

Risk Assessment

A	Date: 11/04/21	School: St Michael's CP	Team: Leadership	Location: Whole school
	Review Date: Fortnightly	Ref:	Assessor: Head/DH/SBM	Head Teacher: Alyson Rigby

B	Assessment of Risk for: Protection from transmission of Covid-19 during pandemic including all school activities
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1	Covid-19 virus: General	Staff Pupils Visitors Contractors	<p>RA – Update in light of updated guidance – Schools Coronavirus operational guidance (6th April 2021). https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/schools-coronavirus-covid-19-operational-guidance</p> <p>All staff are competent and instructed with regard to the procedures in place for the protection against infection from the virus. 'The way to control this virus is the same, even with the current new variants. Current evidence suggests that the Public Health England (PHE)-endorsed 'system of controls' that have been in use throughout the coronavirus pandemic and which are set out in this guidance - which includes minimising contact with individuals who are unwell, use of face coverings in corridors and communal areas, cleaning hands and good respiratory hygiene, regular thorough cleaning of the school, minimising contact, ventilation, use of PPE where specifically advised – continue to be the right measures to take.'</p>	L

			<p>There is adequate supervision, where required, to ensure procedures are correctly adhered to.</p> <p>Liverpool City Council COVID-19: <u>Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Policy</u></p> <p>Reference School infection control risk assessment: the school's infection control risk assessment was reviewed June 2020 and is followed throughout.</p> <p>All school staff (midday supervisors, kitchen staff, peripatetic teachers etc) are strongly encouraged to access the LFT testing from school twice weekly for the foreseeable future (See specific RA for this testing). Catherine Elson (SBM) is our Covid Coordinator and Angela Chiocci is our Registration Assistant. All communication and queries to come to this team or the Covid team. The LFT testing will be fully implemented in line with DFE and NHS guidelines. This will be strongly encouraged for full participation but remains voluntary.</p> <p>If staff are unable to access this testing: All school staff (midday supervisors, kitchen staff, peripatetic teachers etc) are strongly encouraged to have a regular (weekly/fortnightly) COVID test at one of the cities symptom free centres.</p> <p>https://liverpool.gov.uk/communities-and-safety/emergency-planning/coronavirus/how-to-get-tested/symptom-free-testing/</p> <p>Confirmatory PCR tests</p> <p>Staff or pupils with a positive LFT test result must self-isolate in line with the stay-at-home guidance. They will also need to arrange a lab-based polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test to confirm the result. If the PCR test is taken within 2 days of the positive lateral flow test, and is negative, it overrides the self-test LFT test and the pupil can return to school. Those with a negative LFT test result can also continue to attend school and use protective measures.</p>	
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			<p>continue to work from home where possible, but if they cannot work from home should attend their workplace.</p> <p>CEV individuals (over 18) have been prioritised for vaccination in phase 1 before the general population and in line with the priority ordering set by the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation.</p> <p>Due to the changing advice on Covid-19, managers should ensure they review safe working procedures and protocols daily, until such time when it is deemed unnecessary.</p> <p>School has established a Covid-19 Safe Leadership group that is timetabled to meet at least weekly to review and revise systems and make any updates to RA. Each Bubble has a designated Bubble Co-ordinator to support and manage the implementation of school RA and contribute to the review and evaluation of school practice.</p> <p>Most staff in schools will not require PPE beyond what they would normally need for their work. If a pupil already has routine intimate care needs that involve the use of PPE, the same PPE should continue to be used.</p> <p>There is an adequate supply of disposable PPE, as per specific task requirements, and all staff provided with instruction in the correct use and fitment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Public Health England and NHS YouTube video, Covid-19: putting on and removing personal protective equipment (PPE) – a guide for care homes <p>PPE provided, as required following specific current guidance for the protection of Covid-19 detail type and standard, as applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Disposable half face mask ● Disposable gloves ● Disposable aprons ● Where personal care is to be provided eye protection/surgical face mask 	
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2	Covid-19 virus; General school environment	Staff Pupils	<p>Ventilation Windows and doors (where they are not fire doors and it is safe to do so) to be open in all classrooms and around the school in order to aid natural ventilation and purge</p>	L

