

RISK ASSESSMENT

Title:	Covid 19 Detailed Risk Assess	Covid 19 Detailed Risk Assessment – School Full Opening September 2020							
School	Nailsea School	ailsea School Number of staff/students: 974 students							
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Review: (To take place sooner should a significant change/incident occur)	Health and Safety meeting or Shared with staff for commer Discussion and approval by go Shared with all stakeholders: Weekly review over the sumr Final update ahead of openin	nt: Friday 10 th July overning body: Tues 14 th July Wed 15 th July	N GREEN)						

BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT:



From 1 September 2020 all schools are required to reopen for all pupils.

This model risk assessment has been developed to support schools in implementing government guidance for the reopening of schools first issued on 2 July 2020. It has now been updated to reflect updates published on 7 August 2020. It is available here:https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools

The risk assessment will be reviewed in response to updates to government.

Part 1: Reopening schools from 1 September 2020

The rationale for schools re-opening for more groups of pupils is set out in the document Education and childcare during coronavirus: Guidance for the full reopening of schools. It is predetermined on the principle that cases of coronavirus have reduced and that there is an effective 'Track and Trace' process in place. The guidance is clear that risks posed to pupils from remaining out of school in terms of their wellbeing, safeguarding and academic achievement outweigh those posed from the contraction of coronavirus. In relation to working in schools the guidance states that "whilst it is not possible to ensure a totally risk-free environment, the Office of National Statistics' analysis on coronavirus (COVID-19) related deaths linked to occupations suggests that staff in educational settings tend not to be at any greater risk from the disease than many other occupations. There is no evidence that children transmit the disease any more than adults"

This risk assessment is based on the control measures described in the government guidance for reopening schools referred to above. This states that if schools follow the control measures as set out below, they can be "confident that they are managing risk effectively".

The World Health Organisation (WHO) published a new statement on the 21 August on when children should wear face coverings. They now advise that "children aged 12 and over should wear a mask under the same conditions as adults, in particular when they cannot guarantee at least a 1-metre distance from others and there is widespread transmission in the area."

Nationwide, the government is not recommending face coverings are necessary in education settings generally because a system of control, applicable to all education environments, provides additional mitigating measures. Schools and colleges will have the discretion to require face coverings in communal areas where social distancing cannot be safely managed, if they believe that it is right in their particular circumstances.

Examples of where education leaders might decide to recommend the wearing of face coverings - for pupils and staff - in communal areas of the education setting include:

 where the layout of the school or college estate makes it particularly difficult to maintain social distancing when staff and pupils are moving around the premises where on top of hygiene measures and the system of controls recommended in the full <u>opening guidance to schools</u> and <u>FE colleges and providers</u>, permitting the use of face coverings for staff, pupils or other visitors would provide additional confidence to parents to support a full return of children to school or college

It is vital that that face coverings are worn correctly and that clear instructions are provided to staff, children and young people on how to put on, remove, store and dispose of face coverings in all of the circumstances above, to avoid inadvertently increasing the risks of transmission.

Safe wearing of face coverings requires cleaning of hands before and after touching – including to remove or put them on – and the safe storage of them in individual, sealable plastic bags between use. Where a face covering becomes damp, it should not be worn and the face covering should be replaced carefully.

On the basis of current evidence, in light of the mitigating measures education settings are taking, and the negative impact on communication, face coverings will not generally be necessary in the classroom even where social distancing is not possible. There is greater use of the system of controls for minimising risk, including through keeping in small and consistent groups or bubbles, and greater scope for physical distancing by staff within classrooms. Face coverings can have a negative impact on learning and teaching and so their use in the classroom should be avoided.

Where local restrictions apply

In the event of new local restrictions being imposed, schools and colleges will need to communicate quickly and clearly to staff, parents, pupils and learners that the new arrangements require the use of face coverings in certain circumstances. This updated guidance on face coverings for areas of national government intervention will come into effect on 1 September. Separate guidance will be issued on this.

Exemptions

Some individuals are <u>exempt from wearing face coverings</u>. For example people who cannot put on, wear or remove a face covering because of a physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability, or if you are speaking to or providing assistance to someone who relies on lip reading, clear sound or facial expression to communicate. The same exemptions will apply in education settings, and we would expect teachers and other staff to be sensitive to those needs.

The system of controls: protective measures

Having assessed their risk, schools must work through the below system of controls, adopting measures in a way that addresses the risk identified in their assessment, works for their school, and allows them to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum for their pupils, including full educational and care support for those pupils who have SEND.

If schools follow the guidance set out here, they will effectively reduce risks in their school and create an inherently safer environment.

System of controls

This is the set of actions schools must take. They are grouped into 'prevention' and 'response to any infection' and are outlined in more detail in the sections below.

Prevention:

- 1) minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school
- 2) clean hands thoroughly more often than usual
- 3) ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
- 4) introduce enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents and bleach
- 5) minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible
- 6) where necessary, wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)

Numbers 1 to 4 must be in place in all schools, all the time.

Number 5 must be properly considered and schools must put in place measures that suit their particular circumstances.

Number 6 applies in specific circumstances.

Response to any infection:

- 7) engage with the NHS Test and Trace process
- 8) manage confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community
- 9) contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice

Numbers 7 to 9 must be followed in every case where they are relevant.

