

COVID-19 & Other Respiratory Infections Risk Assessment

This guidance is currently up to date as of 14/04/2022

Ref	Aspect	Hazard	Parent Info/Result of Risk Assessment
1	Infections	Covid-19 and other respiratory infections circulating in the School community.	<p>The school will continue to minimise the spread of respiratory infections, including Covid-19, by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensuring good hygiene: continuing to make hand sanitiser available on site; encouraging hand washing among pupils and staff; promoting good respiratory hygiene practices ('Catch It, Bin It, Kill It!'). 2. Maintaining robust cleaning regimes. 3. Keeping occupied spaces well ventilated. <p>While face coverings are no longer advised by government, staff and visitors may choose to wear them in congested communal areas.</p> <p>The school will continue to encourage all staff to engage with the national Covid-19 vaccination programme.</p> <p><i>(Ref HM Gov 'Covid-19 Response: Living With Covid-19', 23 Feb 2022)</i> <i>(Ref HM Gov 'Next Steps for Living With Covid', 29 March 2022)</i> <i>(Ref HM Gov 'Chapter 1: Introduction to Infections', 11 April 2022)</i></p>
2	Infections	Covid-19 and other respiratory infections circulating in the wider community.	<p>The Local Authority/Director of Public Health will manage local outbreaks and advise schools of measures they should take. The school's outbreak management procedures will be followed in such a situation.</p> <p><i>(Ref. HM Gov, 'Emergency Planning and Response for Education, Childcare and Children's Social Care Settings', April 2022)</i></p>
3	Infections	Covid-19 and other respiratory infections: persons showing symptoms or a positive Covid-19 test result	<p>In line with the latest Government Guidance, from 1 April 2022:</p> <p>Anyone who is unwell and has a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They should return to school when they no longer have a high temperature, and they feel well enough.</p> <p>Adults with a positive Covid-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days. Children with a positive Covid-19 test should isolate for 3 days.</p> <p>The NHS has recently updated the main symptoms for COVID-19. They can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a high temperature or chills - a new, continuous cough - a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste - shortness of breath - feeling tired or exhausted - an aching body - a headache - a sore throat - a blocked or runny nose - loss of appetite - diarrhoea

			<p>- feeling sick or being sick</p> <p>The symptoms are very similar to symptoms of other illnesses, such as colds and flu.</p> <p>Full details are on the NHS website here: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/</p> <p>(Ref HM Gov, 'Next Steps for Living With Covid', 29 March 2022)</p>
4	Infections	Covid-19 and other respiratory infections: pupils unable to attend school (e.g. self-isolating or local lockdown)	<p>Online lessons are being provided, via Showbie, for children who are well but required to isolate as a result of a positive Covid-19 test or who are waiting for a test result. Your class teacher will provide more information in these cases.</p> <p>Zoom registration for pupils will take place at 09.00 with Mr MacDonald. The Zoom details are provided to parents in the RPS Link.</p>
5	Infections	Covid-19 and other respiratory infections: transmission via contact	<p>Robust cleaning protocols will continue, with additional cleaning of toilets and communal contact points in the middle of the school day.</p> <p>Cleaning materials will be available in classrooms, and ipads will be sanitised with wipes after use by the children.</p> <p>The school will continue to promote and supervise good hand and respiratory hygiene practices during the school day among pupils.</p> <p>Heavily shared resources (e.g. ipads and some toys in Nursery) are routinely sanitized.</p>
6	Infections	Covid-19 and other respiratory infections: transmission via aerosol droplet	<p>Ventilation will continue to be optimised (e.g. by opening skylights and windows). Mechanical ventilation will be used in spaces with no external windows and CO2 monitors will be in situ.</p> <p>The school will continue to promote good respiratory hygiene practices in school ("Catch it, Bin it, Kill it").</p> <p>Robust cleaning protocols will continue.</p> <p>While the wearing of face masks is no longer advised by the government, staff or parents may opt to continue wearing them in congested areas if they so choose.</p>
7	Infections	Clinically extremely vulnerable staff and pupils. Staff with protected characteristics.	Individual risk assessments have been undertaken for clinically vulnerable individuals.
8	Visitors to Site	Increased contacts on site (risk of transmission)	While the school is now operating essentially as 'business as usual', parents/carers are encouraged to correspond via telephone or email where practicable, and to observe social distancing where possible.
9	Fire Evacuation	Congestion and mixing of pupils from different classes (risk of transmission)	<p>The Fire Evacuation muster point has permanently been changed to the school field alongside the Astro pitch. All signage has been changed accordingly.</p> <p>A practice evacuation is held at least once each term.</p>