		<p>Visitors</p> <p>Contractors</p>	<p>the air. Staff and children are encouraged to wear warmer clothes to accommodate this - uniform is now to be worn.</p> <p>Good ventilation reduces the concentration of the virus in the air, which reduces the risk from airborne transmission. This happens when people breathe in small particles (aerosols) in the air after someone with the virus has occupied and enclosed area. When your school is in operation, it is important to ensure it is well ventilated and a comfortable teaching environment is maintained. These can be achieved by a variety of measures including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mechanical ventilation systems – these should be adjusted to increase the ventilation rate wherever possible and checked to confirm that normal operation meets current guidance and that only fresh outside air is circulated. If possible, systems should be adjusted to full fresh air or, if not, then systems should be operated as normal as long as they are within a single room and supplemented by an outdoor air supply • natural ventilation – opening windows (in cooler weather windows should be opened just enough to provide constant background ventilation and opened more fully during breaks to purge the air in the space). Opening internal doors can also assist with creating a throughput of air • natural ventilation – if necessary external opening doors may also be used (as long as they are not fire doors and where safe to do so) The Health and Safety Executive guidance on air conditioning and ventilation during the coronavirus outbreak and CIBSE coronavirus (COVID-19) advice provides more information. <p>To balance the need for increased ventilation while maintaining a comfortable temperature, consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • opening high level windows in colder weather in preference to low level to reduce draughts • increasing the ventilation while spaces are unoccupied (for example, between classes, during break and lunch, when a room is unused) • providing flexibility to allow additional, suitable indoor clothing – for more information see school uniform 	
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			<p>TIME. Infants – parents will enter the Nursery gate and exit the Infant one as normal and staff will man their doors calling children as parents/ carers arrive. Juniors – parents will enter and exit through normal gates.</p> <p>The LT member on the gate will radio through as parents arrive for children to come out. STAFF MUST HAVE RADIOS SWITCHED ON FROM 2.55PM AND HAVE CHILDREN READY TO GO.</p> <p>Entry: 8.40 – 9.00am Infants – as previously arranged. Juniors – no parents into the yard as prior to Lockdown 3.</p> <p>Exit 3.00 – 3.20pm Infants as previously arranged (extra staff may be need on yard to dissuade parents from gathering/ attempting to talk to teachers etc) Juniors – LT on gate. Staff member from each year group at designated spot with fully charged radio and year group sign. Children come when they are called for. Entry and exit gates in operation.</p> <p>The school first aid risk assessment, reviewed June 2020, will be followed throughout. There will be an adequate number of first aid trained staff on site. This will be kept under regular review. Updated guidance can be found here: https://www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/first-aid-and-medicals/first-aid-certificate-coronavirus.htm</p> <p>School access control system reviewed and appropriate steps taken e.g. hand sanitizer located at entrance for staff/visitors to cleanse hands after use, wipes available to cleanse keypads and touchscreens.</p> <p>The school signing in and out system electronic system will be used – above cleansing systems in place to clean hands and screens after use.</p>	
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			<p>Reception officer to clean screens/touchpads regularly – this will be timetabled.</p> <p>Hand sanitizer stations located at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Entrances to building (During building re-modelling work temp entrance via Infant building) ● Classrooms/entrances to classrooms ● Corridors ● Staff rooms ● Toilets ● Changing areas <p>Signage installed to various areas of the building reminding people to wash hands regularly, in line with Government guidance and to maintain social distance.</p> <p>Corridors, walkways and staircases have tape markings laid out to indicate side to walk on (two way traffic).</p> <p>Staff verbally reinforce controls in corridors, walkways and stairwells where necessary.</p> <p>Staff and pupils are requested to keep close to the side of the corridor or walkway to maximise social distancing while others are using the opposite side.</p> <p>Whole school assemblies and collective worship are not to take place during the Covid-19 pandemic. These will be undertaken via video call and in ‘bubbles’ where appropriate.</p> <p>‘You should plan how shared staff spaces are set up and used to help staff to distance from each other. You should minimise the use of staff rooms, although staff must still have a break of a reasonable length during the day.’</p>	
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3	Covid-19 virus: School reception and offices	Staff	<p>Staff are instructed to send information electronically to avoid the use of internal mail services.</p> <p>All returned visitor passes, keys or fobs are kept stored separately from other items and cleaned and sanitised before reissue. The use of lanyards will be suspended. Currently due to school re-modelling programme there are no indoor waiting areas – visitors would have to wait outside. Seating, display stands and magazines are removed.</p>	L