Task/Activity/ Environment being assessed	Possible hazards	Who is at risk?	What severity of harm can be reasonably expected (see Definitions Table 1)	What precautions (existing controls) are already in place to either eliminate or reduce the risk of harm?	What likelihood is there of an accident/harm occurring? (See Definitions Table 1)	What is the risk rating? (See Risk Rating Matrix Table 2)
1.A: Contact with t	hose with symptoms of cord	onavirus: Tes	ting: Track and Tr	ace; Outbreak response		
Contact with infected persons/ exposure to the virus within the school.	Person contracts coronavirus as a result of direct contact with an infected person (or a symptomatic person) entering the premises.	Pupils and staff	Serious	Anyone affected must stay at home if they (or their family members) have any of the following symptoms: a high temperature, a new continuous cough, a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste. OR they have tested positive for coronavirus in the last 10 days Those affected must follow government stay at home guidance as follows https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infections Temperature testing is not recommended on its own. Guidance states that it is not a reliable method for identifying coronavirus.	Medium	Medium

Contact with those Pupils Serious If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new, Medium	Medium
developing symptoms of and staff continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of,	
the virus during the or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell	
working day. (anosmia), they will be sent home and advised to follow	
'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or	
confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection', which sets	
out that they must self-isolate for at least 10 days and	
should arrange to have a test to see if they have	
coronavirus (COVID-19). Other members of their	
household (including any siblings) should self-isolate for 14	
days from when the symptomatic person first had	
symptoms.	
If a student is awaiting collection, they will be moved to	
the First Aid room where they can be isolated behind a	
closed door, with appropriate adult supervision if required.	
Ideally, a window will be opened for ventilation.	
If they need to go to the bathroom while waiting to be	
collected, they will use the separate bathroom in the First	
Aid area. The bathroom will be cleaned and disinfected	
using standard cleaning products before being used by	
anyone else.	
anyone else.	
In an emergency we will call 999 if they are seriously ill or	
injured or their life is at risk. We will not suggest a visit to	
the GP, pharmacy, urgent care centre or a hospital.	
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If a member of staff has helped someone who was unwell	
with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, we	
have noted they do not need to go home unless they	
develop symptoms themselves (and in which case, a test is	
available) or the child subsequently tests positive	
available, or the orms subsequently tests positive	
They are instructed to wash their hands thoroughly for 20	
seconds after any contact with someone who is unwell. We	
will clean the affected area with normal household	
disinfectant after someone with symptoms has left to	
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				reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people. See the COVID-19: cleaning of non-healthcare settings guidance.		
Engagement with the NHS Track and trace Process	Failure to follow PHE/ NHS Track and Trace procedures increases the likelihood of exposure to coronavirus in the school community. Anxiety and dissent within the school community	Pupils and staff	Serious	Relevant staff understand the NHS Test and Trace process and how to contact their local Public Health England health protection team. We will ensure that staff members and parents/carers understand that they will need to be ready and willing to: • book a test if they are displaying symptoms. Staff and students must not come into the school if they have symptoms, and must be sent home to self-isolate if they develop them in school. • provide details of anyone they have been in close contact with if they were to test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test and Trace • self-isolate if they have been in close contact with someone who develops coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) Anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) can and should get a test. Tests can be booked online through the NHS testing and tracing for coronavirus	Medium	Medium
				website, or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet. Essential workers, which includes anyone involved in education or childcare, have priority access to testing.		

The government will ensure that it is as easy as possible to get a test through a wide range of routes that are locally accessible, fast and convenient.

The government will release more details on new testing avenues as and when they become available and will work with schools so they understand what the quickest and easiest way is to get a test. By the autumn term, all schools will be provided with a small number of home testing kits that they can give directly to parents/carers collecting a child who has developed symptoms at school, or staff who have developed symptoms at school, where they think providing one will significantly increase the likelihood of them getting tested. Advice will be provided alongside these kits.

We will ask parents and staff to inform us immediately of the results of a test:

- if someone tests negative, if they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating. They could still have another virus, such as a cold or flu in which case it is still best to avoid contact with other people until they are better. Other members of their household can stop self-isolating.
- if someone tests positive, they should follow the <u>'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection'</u> and must continue to self-isolate for at least **10 days** from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. The 10-day period starts from the day when they first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their

				temperature returns to normal. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days.		
Management of confirmed cases of coronavirus	Failure to follow PHE/ NHS Track and Trace procedures increases the likelihood of exposure to coronavirus in the school community. Anxiety and dissent within the school community	Pupils and staff	Serious	Swift action will be taken if we become aware that someone who has attended has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19). School will contact the local health protection team. This team will also contact schools directly if they become aware that someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) attended the school – as identified by NHS Test and Trace. The health protection team will carry out a rapid risk assessment to confirm who has been in close contact with the person during the period that they were infectious, and ensure they are asked to self-isolate. The health protection team will work with schools in this situation to guide them through the actions they need to take. Based on the advice from the health protection team, we will send home those people who have been in close contact with the person who has tested positive, advising them to self-isolate for 14 days since they were last in close contact with that person when they were infectious. Close contact means: • direct close contacts - face to face contact with an infected individual for any length of time, within 1 metre, including being coughed on, a face to face conversation, or unprotected physical contact (skin-to-skin)	Medium	Medium

proximity contacts - extended close contact (within 1 to 2 metres for more than 15 minutes) with an infected individual travelling in a small vehicle, like a car, with an infected person The health protection team will provide definitive advice on who must be sent home. To support them in doing so, we will keep a record of pupils and staff in each group, and any close contact that takes places between children and staff in different groups (see section 5 of system of control for more on grouping pupils). This should be a proportionate recording process. Schools do not need to ask pupils to record everyone they have spent time with each day or ask staff to keep definitive records in a way that is overly burdensome. Schools must not share the names or details of people with coronavirus (COVID-19) unless essential to protect others. Household members of those contacts who are sent home. do not need to self-isolate themselves unless the child. young person or staff member who is self-isolating

