



LIVING WITH COVID RISK ASSESSMENT			
Location/Site	Marchwood Infant School		RA number
Date	Feb 2022	Proposed review date	April 2022
Activity/Task/Procedure being assessed			
Identify people at risk	YES or NO		
Employees	YES		
Children	YES		
Visitors	YES		
Contractors	YES		
The school continues to follow the guidance Schools coronavirus (COVID-19) operational guidance and where applicable guidance for Early Years and Public Health advice, endorsed by the United Kingdom Health Security Agency (UKHSA) .The school continues to have systems of controls to minimize coronavirus (COVID-19) risks in the school environment, the school are continuing to adhere to the four key current systems of control; 1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone. 2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes. 3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated. 4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19. COVID-19 will be a feature of our lives for foreseeable future, so we need to learn to live with it and manage the risk within the school environment.			

Hazard , who might be harmed and how	Controls (measures to reduce risk)	Person(s) responsible
1: ensure good hygiene for everyone		
Poor hygiene resulting in indirect transmission of the virus	• Frequent and thorough hand cleaning should now be regular practice. School will continue to ensure that pupils clean their hands regularly. This can be done with soap and water or hand sanitiser (60-70% alcohol). • Each classroom has handwashing facilities and hand gel dispensers and dispensers have been installed at key points around the school and individual bottles for lanyards provided to staff. • Regular teaching of good handwashing using agreed thorough handwashing procedure. Help will be given to children who have trouble cleaning their hands independently. • The 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach continues to be very important and we continue to encourage this with pupils. Each class will have tissues, antibacterial hand soap and antibacterial hand gel. Safe behaviour including using a tissue or an elbow to cough or sneeze will be discussed, modelled and promoted regularly. • Staff and children encouraged not to touch their face, particularly mouth, eyes or nose. • Snuffle stations with separate disposal of tissues and lidded bins with antibac/handwashing immediately after use – rubbish to be double bagged at the end of the day.	
Face coverings	• Face coverings are no longer advised to be worn by staff and visitors in communal areas. • Staff and pupils should follow wider advice on face coverings outside of the school setting, including on transport to and from school. • Where staff and parents wish to do so, they can continue to wear face coverings around the school site. • Health advice continues to be that early years children should not wear face coverings. • In the event of an outbreak, the school may decide or be advised by public health team or director of public health to reintroduce face coverings for staff, pupils and visitors for a period of time	
2: maintain appropriate cleaning regimes		
Lack of cleaning resulting in risk of infection through indirect transmission of the virus	• Enhanced cleaning will be maintained. • All surfaces, handles, toilets and frequent touch points will be cleaned each day using diluted bleach, disinfectant or Milton solutions to reduce the risk of spreading the virus • Frequent touch points and common contact surfaces in communal areas (tables, desks, screens, telephone handsets, computer keyboards) have disinfectant wipes for cleaning between use. • After school cleaners will clean all areas as usual daily. • Only cleaning products supplied by the school are to be used.	
3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.		

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Poor ventilation on site increases the risk of transmission	• When the school setting is in operation, it is important to ensure it is well ventilated and that a comfortable environment is maintained. • Classrooms have Co2 monitors to measure the ventilation in classrooms. Staff can quickly identify where ventilation needs to be improved. • Windows should be opened to increase fresh air flow in classes and communal areas. • The School should balance the need for increased ventilation while maintaining a comfortable temperature.	
4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.		
Suspected case of Covid on site resulting in risk of exposure to and increased transmission of the virus through the school community	• Children, staff and other adults should follow public health advice on when to self-isolate and what to do. • Until 1st April, Parents/Carers to be reminded that if their child has symptoms of COVID-19, they should stay at home and avoid contact with other people and follow the guidance: Get advice about staying at home and avoiding contact with others. Pupils who test positive are to remain at home for at least 5 full days. -Staff are to be advised until the 1st April, if they test positive they are to remain at home for at least 5 full days and until two negative LFT tests are completed. • If anyone in the setting develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they should be sent home and follow public health advice. • For everyone with symptoms, they should avoid using public transport and, wherever possible, be collected by a member of their family or household. • If a child is awaiting collection, appropriate PPE should be used if close contact is necessary. • If safe to do so, a window should be opened for fresh air ventilation if possible. Any rooms used by the individual should be cleaned after they have left. • Many people will no longer be infectious to others after 5 days. They may choose to take an LFD test from 5 days after symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another LFD test the next day. If both these test results are negative, and they do not have a high temperature, the risk that they are still infectious is much lower and they can safely return to normal routine.	
Unvaccinated staff	• The Government recommends all staff take up the offer of a vaccine.	
Asymptomatic cases resulting in transmission of the virus through the community.	• Since 21 February, staff in mainstream schools have no longer been expected to continue taking part in regular asymptomatic testing and should follow asymptomatic testing advice for the general population. • In the event of an outbreak, a nursery, school, college or area may also be advised by their local health team or Director of Public Health (DPH) to increase testing for staff and students of secondary age and above for a period of time.	

