

Risk Assessment Coronavirus – COVID-19 SEPTEMBER 2021

Location / Site	Wordsworth Primary School
Activity / Procedure	Opening school in Autumn term '2021
Assessment date	September 2021
Assessment serial number	06.09.2021
<p>The school has prepared this risk assessment following guidance from Central Government, Southampton City Council and Hamwic Education Trust.</p> <p>We will endeavour to ensure that our school environment is as safe as it can be. Extra measures (outlined below) will be taken to ensure our school observes regular hand-washing, sanitising, cleaning and ventilation. Please note that, whilst we will do our utmost to ensure we provide our staff and pupils with a safe place to work, a safe environment and follow government guidance, we can only do so to our best endeavours and our working-knowledge of the Covid-19.</p> <p>If any member of staff has any concerns, they must discuss it immediately with their Line Manager or School Leader.</p>	

Identify hazards	Record all hazards that are specific to this task
Lack of, or poor hygiene and cleanliness across the site.	
Inadequate staff ratios.	
Poor communication means that staff, parents, pupils, or visitors, do not follow guidance.	
Close contact with others causes virus to spread throughout the staff and pupil population.	
Rapidly changing local situation may affect school situation	
Risk of infection from children and adults with COVID-19 (either asymptomatic or with symptoms)	

Identify people at risk	Circle boxes where persons may be affected by hazards	
Employees	YES	NO
Visitors	YES	NO

Contractors	YES	NO
Vulnerable persons	YES	NO
Pupils	YES	NO

Existing control measures	List controls already in place to reduce risk of injury
The school will follow all DFE/Government guidance which will be made available through updates from the Hamwic Education Trust (HET).	
We will continue to follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19. The <u>thresholds</u> , set out below, can be used by settings as an indication for when to seek public health advice if they are concerned. For most education and childcare settings, whichever of these thresholds is reached first:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two positive confirmed cases within a class – the class is isolated and all sent home for a PCR test <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five children, pupils, students or staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for covid-19 within a 10-day period; or • 10% of children, pupils, students or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for covid-19 	
Face coverings are no longer advised for pupils. Staff and visitors in communal areas are required to wear face coverings. Staff may wish to continue to wear a mask in classrooms although it is down to individual choice but social distancing is required. Visitors will be asked to wear a mask for a meeting/visit and contracted work.	
Staff will continue to take a lateral flow test twice weekly (ideally on Thursday & Sunday). Staff do not need to report the result unless it is positive and should then advise SLT.	
Anyone who is unwell, with possible COVID-19 symptoms, (staff or student) should remain at home and organise a PCR test	
Information and guidance will remain in place to minimise contact with individuals who are unwell, by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms do not attend school	
Contingency plans will be introduced when directed to do so by PHE following a local outbreak	
Hand Sanitiser units to remain in place, hand sanitiser will be available on entry to the school at the reception desk and at various points throughout the school.	
Pupils and staff will continue to sanitise their hands	
We will continue to promote good hygiene, by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.	
Enhanced cleaning will continue	
We will encourage all staff to maintain good ventilation in rooms they are occupying. Windows will be opened and alternated throughout the day to create different airflows. Room occupancy limits are re imposed and signposted on the doors to limit the amount of people in a room and so social distancing can happen safely.	
Assemblies are to be done in classrooms or via zoom meetings and lunch arrangements have been determined by the lunchtime rota in year groups, with packed lunches in the classroom, or outside on the picnic benches depending on the weather.	