Household members of those contacts who are sent home do not need to self-isolate themselves unless the child, young person or staff member who is self-isolating subsequently develops symptoms. If someone in a class or group that has been asked to self-isolate develops symptoms themselves within their 14-day isolation period they should follow <u>'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection'</u>. They should get a test, and:

- if the test delivers a negative result, they must remain in isolation for the remainder of the 14-day isolation period. This is because they could still develop the coronavirus (COVID-19) within the remaining days.
- if the test result is positive, they should inform their setting immediately, and must isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms (which could mean the self-isolation ends before or after the original 14-day isolation period). Their household should self-

				isolate for at least 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms, following 'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection' Further guidance is available on testing and tracing for coronavirus (COVID-19).		
Containing any local outbreak	Failure to follow PHE/ NHS Track and Trace procedures increases the likelihood of exposure to coronavirus in the school community. Anxiety and dissent within the school community	Pupils and staff	Serious	If schools have two or more confirmed cases within 14 days, or an overall rise in sickness absence where coronavirus (COVID-19) is suspected, they may have an outbreak, and must continue to work with their local health protection team who will be able to advise if additional action is required. In some cases, health protection teams may recommend that a larger number of other pupils self-isolate at home as a precautionary measure – perhaps the whole site or year group. Whole school closure based on cases within the school will not generally be necessary, and should not be considered except on the advice of health protection teams.	Medium	Medium
				In consultation with the local Director of Public Health, where an outbreak in a school is confirmed, a mobile testing unit may be dispatched to test others who may have been in contact with the person who has tested positive. Testing will first focus on the person's class, followed by their year group, then the whole school if necessary, in line with routine public health outbreak control practice. The school has a contingency plan to ensure that the education of affected groups of pupils is maintained. This		

		will include the provision of remote learning as set out in government guidance for the reopening of schools.	

Hand hygiene	Poor hand hygiene increases the likelihood of infection from coronavirus	Pupils and staff	Serious	Opportunities are provided for staff and students to clean their hands with soap and water and dry thoroughly: on arrival at school after using the toilet after breaks and sporting activities before food preparation before eating any food, including snacks before leaving school after sneezing/coughing. Signage about how to wash hands properly, is on display and reinforced with students.	Medium	Medium
Respiratory Hygiene	Poor respiratory hygiene increases the likelihood of infection from exposure to coronavirus.	Pupils and staff	Serious	Catch it, kill it, Bin it – tissues are available in all classrooms, staffroom and reception at a minimum. The message is reinforced with students. Tissues will be placed in zip lock bags and then disposed of in lidded bins.	Medium	Medium
Cleaning	Person contracts COVID 19 as a result of inadequate cleaning	Pupils and staff	Serious	Our cleaning specification has been reviewed to ensure we comply with requirements set out in https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings Where our own cleaners and/or additional staff are required to undertake cleaning duties we have ensured that they have received appropriate training and are provided with PPE, as set out in guidelines above. This also	Low	Low

Safe use of cleaning products	Inappropriate exposure to cleaning product results in allergic reaction/ poisoning etc Storage arrangements of cleaning product change increasing potential for unauthorised 'use' by pupils.	Pupils and staff	Serious	applies to other staff who may be asked to carry out cleaning duties during this period. We have identified cleaning of high-risk areas to be undertaken throughout the school day to include: Door handles Kettles Taps Switches Phones Laptops / Printers and photocopiers Staffroom/ food preparation Surfaces that pupils are touching e.g.: books, chairs, tables, doors, sinks, toilets, bannisters, light switches, etc. All staff involved in cleaning duties will receive training re: safe use and storage of cleaning materials. PPE will be provided for all cleaning activities. Safety data sheets for cleaning products are available. Only recommended cleaning products will be used.	Low	Low
	Use of hand sanitiser potential for improper use and ingestion.	Pupils and staff	Serious	We are providing/allowing the use of hand sanitisers that contain at least 60% alcohol. Recognising it is not possible to follow the hand wash advice everywhere, a hand sanitiser is next best and unless there's some allergy, and depending on the age of our pupils, they could use their own.	Low	Low

				We have and will secure adequate supplies of the product and provide it, especially in areas such as reception to the building and around the year group areas.		
Measures to reduce contamination from coronavirus.	Use of shared resources	Pupils and staff	Serious	Staff and pupils will have individual pens, pencils etc that are not shared. Classroom based resources such as books and games will be shared within the 'group/bubble'; these will be cleaned frequently along with frequently touched surfaces. Resources that are shared between groups/bubbles will be cleaned frequently and between use by different groups/bubbles or rotated to allow them to be quarantined and out of reach for 48 hours (72 hours plastics). Staff have been advised that they must wash their hands and surfaces before and after handling pupils' books. We have removed harder to clean items (such as those with intricate parts) from classrooms and teaching spaces until further notice. Where these remain, they will be subject to regular cleaning and disinfection.	Medium	Medium

