p>	<p>SW LMcC TP</p>

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	<p>school to test procedures as they become accustomed to the 'new normal' of Class/Year bubbles, social distancing, being in different classrooms/work areas etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • However, it is accepted that during the current pandemic there may be instances where a fire drill involving the entire school may result in the school's planned COVID control measures being compromised; e.g. two separate pupil groups (bubbles) coming briefly into contact due to the available evacuation routes. Therefore, our advice is that prior to undertaking a fire drill for the whole school an assessment should be made of the potential risk of this occurring. • If, as a result of the assessment, the school believes it would be preferable not to undertake a fire drill involving the whole school, steps must be taken to ensure that all pupils and staff are familiar with the escape routes. This could be achieved by individual groups physically walking the escape routes available to them but without resorting to sounding the fire alarm. It is recommended that for each group of pupils both the nearest fire exit and also the next closest alternative escape routes are used for this purpose. In line with normal practice any drill (whether full or conducted partially) should be clearly logged in the School Fire Logbook. • It must be emphasised that the mitigating approach above is only necessary where there is a distinct possibility that the COVID control measures will be compromised for the purposes of a fire drill. In case of a genuine fire the fire evacuation procedure will take precedence over any COVID control measures; the priority is to ensure that all occupants have left the building and reached the fire assembly point • More frequent fire updates will be provided to staff and pupils, particularly where pupils are not being taught in their 'normal classrooms' so that they can familiarise themselves with the nearest fire route and ultimate exit. • Clarify means of summoning emergency assistance, particularly when operating social distancing. • The use of portable heaters should be avoided where possible. However, where it is necessary to use these ensure suitable controls are implemented and include within the existing Fire Risk Assessment e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - check that the electrical installation has the capacity to run multiple portable heaters to ensure none of the electrical phases become overloaded; - radiant type heaters must not be used; - the use of naked flame appliances e.g. LPG appliances, must not be permitted under any circumstance; - prior to use all portable heaters must be inspected to ensure that they are correctly maintained; - portable electrical heaters should be subject to a portable appliance test at suitable timescales and display a label; - heaters must be stable and prevented from being knocked over - the base of the heater should be secure (ideally use heaters that have an automatic cut-out so that if the heater is knocked-over the heater will switch-off.) - staff must not be permitted to bring their own portable heaters into the school; - when in use the heater should be connected directly to a fixed wall socket; the use of extension leads and adaptors avoided at all time; - all heating appliances must be kept clear of combustible material and the air flow around 	<p>Train staff and pupils in the correct procedures in the event of fire emergency – repeat as necessary – monitor via fire drills</p> <p>The advice of a competent electrician (registered with an electrical Competent Person Scheme Operator) may need to be sought.</p>	

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	<p>the appliance must not be impeded;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - heaters must not be used under desks or other furniture; - as far as practicable, heaters should not be left unattended; - heaters should be positioned where they will not cause an obstruction and must not be used within escape routes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Propping open doors by any other means other than proprietary hold open devices triggered by the fire alarm is normally not permitted. However, as a temporary measure, all reasonable methods of preventing infection spread may need to be introduced. The risk of a fire starting during the school day when the building is occupied is probably lower than the risk of covid-19 infection spread. If fire doors are held open as a measure to reduce the risk of infection transmission the following will be observed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If fire doors are held open, we will alter our documented and practical procedures to ensure that more staff are appointed to ensure ALL fire doors will be closed by a member of staff using the room or those undertaking sweeps of communal areas in in the event of the fire alarm activating. • We will use wedges to hold doors open – these can be easily kicked out should there be an emergency situation. • We will only hold doors open where access through them is required during the day and where the room beyond is occupied. This will reduce the risk of contamination. Rooms which are not being used will have the doors closed at all times. • At the end of each day, ALL fire doors MUST be closed. Wipe down contact points with a proprietary cleaning product ready for the next day • Continually monitor compliance with the above as well as during/following fire drills • We will consider the closing of windows should the fire alarm activate. Because of the need for increased ventilation in the school during the Covid-19 pandemic, there may not be time to close all windows prior to evacuation. This situation is only permissible where to close all the windows would result in increased risk to staff and pupils. • We will review the first aid 'assessment of need' to ensure that it is still sufficient. Based on this, more first aiders may need to be trained to ensure that there is adequate coverage. We will review levels of first aid equipment to ensure that these are still adequate. In particular, consideration will be given to the purchase of additional resuscitation face shields, disposable gloves and aprons. • Where necessary, staff will undergo induction in the fire and emergency routines and accident/first aid procedures. This may not be the usual routes and normal nominated fire wardens may not be in attendance. Repeat as necessary. 	<p>Review fire doors appropriate to setting. We will consider installing proprietary hold open devices triggered by the fire alarm as a longer-term objective.</p>	
<p>Lack of building/ property maintenance – preparing to re-open</p> <p>Faulty equipment services leading to injury or death</p> <p>All building users,</p>	<p>All routine external and in-house monitoring, testing and inspection should have continued as normal during the last lockdown even if the building was completely closed. If not, it is important that all the usual pre-term building checks are undertaken to make the school safe:</p> <p>Health & Safety Inspections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the whole school site or buildings have been closed for many weeks, or if parts of the building have been out of use for a long period, undertake a health and safety check of the buildings, grounds and equipment concerned. • All routine in-house monitoring, testing and inspection to commence / continue as normal. 	<p>Refer to the Chartered Institute of Building Services Engineers' guidance on emerging from lockdown</p>	<p>SW TP</p>