			<p>Screens are installed to areas where staff are required to have face-to-face interaction with visitors and face coverings must be worn where interactions take place elsewhere.</p> <p>Staff who are able to work from home, are encouraged to do so. All staff in work and where approp 'Extended Care RA' completed for applicable members of staff.</p> <p>Office windows will be opened, to encourage as much natural ventilation as possible and purge the air– staff encouraged to wear warmer clothes to accommodate this.</p> <p>Workplace layouts are configured to allow staff to maintain social distancing of 2m when they are seated at workstations. If this is not possible during the re-modelling screens will be placed between desks to support covid safe.</p> <p>Screens installed where it is not possible to move workstations or it is considered that the work activity is essential.</p> <p>Desk configurations and allocation are such that staff are not seated facing each other. Workstations are single user use. Sharing of workstations is not to be undertaken. If workstations require to be used by than more one person, the station is cleaned thoroughly by colleague leaving the station. This will be required in school Reception area.</p> <p>In general office staff will have allocated desk space.</p> <p>During building work due to limited telephone access staff will be extra conscientious in cleaning phones between use.</p> <p>Staff to clean and sanitise their workstation (including chair arms) at the beginning and end of their daily shift. Additional cleaning stations are to be provided for staff to use and replenished as required.</p> <p>Clear markings on floor in admin office and by reception area to highlight 2m distance from staff. All non admin staff visiting these admin rooms must adhere to these SD markings. During re-modelling approp markings will be put into place.</p>	
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4	Covid-19 virus: Meetings	Staff	<p>All in-person meetings should be avoided whenever and wherever possible. Staff should use other means of remote communication to host meetings where facilities are readily available. Where they do take place staff are advised to wear face coverings throughout and SD.</p> <p>Staff meetings/ LT will continue to be conducted via Zoom/Google Meet where appropriate - if needed they will take place in the Infant hall with SD measures in place.</p> <p>Face to face group training will not take place until further notice.</p> <p>Briefings will be conducted via email. Critical information is cascaded to other staff. School has established the role of Bubble Coordinators to facilitate the dissemination of information to staff within bubble. Bubble Lead meeting will take place on a weekly in the Infant hall - Socially distanced.</p> <p>Wherever possible, meeting rooms should be adequately ventilated with external windows opened during meetings.</p> <p>Meeting room users advised not to share equipment during meetings i.e. pens, stationery etc. Attendees to remove all items following the meeting.</p>	L

			<p>Meeting room users to wipe down surfaces (including any buttons on IT equipment and remote controls) following meetings. Additional cleaning materials will be provided in all meeting rooms for use by staff and replenished as required.</p> <p>Meetings to take place promptly and conclude fully in the meeting room to avoid attendees congregating in adjoining areas prior to and following meetings.</p>	
5	Covid-19 virus: Classrooms	Staff Pupils	<p>Nursery School and EYFS provision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Minimise mixing within settings e.g. different rooms for different age groups <p>Primary Schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All year groups will operate in ‘year group’ bubbles and will not mix with other bubbles. ● All teachers and other staff can operate across different classes and year groups to facilitate the delivery of the timetable and specialist provision. Where staff need to move between groups, they should try and keep their distance from pupils and other staff as much as they can, ideally 2 metres from other adults. <p>Classes should be kept together and mixing with other classes minimised, as much as possible.</p> <p>All desks face the same direction i.e. front of the classroom from Y3 upwards.</p> <p>Pupils are seated side by side as opposed to opposite each other. For individual and very frequently used equipment, such as pencils and pens, staff and pupils have their own which are not shared.</p> <p>Resources shared between bubbles, such as sports, art and science equipment, should be cleaned frequently and meticulously and always between use by different bubbles, or rotated to allow them to be left unused and out of reach for a period of 48hrs (72hrs for plastics) between use by different bubbles. Cleaning bay stations created in all areas.</p>	