1:C Minimising contact (social distancing)									
Social distancing across the site	Too many people on site increases likelihood of exposure to coronavirus	Pupils and staff	Serious	We have taken the following measures to reduce footfall and maintain social distancing on site including: Advising parents that only one person should attend to deliver/pick up their child. Erected signage and barriers to remind those visiting the site of social distancing requirements. Separate outside and indoor lunch areas identified. Pupils will be advised of the appropriate entrance and exit to use.	Low	Low			

				Opportunities for groups of pupils congregating on site before and after school will be minimised given the year group bubbles in operation.		
Social distancing for large groups of pupils.	Large groups of pupils and/or adults increase the likelihood of exposure to and transmission of coronavirus	Pupils and staff	Serious	Assemblies will not take place in the usual way and performances will not take place until further notice. School trips will not be scheduled until Jan 2021 at the earliest.	Low	Low

Grouping pupils	Exposure to infection	Pupils	Serious	We are following government guidance as follows:	Low	Low
of pupils and	Classroom teaching	and staff		https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidan		
social distancing	Classicolii teaciiiig			ce-for-full-opening-special-schools-and-other-		
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				=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily		
				We will maintain consistent groupings of pupils. This		
				will reduce the number of pupils and staff potentially		
				becoming infected with coronavirus and required to		
				self-isolate should a case occur.		
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				In our school this will be achieved as follows:		
				-year group bubbles with specified classrooms and		
				social areas per year group		
				Social areas per year group		
				-staff will move to students		
				We will make small adaptations to the classroom to		
				support distancing where possible. That will include		
				seating pupils side by side and facing forwards, rather		
				than face to face or side on, and might include moving		

unnecessary furniture out of classrooms to make	
unnecessary furniture out of classrooms to make	
more space.	
Different groups will be kept apart where possible and	
pupils will be encouraged to keep their distance	
within groups. Sharing social spaces and rooms will be	
avoided where possible.	
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We have advised staff of the strong public health	
advice that secondary school staff maintain distance	
from their pupils, staying at the front of their class and	
away from their colleagues where possible. Ideally this	
should be at a 2m distance which will be identified in	
the room. Surplus furniture will be removed to help	
with the amount of space in the room.	
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We will minimise mixing for lunchtime and breaks.	
While in general groups should be kept apart, brief,	
transitory contact, such as passing in a corridor, is low	
risk	
If there is to be rotation of rooms eg: use of an art	
room for all resources and the room will be cleaned	
thoroughly between different groups using them.	
Mixed age clubs (lunchtime or after school) will not	
meet for terms 1 and 2 to be reviewed in Jan 2021	
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1: E Use of Personal Protective Equipment								
Use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	Incorrect use exacerbates the risk of further infection.	Pupils and staff	Serious	The World Health Organisation (WHO) published a new statement on the 21 August on when children should wear face coverings. They now advise that "children aged 12 and over should wear a mask under the same	Medium	Medium		

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Given Nailsea's setting the school is not making
the wearing of face masks mandatory in
communal areas. This is because a system of
control, applicable to all education
environments, provides additional mitigating
measures.
However both students and staff have the
option of wearing face coverings if this would
reassure them about returning to school. In
such cases clear guidance has been provided on
how to put on, remove, store and dispose of
face coverings in all of the circumstances
above, to avoid inadvertently increasing the
risks of transmission.
On the basis of current evidence, in light of the
mitigating measures education settings are
taking, and the negative impact on
communication, face coverings will not
generally be necessary in the classroom even
where social distancing is not possible.
This situation will continue to be reviewed
based on the local restrictions that may apply
We will ensure that, staff who are likely to have to
support pupils in the circumstances identified above
and potentially in the administration of some first
aid have access to appropriate equipment and
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				training in its correct use and disposal. For example, face shields will be available for TAs to use if they wish. See: health and social care poster .pdf		
Use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) by pupils (over the age of 11) and staff arriving at school. NB: Wearing of PPE mandatory on public transport for those over the age of 11 without health exemptions.	Poor processes for the removal and disposal of PPE increases the likelihood of infection from coronavirus.	Pupils and staff	Serious	Students (and staff) will be instructed not to touch the front of their face covering during use or when removing them. They must wash their hands immediately on arrival (as is the case for all pupils), dispose of temporary face coverings in a covered bin or place reusable face coverings in a plastic bag they can take home with them, and then wash their hands again before heading to their classroom. Guidance on safe working in education, childcare and children's social care provides more advice.	Medium	Medium

1: F School transport and travel arrangements							
School transport	Risk of exposure to coronavirus whilst using dedicated school transport.	Pupils and staff	Serious	We note that pupils on dedicated school services do not mix with the general public on those journeys and tend to be consistent. This means that the advice for passengers on public transport to adopt a social distance of two metres from people outside their household or support bubble, or a 'one metre plus' approach where this is not possible, will not apply from the autumn term on dedicated transport.			

