

**Risk Assessment Coronavirus – COVID-19
SEPTEMBER 2021**

Location / Site	Beechwood Junior School
Activity / Procedure	Opening school in Autumn term '2021
Assessment date	1 st September 2021
Assessment serial number	
<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.
	Face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors in classrooms . However, staff are to continue to wear a mask in specific enclosed areas e.g. toilet/ staffroom and school corridors. All visitors to the school will need to wear a mask.
	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. These contingency plans will revert to a prior Risk Assessment
	Staff will continue to test using LFT's twice a week. Once on Sunday and once on Wednesday. Any positive results will be immediately reported to SLT and a PCR booked.
	The school will be split into year group bubbles whilst inside and outside the school building. All year groups will enter the school via separate entrances to minimise contact. Assemblies will be held via Zoom
	Staff have been split into bubbles. Year 3 and 4 in lower school bubble. Years 5 and 6 in upper school bubble. These Year groups will have separate staff rooms.
	Hand Sanitiser units to remain in place, hand sanitiser will be available on entry to the school at the reception desk and in every classroom and communal room as well as anti-bacterial wipes. It is also available outside the dining hall.
	Pupils and staff will continue to sanitise their hands regularly and hand hygiene will be undertaken when children enter or leave the classroom
	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
	Whole school staff meetings will be held in the school hall with good ventilation or via zoom
	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. Visitors will be ask to wear a mask.
	Orchestras, drama and choir groups will resume – school will ensure rooms used are well ventilated and Gov guidance followed
	Use of school minibuses - hand sanitiser to be used on entering/leaving the vehicle. Full cleaning of vehicle to take place after use.

<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</p> <p>All school visits, including by parents, will be by prior appointment/invitation only.</p> <p>Visitors will be asked not to attend the premises should they display any COVID symptoms</p> <p>All visitors will be asked to sanitise their hands before entering the premises and asked to wear a mask</p>
<p>Communication to parents</p> <p>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)</p> <p>Parents will be provided with a high quality remote learning offer should their child need to isolate.</p> <p>Parents will be able to enter the school premises for the purpose of dropping off and collecting their children.</p>
<p>Cleaning & Hygiene</p> <p>Site managers will ensure they have enough cleaning staff and cleaning products to ensure the site remains cleaned to a high standard.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>All table groups to have sufficient tissues and children taught to 'catch it bin it kill it'.</p> <p>Sufficient bins in all classroom areas.</p> <p>Ensure adequate stock levels of hand sanitiser and tissues are available and replenish as needed.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Ensure that all adults and pupils:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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;- 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'). <p>Ensure that bins for tissues are emptied throughout the day.</p> <p>Where possible, all spaces should be well ventilated using natural ventilation (opening windows) or ventilation units.</p>

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 required for staff in communal small spaces and corridors	
Staff have the choice whether they maintain their classroom in a COVID-19-safe set up e.g. use a taped 2 metre teacher zone	
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.	

School Leader's comments	Insert comments relevant to findings as appropriate
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Name of school leader	Signature of school leader	Date
Lucy Phillips	ADD	3 rd September 2021

Risk assessment reviews	1 st October 2021 11 th October 2021 1 st November 2021
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Review date	Reviewed by	Reviewer signature	Remarks
1 st October 21	L Phillips		No change to Risk assessment due to rising cases in community
11 th October	L Phillips		After positive cases within the school year group bubbles inside the building were re-instated and assemblies will be held over Zoom.

1 st November	L Phillips		Year group bubbles extended into playgrounds. All other measures to remain in place.

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.