			<p>All unnecessary items are removed from classrooms and teaching environments as much as possible.</p> <p>Classes are to take place in the same setting wherever possible to limit the numbers moving around the school.</p> <p>Classroom activities planned and structured; where possible and appropriate classes will be held outdoors.</p> <p>Workshops and therapies (Lego, woodwork etc.) layouts follow the same layout considerations as general classrooms.</p> <p>Cleaning of hands is necessary when changing classrooms for different activities.</p> <p>Pupils regularly reminded to maintain social distancing where possible.</p> <p><u>Advice on music lessons</u></p> <p>The overarching objective should be to reduce the number of contacts amongst pupils, and between pupils and staff, including for rehearsal and performance. You should take particular care in music, dance and drama lessons to observe social distancing where possible.</p> <p>Additionally, you should keep any background or accompanying music to levels which do not encourage teachers or other performers to raise their voices unduly.</p> <p><u>Singing, and playing wind and brass instruments in groups</u></p> <p>Singing, wind and brass playing should not take place in larger groups such as choirs and ensembles, or assemblies unless significant space, natural airflow and strict social distancing and mitigation can be maintained. When planning music provision, you should consider additional specific safety measures. There is some evidence that</p>	
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			<p>additional risk can build from aerosol transmission with volume and with the combined numbers of individuals within a confined space. This is particularly evident for singing and shouting, but with appropriate safety mitigation and consideration, singing, wind and brass teaching can still take place. Measures to take follow in the next sections. Government has published advice on safer singing.</p> <p><u>Playing outdoors</u> Playing instruments and singing in groups should take place outdoors wherever possible. If indoors, consider limiting the numbers in relation to the space.</p> <p><u>Playing indoors</u> If indoors, use a room with as much space as possible, for example, larger rooms; rooms with high ceilings are expected to enable dilution of aerosol transmission. If playing indoors, limit the numbers to account for ventilation of the space and the ability to social distance. It is important to ensure good ventilation. Advice on this can be found in Health and Safety Executive guidance on air conditioning and ventilation during the coronavirus outbreak.</p> <p><u>Social distancing</u> In the smaller groups where these activities can take place, schools should observe strict social distancing between each singer and player, and between singers and players, and any other people such as conductors, other musicians, or accompanists. Current guidance is that if the activity is face-to-face and without mitigating actions, 2 metres is appropriate. Pupils should use seating where practical to help maintain social distancing. Seating positions Pupils should be positioned back-to-back or side-to-side when playing or singing (rather than face-to-face) whenever possible. Position wind and brass players so that the air from their instrument does not blow into another player.</p> <p><u>Microphones</u> Use microphones where possible or encourage singing quietly. Handling equipment and instruments Measures to take when handling equipment, including instruments, include the following.</p>	