Our approach to dedicated transport will follow government guidance set out in https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/trans port-to-school-and-other-places-of-education-autumn-term-2020/transport-to-school-and-other-places-of-education-autumn-term-2020 Specifically we will work with transport providers
to determine:
 how pupils are grouped together on transport, where possible this should reflect the bubbles that are adopted within school. Ensuring the same children sit together will minimise the number of contacts a child has
use of hand sanitiser upon boarding and/or disembarking
 organised queuing and boarding where possible to ensure that distancing is maintained
distancing within vehicles wherever possible
clear information for parents and children about the arrangements that are needed for picking up and dropping off children at their home destination.
PHE advice (update for Sept 2020) set out in https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/transport-to-school-and-other-places-of-education-
travelling on dedicated school transport.

				We note Public health advice that staff should wear a face covering when they are unable to maintain social distancing in passenger facing roles, recognising that there will be exceptional circumstances when a staff member cannot wear a face covering, or when their task makes it sensible (based on a risk assessment) for them not to wear a face covering.	
	Exposure to coronavirus will travelling to and from school and within wider social groupings (outside school).	Pupils	Serious	 Pupil travel arrangements have been taken into consideration in our plans for opening as follows: We will encourage pupils to walk or cycle to school where possible. We have provided clear messages to pupils about minimising the use of public transport and how to reduce the risks of transmission outside of school. We have also discussed with pupils the potential for coronavirus to spread when they socialise in groups outside school and have reminded them of the importance of following social distancing guidance in the wider community. 	
Staff transport to and from work	Potential for increased exposure to coronavirus (and potential for introduction into the school) through use of public transport at peak times.	All staff	Serious	Where staff would normally use public transport to travel to work, we will discuss options to alleviate this eg: provision of parking or parking permits, or facilities such as secure cycle storage to support people to walk, run or cycle to work where possible.	
	Risk of exposure to coronavirus whilst using school vehicles.	Pupils and staff	Serious	School vehicles will be used for essential purposes only. Passenger numbers to be reduced to allow for social distancing	

	Where possible consistent allocation of driver, escort and passengers to vehicle.	
	Hard surfaces eg: steering wheel, handbrake other controls, door handle, seatbelts etc to be cleaned after use.	
	Vehicle users to wash hand before entering the vehicle. Sanitiser and wipes available for use within the vehicle.	
	School safeguarding procedures to be followed re1:1 transport in school vehicles.	

Staff wellbeing	Staff anxiety re: returning to work and potential exposure to the virus.	All staff	Serious	Individual discussions have been/are held with staff to identify concerns/ barriers re: returning to work. (NB: recognising that some could be experiencing bereavement, mental health issues, etc.). Staff can access counselling services e.g Health Assured Scheme can be contacted confidentially on 0870 240 2530.	Medium	Medium
				Trade unions are kept informed and meetings held where needed.		
Staff who may be at increased risk from coronavirus.	Staff anxiety Potential for staff to suffer serious illness if they contract coronavirus.	Staff in at risk group	Serious potentially fatal	We recognise that some people with particular characteristics may be at comparatively increased risk from coronavirus (COVID-19), as set out in the COVID-19: review of disparities in risks and outcomes report. If people with significant risk factors are concerned, we will discuss their concerns and explain the measures the school is putting in place to reduce risks.	Medium	Medium

				Where practically possible we will accommodate additional measures to support staff where appropriate. We note that people who live with those who have comparatively increased risk from coronavirus (COVID-19) can attend the workplace.		
Staff training	Staff are not aware or do not understand the requirements for working safely.	All staff	Serious	In preparation for a full return an additional training day has been added to the start of term arrangements regarding the explanation of the operating procedures outlined in this risk assessment to all staff. This includes: • What to do if they suspect that they or a member of their household has coronavirus (including testing arrangements) • Day to day organisations and procedures including arrangements for cleaning, staff welfare facilities, travel to work • The importance of keeping teaching groups separate during the day • Arrangements for breaktimes and lunchtimes • Safeguarding including the continued importance of all staff acting immediately on any safeguarding concerns and any updates to school procedures re: recording concerns, contacting DSL (or Deputy). • Procedures to follow if they suspect that a child in their group is displaying coronavirus symptoms • Changes to school behaviour policies • Curriculum adaptations required re: social distancing • Site security and fire safety including evacuation and lockdown procedures.	Low	Low

Individual staff requirements	identified work groups	'	Fatal/ Major	We note that individuals who were considered to be clinically extremely vulnerable and received a letter advising them to shield are now advised that they can return to work from 1 August as long as they maintain social distancing. We will be flexible in how those members of staff are deployed to enable them to work remotely where possible or in roles in school where it is possible to maintain social distancing.	Medium	Medium
		Clinically vulnerable including pregnant women	Serious	May attend work but should follow advice https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing#clinically-vulnerable-people (NB an individual risk assessment must be carried out for new and expectant mothers; exposure to coronavirus should be included as a potential hazard). We note that The Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (RCOG) has published occupational health advice for employers and pregnant women. This document includes advice for women from 28 weeks gestation or with underlying health conditions who may be at greater risk. Government advice is that employers and pregnant women should follow this advice and to continue to monitor for future updates to it.	Medium	Medium
Use of supply teachers and other temporary or peripatetic staff	Potential for the introduction of coronavirus into the school	Staff and students	Serious	We note that it is permissible for supply staff and other temporary works to move between schools. We will ensure that such staff follow our control measures for the prevention of coronavirus and advise them to take particular care in minimising contact with pupils as far as is practicable.	Medium	Medium