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contractors/maintenance personnel	<p>Fire Safety Systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All relevant fire safety equipment and systems should have continued to be tested even if the building was completely closed during lockdown. If not, all relevant fire safety equipment and systems must be tested before employees and others are allowed on site. • This would typically include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a full functional test of the fire detection and alarm system (using multiple call points across the site and involving the call receiving centre if appropriate); - a full discharge test of the emergency lighting system across the site; - a visual inspection of all fire extinguishers to ensure that they are correctly located, full and not obviously damaged; - checking that fire escape routes are clear of any obstructions; - checking that final fire escape doors are unlocked and operational; - checking the operation of internal fire doors to ensure that they close properly; - checking that automatic fire dampers, smoke venting and smoke extraction systems are operational. <p>Water management – control of Legionella bacteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Schools increasing operational capacity or opening should follow their usual water system building management procedures as they would at the end of the summer holidays. - Chlorinating and flushing water systems may not be necessary if the system has remained operational through routine flushing as advised in the cold water systems and domestic hot water services sections above. If not, prior to re-opening, we will contact our legionella competent person who will advise on the action required. If a full system flush is required but not immediately available, seek advice from your competent person on alternative options. - We will check traps have not dried out and ensure water seals are in place to prevent smells within the building, for example, hygiene rooms, sports hall showers even if the building is completely closed. • Drinking water <p>If it has not been possible to maintain system throughput of water from routine flushing to all outlets or a competent person has not tested the water and provided satisfactory bacterial test results, the water may not be safe to drink. In these circumstances, we will supply bottled drinking water until a thorough flushing and chlorination can be undertaken by a water treatment specialist.</p> • Hot water services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Water temperatures must be kept within limits recommended for the control of legionella bacteria in water systems. - Regularly check hot water generation for functionality and if required, temperature recording even if the building is completely closed. 	<p>Refer to HSE: Legionella Risks during the Coronavirus Outbreak</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If the hot water system has been left operational the hot water should be circulating as normal and regular checks should be carried out. <p>Ventilation – keep occupied spaces well ventilated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is important to ensure the building is well ventilated and a comfortable teaching environment is maintained. This can be achieved by a variety of measures including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - mechanical ventilation systems – these should be adjusted to increase the ventilation rate wherever possible, and checked to confirm that normal operation meets current guidance (if possible, systems should be adjusted to full fresh air or, if not, then systems should be operated as normal as long as they are within a single room and supplemented by an outdoor air supply); - natural ventilation – opening windows (in cooler weather, windows should be opened just enough to provide constant background ventilation and opened more fully during breaks to purge the air in the space). Opening internal doors can also assist with creating a throughput of air; - natural ventilation – if necessary external opening doors may also be used (where safe to do so – see also ‘fire doors’ above). • To balance the need for increased ventilation while maintaining a comfortable temperature, the following measures should also be used as appropriate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - opening high level windows in preference to low level to reduce draughts; - increasing the ventilation while spaces are unoccupied (e.g. between classes, during break and lunch, when a room is unused); - providing flexibility to allow additional, suitable indoor clothing (see also ‘school uniform’ above); - rearranging furniture where possible to avoid direct draughts. • Ventilation in chemical stores should be kept running as normal. • Heating should be used as necessary to ensure comfort levels are maintained particularly in occupied spaces (see also ‘use of portable heaters’ above). <i>The Workplace (Health, Safety & Welfare) Regulations 1992 require employers to provide a ‘reasonable’ temperature in workplaces. The School Premises (England) Regulations 2012 do not specify minimum temperatures for any parts of a school but simply refer back to the Workplace Regulations. The HSE ACOP states ‘the temperature in a workplace should normally be at least 16°C. If work involves rigorous physical effort, the temperature should be at least 13°C.</i> • In terms of convection heating systems, the risks are likely to be extremely low and it is unlikely that this could be replaced or retrofitted with additional filtration. <p>Asbestos Containing Materials (ACMs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete a thorough visual inspection of all ACMs prior to reoccupation to confirm that there has been no damage during lockdown/closure. Where any damage to ACMs is observed, the area should be isolated immediately and advice sought from a specialist asbestos management company. <p>Restarting plant and equipment</p>	<p>Refer to the HSE: Ventilation and air conditioning during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and CIBSE coronavirus (COVID-19) advice</p> <p>Check with your heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) engineer to determine whether it would be feasible to operate the system with fan functions left off or on low during operation. However, this may affect the safety/functionality of the system advice must be sought by a competent person with knowledge of your heating system/site.</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If plant and equipment has not continued to be used/maintained during lockdown/closure, recommission all systems before opening, as would normally be done after a long holiday period. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> gas heating water supply mechanical and electrical systems catering equipment We will establish a clear plan for restarting any equipment that has been taken out of service during lockdown/closure to ensure the safety of those who are undertaking the maintenance as well as protecting the equipment from damage. The restart process may require electrical and mechanical isolations to be reconnected, fluids to be refilled and plant and equipment to be reenergised in a specific sequence or order. Planning should therefore be based on manufacturers' instructions, commonly accepted technical guidance and by making reference to specialist contractors (where required). Ensure that those who are carrying out the work are competent to do so and the work is correctly coordinated between them to avoid risks. <p>Statutory inspections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whilst the HSE 'recognises the potential challenges when carrying out legal requirements for thorough examination and testing (TE&T) of plant and equipment as a result of additional precautions people need to take to help reduce risk of transmission of coronavirus (Covid-19)' they have stated that 'the law for Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations (LOLER) and Pressure Systems Safety Regulations (PSSR)' remain in place. As such, employers must ensure that statutory inspections on lifting equipment (including passenger lifts and stair lifts), pressure systems, fixed electrical systems, PAT, gas appliances, etc are 'in date' prior to the reoccupation of buildings Consider whether equipment which has not been used for an extended period of time needs a statutory inspection even if one is not due. For example, where personal lifting equipment has been left in a condition which may have compromised its structural integrity or where a lift needs servicing to ensure it is going to be operated normally and safely. <p>Training and supervision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In returning plant and equipment into full use, we will ensure that employees have retained adequate knowledge to use it safely. As such, it may be necessary to run refresher training for certain items and/or systems. This is particularly relevant to employees who only had limited experience prior to the lockdown. Review the status of any planned periodic refresher training which may have been missed during the lockdown. We will ensure that there is adequate supervision of those using plant and equipment, particularly if sites operate for an extended period of time and/or experienced supervisors are not available.. 		