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			<p><u>Handwashing</u> Require increased handwashing before and after handling equipment, especially if being used by more than one person.</p> <p><u>Avoiding sharing instruments and equipment</u> Avoid sharing equipment wherever possible. Place name labels on equipment to help identify the designated user, for example, percussionists' own sticks and mallets. If instruments and equipment have to be shared, disinfect regularly (including any packing cases, handles, props, chairs, microphones and music stands) and always between users, following government guidance on cleaning and handling equipment. Instruments should be cleaned by the pupils playing them, where possible.</p> <p><u>Handling scores, parts and scripts</u> Limit handling of music scores, parts and scripts to the individual using them.</p> <p>SEE ALSO THE SEPARATE MUSIC RA.</p> <p><u>Physical activity</u> You have the flexibility to decide how physical education, sport and physical activity will be provided while following the measures in your system of controls.</p> <p>Pupils should be kept in consistent groups, sports equipment thoroughly cleaned between each use by different individual groups.</p> <p>You can hold PE lessons indoors, including those that involve activities related to team sports, for example practising specific techniques, within your own system of controls.</p> <p>For sport provision, outdoor sports should be prioritised where possible, and large indoor spaces used where it is not, maximising natural ventilation flows (through opening windows and doors or using air conditioning systems wherever possible), distancing between pupils, and paying scrupulous attention to cleaning and hygiene. This is particularly important in a sport setting because of the way in which people</p>	
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			<p>breathe during exercise. External facilities can also be used in line with government guidance for the use of, and travel to and from, those facilities.</p> <p>Where you are considering team sports you should only consider those sports whose national governing bodies have developed guidance under the principles of the government's guidance on team sport and been approved by the government such as sports on the list available at grassroots sports guidance for safe provision including team sport, contact combat sport and organised sport events.</p> <p>From 29 March, outdoor competition between different schools can take place.</p> <p>From 12 April, indoor competition between different schools can take place.</p> <p>Refer to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● guidance on grassroot sports for public and sport providers, safe provision and facilities, and guidance from Sport England● advice from organisations such as the Association for Physical Education and the Youth Sport Trust● guidance from Swim England on school swimming and water safety lessons available at returning to pools guidance documents● using changing rooms safely	
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			You can work with external coaches, clubs and organisations for curricular and extra-curricular activities. You must be satisfied that it is safe to do. Activities such as active miles, making break times and lessons active and encouraging active travel can help pupils to be physically active while encouraging physical distancing.	
6	Covid-19 virus: Dining areas	Staff Pupils	<p>Nursery and Reception bubbles will eat lunch in their classrooms. All year groups to continue sitting on one side of the table only and can mix within their own bubble. Dining room be laid out so that 'bubbles' are separated whilst eating.</p> <p>Lunch times will be staggered to ensure 'bubbles' do not mix.</p> <p>Allocated areas on the playground identified where class bubbles can play with 2m distancing between bubbles.</p> <p>Dining room tables and chairs will be wiped down between sittings –additional lunchtime staff allocated to support additional cleaning schedule.</p> <p>Dining room supervisors, cleaners and serving staff to maintain 2m social distancing at all times and to wear face coverings when in dinner hall.</p> <p>The lunch rota is reviewed on a regular basis by LT.</p>	L
7	Covid-19 virus; School day	Staff Pupils Visitors	<p>School start and pick up times remain staggered to reduce the numbers attending the site at the start and finish of the day. Extended opening session 8.40am -9am. 3pm-3.20pm to reduce congestion by gates.</p> <p>Parents and guardians are requested to drop their children off/ collect alone e.g., not both parents attending at once, wear a face covering at all times and are encouraged to</p>	L