1:H Pupil wellbein	g					
Management of expectations within the school community	Anxiety within school community re: prevalence and effectiveness of infection control and social distancing measures.	All members of the school community	Serious	Our communication with parents and pupils prior to our return in September will include information about: • Arrival and departure from school and arrangements for parents to access the site • Arrangements for infection control • Pupil groupings • What school day will look like • Expectations for attendance • Expectations for the wearing of school uniform (government guidance is that this should be worn as usual). • The avoidance of travel to school via public transport at peak times and measures the school are taking to work with parents to alleviate this • Expectations re: any new behaviour systems that we have put in place to support our work in infection control and social distancing • What will happen if there is a case of coronavirus at the school. We are using this as an opportunity to ensure that pupils' emergency contact details are up to date. Government guidance for parents is available at: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term	Low	Low

Pupil wellbeing	Changing family circumstances likely to have an adverse effect of pupil's ability to reengage with school	Pupils and staff	Serious	Contact with families has been made by school staff to ensure that they are aware of any potential issues and that relevant support is made available. Staff responsible for pupil groups have been briefed in advance and made aware of any existing support plans/ risk assessments etc, for individual pupils. Plans will be reviewed before the start of term 1 to ensure that pupil's needs are met.	Low	Low
	Ineffective reintegration of young/ vulnerable pupils who have not been attending school for a number of weeks causes anxiety and distress for parents and pupils	Pupils and staff	Serious	We will discuss arrangements on an individual basis where we anticipate difficulties in this area. We will ensure that we have a contact number for the parent so that we can call to ask them to collect their child or provide reassurance to the parent if required.	Low	Low
	Inadequate understanding or enforcement of pupil behaviour expectations.	Pupils and staff	Serious	The school Behaviour Policy has been updated to include expectations re: arrangements for social distancing and movement around school; hygiene rules. Consistent methods of communication ensure that staff, pupils and parents are aware of these.		
Individual pupil medical requirements	Pupils (or their family members) in identified groups.	Extremely clinically vulnerable pupils (shielded)	Fatal/ Major	These pupils may return to school on 1 September 2020. However, if local infection rates rise, they could be advised to shield again. We note that where pupils are no longer required to shield but generally remain under the care of a specialist health professional may need to discuss their care with their health professional before returning to school (usually at their next planned clinical appointment). See: COVID-19 - 'shielding' guidance for children and young people.	Medium	Medium

		Where a pupil is unable to attend school because they are complying with clinical and/or public health advice, we will offer them access to remote education. Where children are not able to attend school as parents are following clinical and/or public health advice, absence will not be penalised.		
Clinically vulnerable pupils	Serious	These pupils should attend school		
Pupils living in a household with a person who is extremely clinically vulnerable.	Serious	These pupils should attend school	Medium	Medium
Those living in a household with a person who is clinically vulnerable. (Including pregnant)	Serious	These pupils should attend school	Medium	Medium

1: I Provision of firs	1: I Provision of first aid and the administration of medication						
Provision of first		Pupils and	Serious	Qualified first aiders are available as required.	Low	Low	
aid		staff					

Staff will ensure that First Aid staff escort students to the First Aid area to ensure that students will not leave their bubble unaccompanied.	
Where reasonably practicable we will ensure that opportunities for pupils to mix with pupils who are not in their group are limited during the administration of first aid/ Normal hygiene precautions (handwashing and use of gloves) are taken when administering first aid.	

1: J Premises						
Preparation of school building	Failure to complete compliance checks renders the building unfit for use.	All premises occupants	Serious	All systems have been recommissioned before reopening, as would normally be done after a long holiday period. This includes gas, heating, water supply, mechanical and electrical systems, and catering equipment. Our fire safety systems have been checked including and making sure: • all fire doors are operational • the fire alarm system and emergency lights are operational All areas and surfaces have been cleaned and disinfected prior to reopening and if necessary, pest control deployed for insect infestations, particularly in the kitchen and/or food preparation areas. The kitchen has been deep cleaned too prior to reopening and before food preparation resumes.	Low	Low
				See:		

				https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/man aging-school-premises-during-the-coronavirus- outbreak?utm_source=c51bac38-4a28-4136-b096- 4d23f07da6f4&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign =govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily		
Ventilation (Open windows and doors are recommended as a means of improving air circulation within the building)	Falls from height (open windows)	All premises occupants	Serious	Whilst taking into consideration the necessity to increase ventilation by improving air circulation within the building we have advised staff that window opening restrictors must not be removed.	Low	Low
	Additional doors and windows are left open compromising site security/fire safety.	All premises occupants	Serious	We have reviewed our site and identified doors that could remain open without compromising fire safety/ and or security. Here, for high risk areas such as kitchens and boiler rooms fire doors will be kept in the closed position. Lower risk rooms such as classrooms and offices may be propped open with removeable things - a weight or wedge - if there are people present who will be tasked with removing it if the alarm goes off and at the end of the day. Door guards etc, will continue to be used to improve circulation in the building (and also reduce the need for touching the door handles).	Medium	Medium
Emergency Evacuation and lockdown	Failure to follow procedures leads to injury or loss of life.	Pupils and staff	Serious	Measures necessary for additional ventilation of the building have been and will be assessed and will not compromise fire safety or site security arrangements. We have briefed staff who are aware of the measures to take in the event of an emergency evacuation or lockdown. Registers for different groups will be required.	Medium	Medium

		Safe evacuation/ lockdown takes priority over the	
		maintenance of social distancing arrangements	
		temporarily.	