<p>Where possible, we will continue to try to answer parents' concerns/questions by email/phone or zoom. Parent visits are allowed – staff will be encouraged to socially distance from visitors, meet outdoors where possible or use a well ventilated room</p> <p>Visitors will be asked to wear a mask for a meeting/visit and social distancing is required.</p>
<p>Orchestras, drama and choir groups will resume; school will ensure rooms used are well ventilated and Govt. guidance followed</p>
<p>Use of school minibuses / vehicles for trips - hand sanitiser to be used on entering/leaving the vehicle. Full cleaning of vehicle to take place after use</p>
<p>School trips will take place; we will undertake a risk assessment in relation to all our educational visits to ensure that DFE/ Government guidance is followed</p>
<p>We will continue to offer a remote 'home' learning package for those students who need to remain at home whilst self-isolating</p>
<p>Visitors All school visits, including by parents, will be by prior appointment/invitation only. Visitors will be asked not to attend the premises should they display any COVID symptoms. All visitors will be asked to sanitise their hands before entering the premises and can be asked to wear a mask.</p>
<p>Communication to parents Parents will be reminded that children should not attend school whilst displaying COVID symptoms. (In most cases, parents and carers will agree that a pupil with symptoms should not attend the school, given the potential risk to others). Parents will be provided with a high quality remote learning offer should their child need to isolate. Parents will be able to enter the school premises for the purpose of dropping off and collecting their children.</p>
<p>Cleaning & Hygiene Site managers will ensure they have enough cleaning staff and cleaning products to ensure the site remains cleaned to a high standard. A cleaning schedule will be implemented throughout the site, ensuring that high risk contact points, e.g. work surfaces, door handles, taps etc. are all thoroughly cleaned and disinfected regularly. Additional cleaning hours will be maintained into the autumn term and cleaning schedules recorded in key areas e.g. toilets and classrooms. Where there is considered to be an outbreak or a member of staff tests positive a deep clean will take place in the area. Pupils will share essential resources in table groups within their classroom. All table groups to have sufficient tissues and children taught to 'catch it bin it kill it'. Sufficient bins in all classroom areas. Ensure adequate stock levels of hand sanitiser and tissues/wipes are available and replenished as needed. Inform parents of hygiene expectations and discuss with pupils/children to hand wash throughout the day, including on entry/exit and before and after break/lunch as well as after toileting. Ensure that all adults and pupils: - frequently wash their hands with soap and water for 20 seconds and dry thoroughly; - clean their hands on arrival at the setting, before and after eating, and after sneezing or coughing;</p>

- are encouraged not to touch their mouth, eyes and nose;
 - use a tissue or elbow to cough or sneeze and use bins for tissue waste ('catch it, bin it, kill it').

Ensure that bins for tissues are emptied throughout the day.

Where possible, all spaces should be well ventilated using natural ventilation (opening windows) or ventilation units.

Windows should be opened and closed at different times of the day to ensure varying air flows are maintained

Prop doors open, only where safe to do so (bearing in mind fire safety and safeguarding).

Doors should be closed when a room is left and windows opened up.

Existing level of risk	Consider current level of risk with existing controls in place
Due to the nature of the virus, there will be a higher risk compared to other illnesses. We will monitor the situation and as soon as we feel the risk has increased, we will notify Gemma Carr or Nikki Thorne at the Hamwic Education Trust	

Additional control measures	List any additional control measures that are required
Face masks are now optional for staff in classrooms, but are required in communal areas	
Staff have the choice whether they maintain their classroom in a COVID-19-safe set up	
In case of a local outbreak staff should have a covid outbreak seating plan in place should the need arise to revert to the class layouts of 20-21 i.e. desks facing forward, bubbles etc.	
We are now returning to year groups sat at the same table at lunchtime.	
Screens in place on Reception/counters and in the school offices to remain in place (to be reviewed at the end of October 2021)	
Contingency plans (sometimes called outbreak management plans) will be put in place which set out the steps we would take should there be an in-school transmission taking place. This will include –	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - additional coronavirus testing; - the reintroduction of face coverings in certain circumstances; - moving on-line for activities with parents and visitors such as open days and parents' evenings - restricting the mixing of groups through the use of "school bubbles" 	

School Leader's comments	
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Name of school leader	Signature of school leader	Date
Julie-Anne Palfrey		10.09.2021 Reviewed 2.11.21

Risk assessment reviews	Set future review dates & sign/comment upon completion
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Review date	Reviewed by	Reviewer signature	Remarks
22.10.2021 02.11.2021		C.A Durham	Review end of first half term Autumn Term 2021

RISK ASSESSMENT MATRIX - LEVEL OF RISK

		LIKELIHOOD				
5 Fatalities	SEVERITY	5	10	15	20	25
4 Major		4	8	12	16	20
3 Serious		3	6	9	12	15
2 Minor		2	4	6	8	10
1 Negligible		1	2	3	4	5
		1 Very Unlikely	2 Unlikely	3 Moderate	4 Likely	5 Very Likely
Low Risk	Acceptable - Monitor. See note 1 below.					
Moderate Risk	Acceptable - Subject to guidance. See note 2 below.					
High Risk	Unacceptable - Activity must not proceed.					

Note 1. If the risk after controls is established as low, then no further action is required. However, you should continue to monitor the residual risk and ensure that it remains as low as **'so far as is reasonably practical'**.

Note 2. Tasks which have been identified as containing moderate residual risk, after controls are in place, may only be undertaken providing the risk has been reduced **'so far as is reasonably practical'** and must be reduced to a minimum, commensurate with the needs of the task.