		Contractors	<p>leave the playgrounds once they have dropped off/ collected their child in a timely fashion. Older siblings who do not attend our school must wait outside the school gates.</p> <p>Parents and guardians are requested not to gather at entrance gates or doors, or enter the site (unless they have a pre-arranged appointment) once their children have entered the school. Signage in place to support this message. Markings are clear outside classrooms with doors onto the playground.</p> <p>Parents and guardians requested not to gather on the school playground and to maintain social distancing at all times. All gates will be manned by SLT and staff to support drop-off and pick up.</p> <p>All classes have two way radios to message to gate staff and vice versa to support the drop-off and pick up.</p> <p>Timetables are revised where possible to reduce the movement around the school premises and to stagger busy transitional periods.</p> <p>Break times (including lunch) staggered for classes to minimise mixing and dilute numbers using common areas such as walkways and toilets. This has been reviewed to reflect the change to class bubbles.</p> <p>Where possible the numbers of pupils using toilets will be managed. Pupils informed to maintain SD using toilets –signage up to support this messaging. Maximum occupancy labelled on both staff and pupil toilets.</p>	
8		Staff	Staff to maintain 2m distance from staff from all other bubbles at all times where practical and to heed the guidance regarding direct contact.	L

	Covid-19 virus; Working and teaching within the school environment	Pupils Visitors Contractors	<p>Staff to wear face coverings when moving around the school – corridors, dinner hall, staff rooms, toilets etc.</p> <p>Staff instructed in the following working practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Aim to maintain 2m social distancing at all times, where practical. ● Limit number of surfaces touched, where possible. ● Keep hands away from face as much as possible. ● Regularly perform appropriate hand washing. <p>Lessons and activities planned to make best use of school resources whilst maintaining social distancing.</p> <p>Changing of classrooms for different activities is minimised as far as is reasonably practical.</p> <p>All children have been provided with a personal sturdy plastic cup which has their name on it to access water through the day. These cups must be cleaned daily by support staff in Bubble. Children are not permitted to bring bottles of water into school.</p> <p>Clear plastic reading folders will be provided (easy to wipe and clean) for children to take home and return to school reading books and homework books.</p> <p>All children will be provided with own stationary pack.</p> <p>Pupils should limit the amount of equipment they bring into school each day, including essentials such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lunch boxes • hats and coats • books 	
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • stationery • mobile phones <p>Bags are allowed.</p> <p>Pupils and teachers can take books and other shared resources home, although unnecessary sharing should be avoided. Similar rules on hand cleaning, cleaning of the resources and rotation should apply to these resources.</p>	
9	Covid-19 virus; Cleaning	<p>Staff</p> <p>Pupils</p> <p>Visitors</p> <p>Contractors</p>	<p>Dedicated, additional cleaning will take place throughout the school day (cleaners x 2 all day + Head cleaner x 1 up to 10.30am and from 2.30pm) and across the school with touchpoints and hotspot areas identified and focussed on – staff rooms, shared areas (toilets etc).</p> <p>All cleaning staff are experienced and have received appropriate training.</p> <p>Any new cleaning products brought on site in response to the current Covid-19 pandemic will have a COSHH risk assessment undertaken prior to use.</p> <p>Reference existing school COSHH risk assessments: In place and reviewed July 2020.</p> <p>Cleaners have appropriate PPE in line with current (and any new) COSHH risk assessments</p> <p>Playground equipment and classroom play equipment wiped down and cleansed at the end of the school day and between activities where possible. Play equipment has been allocated to specific bubbles with no sharing of equipment indoor or outdoor.</p> <p>Cleaning undertaken in line with Government publication COVID-19: cleaning in non-healthcare settings.</p>	L

			<p>School will be fully cleaned at the start/finish of each school day. Cleaning rotas in place.</p> <p>Cleaners on site throughout the school day and regularly touched items such as door handles, handrails etc. will be regularly wiped down and cleaned.</p> <p>Additional cleaning products are available for use by staff to wipe down frequently used contact surfaces. Staff to alert cleaning team/ caretaker/ COVID team when supplies are running low. These will include (amongst other things):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Printers/photocopying machines ● Lift buttons and door entry keypads ● Door, fridge and cabinet handles ● Light switches ● Kitchen surfaces <p>Classrooms where a pupil or staff member has become symptomatic during the school day will be deep cleaned along with other areas the person may have been. This bubble will be relocated to another school area (hall) to allow deep clean where possible.</p>	
10	Covid-19 virus; Pupils and staff who become symptomatic during the school day	<p>Staff</p> <p>Pupils</p> <p>Visitors</p> <p>Contractors</p>	<p>Pupils and Staff who become symptomatic during the school day will be isolated from the rest of the pupil group and their parents (pupils) will be called to come and collect them. Staff will be sent home to self-isolate.</p> <p>If staff are unable to maintain 2m social distancing from an isolated pupil, appropriate PPE should be worn e.g. a surgical face mask.</p> <p>Any areas, items and surfaces the symptomatic person has come into contact with should be thoroughly cleaned as soon as possible.</p>	L