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Local Outbreaks	Marchwood C of E Infant School has an outbreak management plan in place outlining how we would operate if the number of positive cases substantially increases in our school, or in the local area. Central government may also offer local areas of particular concern an enhanced response package to help limit increases in transmission.	
Educational visits	Educational visits should be subject to risk assessments as normal and reflect any public health advice and the risk assessments in place at the destination.	
Emotional distress of the children	- Class teacher and/or LSA within the classroom will offer support. - ELSA provision available for children who are distressed. - PSHE curriculum to continue to be delivered. - Additional emotional literacy materials and signposting of key contacts/support available for staff and pupils. - Access to Educational Psychology Service for advice and support.	
Emotional distress of the staff – including anxiety	- Inclusion in risk assessment process. - Online coaching for any staff who requests it. - Staff meeting arranged to discuss concerns and share control measures. - Sharing of support helplines. - SLT staff available for staff to share concerns with. - Risk assessments reviewed regularly.	
Managing the needs of specific pupils resulting in an increased risk of infection	- Staff will continue to provide personal care and duty of care dictates that staff should not refuse to intervene physically if a child needs to be held to be kept safe. - Where touch is necessary, staff should follow stringent hand washing procedures in order to keep themselves and the child safe. - On PE days, children will come to school in their PE kit (suitable for outdoor activity). - All staff have access to disposable aprons and gloves to support provision of first aid, medical and intimate care. - PPE (gloves and apron) should be used for intimate care. - Staff administering first aid should wear PPE appropriate to the circumstances. Wash hands and ensure the area is cleaned upon completion. - Full PPE (mask, visor, gloves and apron) should be used for anyone providing care where COVID-19 is suspected where a 2 metre distance cannot be maintained or intimate care is being provided.	
Capacity and sustainability of staffing affecting the school's ability to function safely	- All staff in school are timetabled as per usual. PPA will be taken as per timetable. - Monitor staff health and deploy staff to cover where needed due to absence and if staff numbers are too low organise alternative staff via HCC supply agencies.	

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	Ensure the first aid, safeguarding and fire emergency evacuation procedures are not affected – see addendums to safeguarding, fire and first aid policies.	
Staff and pupils previously identified clinically extremely vulnerable or clinically vulnerable within the community at risk of the virus.	- Following expert clinical advice and the successful rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine programme, people previously considered to be particularly vulnerable, clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV), and high or higher risk are not being advised to shield again. If people were previously identified as being in one of these groups, they are advised to continue to follow the guidance contained in Coronavirus: how to stay safe and help prevent the spread. - Staff and children previously considered clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) should attend their setting and should follow the same coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance as the rest of the population. - In some circumstances, a child may have received personal advice from their specialist or clinician on additional precautions to take and they should continue to follow that advice. - Children with a weakened immune system should follow DHSC and UKHSA advice for people whose immune system means they are at higher risk from COVID-19 - Individual risk assessments in place for identified staff. - Individual health care plans in place for identified pupils.	

With these control measures the risk is:		Circle which of the following is most applicable	
LOW		MEDIUM	HIGH

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