Curriculum	Increased likelihood of	Pupils and	We will reduce the risk of transmission by physical	Medium	Medium
delivery:	infection from	staff	distancing sitting, side-to-side, avoiding sharing of		
Music	coronavirus from playing musical		equipment and ensuring good ventilation.		
	instruments and		We have an operating procedure for cleaning any		
Tech	singing.		shared equipment and a cleaning schedule where		
10011			different year groups will be using the same room in		
			the same day.		
Art			Where this cleaning cannot take place these subjects		
			will be taught in other areas of the school without		
			access to this specialist equipment.		
			No peripatetic lessons will take place for terms 1		
			and 2		
			We will mitigate the potential aggregate risk of		
			aerosol transmission by:		
			limiting the number of children singing or		
			playing together as far as possible and ensuring		
			that children attending are in small groups of no		
			more than 15, with the same children each time		
			wherever possible and at least one staff		
			member		
			 children are socially distanced (2 metres apart), 		
			are outside or in a well-ventilated room		
			they are not singing loudly		

The following measures will be in place when children are singing or playing wind or brass instruments:	
Social distancing will be observed at all times whilst playing wind or brass instruments or singing (2 metres, wherever possible, or 1 metre with robust risk mitigation where 2 metres is not viable)	
Back-to-back or side-to-side positioning (rather than face-to-face) is used whenever possible	
Activities which can create aerosol are discouraged, such as shouting or singing loudly	
Singing or playing wind or brass instruments outdoors, wherever possible	
If playing wind or brass instruments indoors or singing indoors, limiting the number of children present to account for ventilation of the space and the ability to social distance	
Good ventilation as far as possible and whenever possible, either through opening windows and doors	
By considering and adopting these cumulative risk mitigation measures, the overall risk will be reduced.	
Providers offering music, dance and drama activities for children and young people should refer to more information for schools and other providers on music, dance and drama provision during coronavirus (COVID-19), due to be published shortly, which will set out additional measures that can be taken to minimise the risk of coronavirus (COVID-19) transmission during these activities.	

Curriculum	Increased likelihood of	Pupils and	Serious		Medium	Medium
delivery:	infection from	staff		Pupils will be kept in consistent groups, sports		
Dhysical	coronavirus			equipment thoroughly cleaned between each use by		
Physical Education				different individual groups, and contact sports		
Education				avoided.		
				Students will arrive wearing their PE on the day of		
				their PE lesson and only use the changing room as a		
				result of inclement weather. This will reduce the		
				over use of the changing room areas.		
				Outdoor sports should be prioritised where possible,		
				and large indoor spaces used where it is not,		
				maximising distancing between pupils and paying		
				scrupulous attention to cleaning and hygiene. This is		
				particularly important in a sports setting because of		
				the way in which people 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.		
				Schools should refer to the following advice:		
				 guidance on the phased return of sport and 		
				recreation and guidance from Sport England for		
				grassroot sport		
				advice from organisations such as the <u>Association</u>		
				<u>for Physical Education</u> and the <u>Youth Sport Trust</u>		
				Schools are able to work with external coaches,		
				clubs and organisations for curricular and extra-		
				curricular activities where they are satisfied that this		
				is safe to do so. Schools should consider carefully		
				how such arrangements can operate within their		
				wider protective measures.		

1: L Social distanci	ng in the wider school envi	ronment				
Arrival and departure from school	Exposure to infection from inadequate social distancing	Pupils and staff	Serious	We will review entrances and exits of groups of pupils to keep them apart as they arrive and finish school. This will not involve the loss of teaching time	Low	Low
Circulation within the building	Exposure to infection from inadequate social distancing	Pupils and staff	Serious	Circulation routes around the school have been reviewed. Where possible there are one-way circulation routes in corridors and stairways. Arrangements are in place to zone areas and at break and lunchtimes this will mean reducing numbers accessing circulation routes.	Low	Low
Lunchtimes	Exposure to infection from inadequate social distancing during preparation and serving of food (catering staff)	Pupils and staff	Serious	Students will have own areas per bubble for recreational times. Food will be delivered to students in their areas and the canteen will not be fully operational.	Low	Low
	Payment for food	Pupils and staff		The site will be completely cashless and students will need to pay by card.	Low	Low
	Exposure to infection from inadequate social distancing: Collection of food by pupils and eating arrangements	Pupils and staff	Serious	Groups to be kept apart as far as possible. We have addressed the potential for eating in classrooms and will use/use this option if necessary, as long as suitable levels of supervision can be achieved and cleaning is carried out before and after the consumption of food.	Low	Low
Breaktimes	Exposure to infection from inadequate social distancing: breaktimes	Pupils and staff	Serious	Outside areas will not be shared and pupils will remain in their distinct groups. Different groups of pupils must not play sports or games together.	Low	Low
Educational visits	Exposure to infection from inadequate social distancing etc	Pupils and staff	Serious	We note government guidance advises against domestic (UK) overnight and overseas educational visits at this stage see coronavirus: travel guidance for educational settings. In line with government guidance we will consider the reintroduction of non-overnight domestic educational visits. These trips will include any trips	Low	Low

for pupils with SEND connected with their preparation for adulthood (for example, workplace visits, travel training etc.).	
No visits will take place until Jan 2021 in the first instance.	