10	Cleaning	Ineffective cleaning and killing of Covid-19 virus.	The school will continue with a robust cleaning regime, with an additional clean of toilets and communal contact points in the middle of the day. In addition, each teaching space will continue to be provided with cleaning materials to facilitate additional cleaning during the day.
11	School Trips	Risk of contamination	School trips will be risk assessed on an individual basis. In the case of overseas trips, this will reflect any in-country Covid-19/infection control advice of the international destination.
12	First Aid	Medical room becoming a point of transmission	In addition to the Medical Room facilities, a basic First Aid kit will be retained in each classroom.
13	Catering Service	Congestion and mixing of pupils from different classes (risk of transmission)	<p>While the catering service is essentially now 'business as usual', some changes made during the pandemic have been retained:</p> <p><u>Morning Snack:</u> - Fruit and milk will continue to be delivered to each class at morning break.- Pupils are able to bring a snack to school, but we ask that it is a healthy snack.</p> <p><u>Lunches:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nursery pupils will continue to be served a hot lunch in the Nursery. - Reception to Year 6 pupils will continue to be served a hot lunch in the Dining Room, sitting in year groups as far as possible. - A perspex screen is in situ along the front of the Servery. - Pre-prepared mixed salads will continue to be offered in place of the self-serve salad bar <p><u>After School Care:</u></p> <p>Reception and Year 1 pupils will have a snack in the Nursery. Year 1 and Year 2 pupils will have a snack in the Dining Room before going to the Forum. Year 3-6 pupils will have a snack in the Dining room and then remain there.</p> <p><u>Match Teas:</u></p> <p>Match teas continue to be limited to individually-wrapped snacks provided to pupils after matches, and a self-serve hot drinks and cake for spectators in the gazebo.</p>
14	Pupil Drop Off and Pick Up	Congestion (risk of transmission).	<p><u>Drop Off:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Junior pupils should continue to be dropped off at the Lower Car Park. - Prep pupils should continue to be dropped off at the front of the school. - Nursery pupils should continue to be dropped at the Nursery gate. <p><u>Pick Up:</u></p> <p>All Prep and Junior pupils should continue to be picked up at their external classroom door, and Nursery pupils at the Nursery gate.</p>
15	Assemblies	Congestion and mixing of pupils from different	Currently, assemblies in person are restricted to either Prep or Junior. Whole-school assemblies are being conducted via Zoom

		classes (risk of transmission)	in classrooms. This situation will be kept under review as the summer term progresses, in light of case numbers.
16	Organisation and Movement of Pupils Around School	Increased mixing between pupils from different classes (risk of transmission).	Year groups continue to be separated before school and at breaktimes. Some activities are now for mixed year groups, but these are each risk assessed. During the Summer Term, year group mixing on the field will be allowed, albeit carefully supervised. This may be revised if necessary.
17	Use of Changing Rooms	Increased mixing between pupils from different classes (risk of transmission).	Changing at school will continue to be limited, with pupils coming in to school wearing sports kit when they have games and PE lessons.
18	After School Care	Increased mixing between pupils from different classes (risk of transmission).	After School Care for Reception and Nursery pupils is in the Nursery (Pick up from Nursery by 17.30). After School Care for Year 1 and 2 pupils is in the Forum (having first had a snack in the Dining Room) (Pick up outside the Forum by 17.30). After School Care for Year 3-6 pupils is in the Dining Room (Pick up from outside the Dining Room by 17.30).
19	School Clubs and Sports Fixtures	Increased mixing between pupils from different classes (risk of transmission).	A full schedule of clubs and sports fixtures are now running during both lunch times or after school. Spectators at matches are welcome.