			<p>If anyone in your school develops a new and continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • must send them home to begin isolation - the isolation period includes the day the symptoms started and the next 10 full days • advise them to follow the guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection • advise them to arrange to have a test as soon as possible to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19) <p>Other members of their household (including any siblings and members of their support or childcare bubble if they have one) should self-isolate.</p> <p>Their isolation period includes the day symptoms started for the first person in their household, or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms, whether this was a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) or Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test), and the next 10 full days.</p> <p>If a member of the household starts to display symptoms while self isolating they will need to restart the 10 day isolation period and book a test.</p> <p>If anyone tests positive whilst not experiencing symptoms but develop symptoms during the isolation period, they must restart the 10 day isolation period from the day they developed symptoms.</p> <p>If a pupil is awaiting collection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • they should be moved, if possible, to a room where they can be isolated behind a closed door, depending on the age and needs of the pupil, with appropriate adult supervision if required. • a window should be opened for fresh air ventilation if it is safe to do so • if it is not possible to isolate them, move them to an area which is at least 2 metres away from other people • if they need to go to the bathroom while waiting to be collected, they should use a separate bathroom if possible - the bathroom must be cleaned and disinfected using standard cleaning products before being used by anyone else 	
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • personal protective equipment (PPE) must be worn by staff caring for the pupil while they await collection if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained (such as for a very young child or a child with complex needs) - more information on PPE use can be found in the safe working in education, childcare and children’s social care settings guidance <p>The school understands how to contact the local Public Health England Health Protection Team in the event of a positive test result for a member of staff or pupil: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/contacts-phe-health-protection-teams. The Health Protection Team will provide the specific advice and guidance the school is to follow in the event of a positive test result.</p> <p>If necessary a ‘bubble’ will be sent home and advised to isolate in line with guidance.</p>	
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Risk Level: High: Accident likely with possibility of serious injury or loss

Medium: Possibility of accident occurring causing minor injury or loss

Low: Accident unlikely with control measures in place

D	Controls (Ser N° to correspond with Hazard Ser N°)	E To be completed by the Manager			
Ser N°	Additional Controls Required	Action to be Taken	By Whom	Target Completion Date	Task Completed (Signed & Dated)
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F	<p>Once additional controls are implemented, what will the overall risk level be:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">High Medium <u>Low</u></p>	<p>Risk assessment signed off by: Alyson Rigby</p> <p>Signature: <i>A. Rigby</i></p> <p>Date: 11/04/21</p> <p><i>Please note an electronic signature will suffice.</i></p>
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Online learning addendum		
Informed parental consent		
Consent allows parents to make an informed decision about whether to allow their child to participate. It is also an outward signal to parents that we take online safety seriously. Advice sought from LA.	Parents were contacted prior to the use of Google Classrooms and informed that this would be our chosen platform. Parents made aware of the expectations for children taking part in Google Meets. Parents made aware that GM would be recorded and posted on GC pages. Parents asked to opt out of this if they wished.	Staff to monitor engagement on GM – there is a clear safeguarding protocol in place for concerns. All logged on CPOMS. DSL/ DDSL to be contacted immediately if child is in danger.
Staff and pupils use the platform safely and appropriately		
Protocols ensure that staff and pupils are able to use the platform safely and appropriately.	Protocols for staff, parents and children have been drawn up by the safeguarding team and shared with all parties. All sessions are recorded and where possible attended by members of staff. Recordings kept in line with GDPR.	Staff to monitor engagement on GM – there is a clear safeguarding protocol in place for concerns. All logged on CPOMS. DSL/ DDSL to be contacted immediately if child is in danger. School behaviour policy followed online and children reminded of this.
Privacy and controls		
Privacy tools and controls will ensure that staff and children are kept safe and no non-pupils access GC.	Online safety remains a priority – recap that no log in details, GM links etc should be shared outside of the GC. Settings managed to ensure that only authorised users can be admitted. Staff member to log in first to GM in order to maintain ownership of any recordings, host controls etc.	Online safety covered through Safer Internet Day and the digital curriculum. Children regularly reminded of the need to not share login details. When a breach occurs – passwords are changed and individual/ groups of pupils spoken to.

1:1 Video sessions – internal and external		
Protocols ensure that staff and pupils are able to use the platform safely and appropriately.	Parental consent gained by all parents prior to sessions. Clear protocol set out for staff and parents all sessions will be recorded and a parent/ adult must remain in the room at all times. Staff working from home must host the session in an appropriate work space with a blank background o blurred background.	Regular check in s with staff conducting 1:1s. Staff to monitor engagement on GM – there is a clear safeguarding protocol in place for concerns. All logged on CPOMS. DSL/ DDSL to be contacted immediately if child is in danger. School behaviour policy followed online and children reminded of this.

Useful links:

<https://swgfl.org.uk/resources/safe-remote-learning/>

<https://www.lgfl.net/online-safety/default.aspx>

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/video-conferencing-services-security-guidance-organisations>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/safeguarding-and-remote-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education--2>