

<b>Reason for Assessment:</b>	Updated previous risk assessments in light of the national move to Step 4 of the roadmap and the easing of some restrictions.	<b>Date:</b>	UPDATED 1/9/21
<b>Identification of those at risk:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pupils</li> <li>▪ Their family groups</li> <li>▪ Staff</li> <li>▪ Their family groups</li> <li>▪ Contractors and essential visitors</li> <li>▪ Their family groups</li> </ul>		
<b>Harm which could occur:</b>	Catching or spreading the COVID-19 virus. Symptoms and health effects are well known, and further information in relation to this can be found via the <a href="#">Coronavirus-specific NHS website</a> . <i>This risk assessment is based on guidance from Public Health England, and reflects the information within the DfE's <a href="#">Schools' Covid-19 Operational Guidance</a> updated in August 2021.</i>		

<b>Risk 1</b>	<b>Catching and spreading the virus – including hygiene measures</b>
<b>Control measures</b>	<p>1. Pupils or members staff are required to remain at home if they have symptoms of, or have tested positive for Coronavirus from a LFD or PCR. (LFD results must be confirmed by a PCR) Any visiting professional, contractors or parents will not be granted access if symptomatic or a known positive case.          Government guidance states that children aged under 18 and 6 months no longer need to isolate if identified as a close contact, regardless of their vaccination status.          Adults who are contacts of a positive case or someone with symptoms also do not need to self-isolate, as long as they: See Appendix 1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• are fully vaccinated and 14 days has passed since their final dose of a UK-approved Covid-19 vaccine, or</li> <li>• are taking part or have taken part in a Covid-19 vaccine trial, or</li> <li>• are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons</li> </ul> <p>All those identified as close contacts (children and adults) should take a PCR test but don't need to self-isolate while awaiting a result, as long as they don't have symptoms.</p> <p>2. Positive cases from our school will be reported to the appropriate bodies as required.</p> <p>3. Advice from Public Health will be followed in the case of any outbreak. The school has a contingency/outbreak management plan in place for this. This can be viewed on the school website.</p> <p>4. Parents and staff must notify the school immediately of any tested positive cases.</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. All staff and pupils on our school site must clean their hands thoroughly and more often than usual, and will maintain the hand hygiene measures upon entering the school.</li> <li>6. All staff and pupils on our school site must maintain good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.</li> <li>7. PPE is available for use where necessary or when advised.</li> <li>8. The Government no longer advises the general wearing of face coverings within the school premises, however we understand that there are circumstances where it is recommended that they are worn or are chosen to be worn. If attending an appointment in school the staff member hosting the meeting will advise on the necessity of a face covering.</li> <li>9. National guidance from PHE, the NHS and the Education related pages on GOV.UK will be reviewed regularly.</li> <li>10. Local guidance from PH and WSCC will be reviewed regularly.</li> </ol>
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<b>Risk 2</b>	<b>Social distancing and bubbles</b>
<b>Control measures</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Whilst social distancing (and bubbles) have been removed as mandatory control measures in schools (and therefore the workplace) our outbreak/contingency plan covers the possibility that bubbles may have to be reintroduced for a temporary period.</li> <li>2. Where a risk assessment for individual students or staff is either required or requested, this will be implemented on the return to school.</li> <li>3. Our behaviour policies will continued to be reviewed irrespective of the easing of restrictions. We will communicate these clearly and consistently to staff, pupils and parents or carers with clear and reasonable expectation of student behaviour set out. (COVID 19 Behaviour Addendum on the school website will remain in place and applied where necessary).</li> </ol>

<b>Risk 3</b>	<b>The risk of not ensuring robust cleaning throughout the school premises</b>
<b>Control measures</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All frequently touched surfaces inside and outside the school are cleaned via an appropriate daily cleaning schedule.</li> <li>2. All relevant cleaning materials are provided and stock levels monitored.</li> <li>3. We follow the PHE guidance named '<u>Cleaning of non-healthcare settings</u>'.</li> </ol>

<b>Risk 4</b>	<b>Understanding correct PPE requirements and close contact</b>
<b>Control measures</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Additional PPE for COVID-19 is only required where a young person becomes ill with COVID-19 whilst at school and we have to have close contact, or</li> <li>2. We ensure that our stocks of required PPE will be maintained, are in date and are of the appropriate type.</li> <li>3. PPE is NOT required to treat pupils or students who need first aid UNLESS they show COVID-19 symptoms.</li> </ol>

<b>Risk 5</b>	<b>Premises management controls</b>
<b>Control measures</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Contractors are permitted on site only by appointment and they are required to adhere to all social distancing measures.</li> <li>2. We understand the importance of good ventilation and follow professional guidance on air conditioning and ventilation. 'Ventilation is a very important way of diluting any airborne pathogens and there is good evidence showing that room occupants are more at risk of catching an illness in a poorly ventilated room than in a well-ventilated room. This is because in a poorly ventilated room occupants are exposed to a higher concentration of airborne pathogens, and the risk will increase with a greater amount of time spent in such an environment.'</li> </ol>
<b>Risk 6</b>	<b>The impact of the pandemic on staffing, and staff welfare, and also the mental wellbeing of students</b>
<b>Control measures</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We recognise that the pandemic has been incredibly stressful for staff, students, and parents/carers. Therefore, we are sharing all our resources for good mental health and wellbeing and signpost to relevant professional bodies.</li> <li>2. We are actively promoting our Employee Assistance Programme to all staff</li> <li>3. We have ensured that all staff are aware of any changes in all health and safety protocols, especially if they are returning to work.</li> </ol>

<b>OVERALL level of risk</b>	Consider level of risk following use of control measures. <b>HIGHLIGHT</b> the appropriate assessment of risk		
NOT REDUCED THE OVERALL RISK		<b>REDUCED THE OVERALL RISK TO SOME DEGREE</b>	CONSIDERABLY REDUCED THE RISK
<b>Assessor's comments</b>	WE HAVE TO ACCEPT THAT WE CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT STAFF AND PUPILS WILL NOT CONTRACT COVID-19		

<b>Risk Assessment Review 1</b>	
<b>Date</b>	Oct 2021
CHANGES TO CONTROLS MEASURES AND OR HAZARDS	
Who was involved in the Review:	
Signature of those involved in the Review:	

## Appendix 1

### Do I need to self-isolate?