Further Action Required

Settings should 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 Covid-19. This risk assessment must be read and followed in conjunction with other applicable risk assessments for the setting, staff member or pupil, adapted as necessary, and:

- [Schools coronavirus \(COVID-19\) operational guidance](#)
- [Actions for Early years and childcare providers](#)
- [Additional operational guidance for special schools, special post-16 institutions and alternative provision](#)
- [Critical workers who can access schools or settings](#)
- [Stay at home guidance for households with possible Covid-19 infection](#)
- [Guidance on shielding & protecting people who are clinically extremely vulnerable from COVID-19](#)
- [RCPCH COVID-19 - 'shielding' guidance for children and young people](#)
- [How to stop the spread of coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Meeting with others safely \(Social Distancing\)](#)
- [Coronavirus \(Covid-19\) Getting tested](#)
- [Use of the NHS COVID-19 app in schools and FE colleges](#)
- [Safeguarding children and protecting professionals in early years settings: online safety guidance for practitioners](#)
- [Safeguarding and remote education during coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): test kits for schools and FE providers](#)
- [Maintaining records of staff, customers and visitors to support NHS Test and Trace](#)
- [Actions for employers and providers following a coronavirus \(COVID-19\) related death of a carer or colleague across children's services.](#)
- [Providing School Meals during the Coronavirus Outbreak](#)
- [COVID-19: cleaning of non-healthcare settings outside the home](#)
- [Coronavirus Covid-19 safer travel guidance for passengers](#)
- [Coronavirus Covid-19 Safer transport guidance for operators](#)
- [Transport to school and other places of education: 2020 to 2021 academic year](#)
- [Safe working in education, childcare and children's social care settings, including the use of PPE](#)
- [HSE Face Fit Testing Guidance](#)
- [Face coverings in education](#)
- [Face coverings: when to wear one, exemptions and how to make your own](#)
- [Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework \(disapplications\)](#)
- [Protective measures for out-of-school settings during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#)
- [Remote education during Coronavirus \(Covid-19\)](#)
- [Schools and COVID-19: guidance for Black, Asian and minority ethnic \(BAME\) staff and their employers in school settings](#)
- [AfPE COVID-19: Interpreting the Government Guidance in a PESSPA Context](#)
- [Asthma UK COVID-19: Health advice for people with asthma](#)
- [CPNI Managing Security Risks throughout Covid-19](#)
- [Working safely during coronavirus \(Covid-19\)](#)
- [Contingency framework: education and childcare settings \(excluding universities\)](#)
- [Mass asymptomatic testing: schools and colleges](#)
- [Rapid asymptomatic testing in specialist settings](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) asymptomatic testing for staff in primary schools and nurseries](#)
- [Households and bubbles of pupils, students and staff of schools, nurseries and colleges: get rapid lateral flow tests](#)
- [COVID-19 Response - Spring 2021](#)

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