School Reception	Exposure to infection	Pupils and	Serious	Any visitors to site are to be by appointment only.	Low	Low
areas from inadequate social distancing: visitors to school.	staff		Signage has been erected to advise visitors of social distancing protocols.			
				Consultations with parents/ outside agencies etc, to take place over the phone/ video conferencing where feasible. If this is not possible 2m social distancing will be observed in any consultation room and the room cleaned after use.		
				Payments to be online/ contactless where possible. Office staff to wear gloves when handling cash.		
				Hand sanitiser will be provided to all persons entering premises with signage to explain control measures etc.		
	Exposure to infection from deliveries arriving at the school.	Staff	Serious	Clear guidance for delivery drivers to be placed at the school entrance to include advising the school reception by phone of their arrival.	Low	Low
				School staff will advise the delivery driver of a safe space to leave the goods and must not come into contact with the driver.		
				Where it is not feasible to quarantine deliveries staff must wash their hands after unpacking items and dealing with waste packaging.		
	Violence and aggression towards school staff	Pupils and staff	Serious	We will maintain transparency and regular contact with all members of the school community.	Low	Low

	causes injury and distress			Regular briefings/updates for all staff so that they are aware of school response to the COVID 19 virus and can communicate consistently to those who ask. Readiness to deploy the range of behaviour remedies if behaviour becomes unacceptable from warning to full banning from site/sect 547 warnings/action.		
Other work areas	Exposure to infection from inadequate social distancing: other work areas	Staff	Serious	Staff reminded about the importance of social distancing. All areas are cleaned regularly, a dishwasher is available for cleaning crockery, utensils etc. No tea towels or hand towels are to be used. Sanitising wipes available to clean keyboards and mice when staff move to rooms.	Low	Low
Contractors working on the premises.	Exposure to infection from inadequate social distancing/ hygiene arrangements	All	Serious	All contractors working on the premises will be required to follow control measures listed for visitors above. Where possible they will be required to visit after school hours. For areas where there are larger scale building projects in place, contractors will remain entirely separate from the school community.	Low	Low

Part 2: Maintaining educational provision in the event of a local outbreak

Maintaining contact with pupils staying at home	Safeguarding concerns are not reported; pupil/ student is placed at risk.	All	Serious	Concerns may become apparent during interaction in the community, online communication etc All school staff to be aware of arrangements in place for contact school DSL/ Deputies during the closure period.	Low	Low
	Enhanced risks to pupils re: online safety resulting	Pupils	Serious	School to provide information to parents and pupils re: online safety. Including encouraging parents to	Low	Low

exposi remot to sup	ncreased internet ure; working ely without access port from peer and school			set up age-appropriate parental controls and internet filters as applicable. Also signposting to support available for reporting bullying and online abuse. School to make parents aware of sites they are asking their children to use and school staff their child will interact with.		
	ety. Inappropriate contact with pupils/ nts	Pupils	Minor to Serious	School E-Safety Polices continue to apply. Communication must only take place through school channels approved by the senior leadership team. Staff must not make informal arrangements to contact students using their own phones/ devices etc.	Low	Low
of staf visits. Vulner studer	or contamination If undertaking home rable pupils/ Ints are 'missed' Ints are 'missed' Ints are of contact	Visiting staff	Serious	Staff to follow government guidance on social distancing. Speak to families on the door step or through a window if they are self-isolating. Any home visit will be carried out by 2 members of staff subject to risk assessment associated with that home, location and family profile. School Lone Working Procedures to be followed (including the maintenance of a school contact during the visit). Where the family is self-isolating ask that the child comes to the window so that they can be seen by professionals. If phoning families we will speak to the child as well.	Low	Low

PART 3: Arrangements for staff working from home during a local outbreak

Use of display	Back/neck/wrist injury	Staff working	Serious	We follow guidance from HSE (March 2020) as	Low	Low
screen	from poor posture and	from home		follows:		
equipment eg:	use of equipment over a					
laptop, desktop	prolonged period of time.			For those people who are working at home, the risks		
etc.				associated with DSE must be controlled. This		
				includes doing home workstation assessments.		

Data protection	Data breach exposes staff or students to risk of harm.	All	Serious	However, there is no increased risk from DSE work for those working at home very temporarily. We have provided workers with advice on completing their own basic assessment at home using: www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/ck1.pdf We advise staff that there are some simple steps to be taken to reduce the risks from display screen work: • breaking up long spells of DSE work with rest breaks (at least 5 minutes every hour) or changes in activity • avoiding awkward, static postures by regularly changing position • getting up and moving or doing stretching exercises • avoiding eye fatigue by changing focus or blinking from time to time. All staff have received GDPR training and are aware of their responsibilities re: use and transfer of personal data. School Data Protection Policies and Procedures apply.	Low	Low
	Data breach is undetected.			Staff are aware of their responsibilities for reporting a data breach to relevant staff at school. Our DPO is involved if required.		
Workplace stress exacerbated by social isolation.	Depression Anxiety and other forms of mental illness	Staff working from home	Serious	Opportunities are in place for regular contact from line managers and colleagues. Albeit remotely via online methods. Access to counselling services is provided by Health Assured Scheme on 0870 240 2530	Low	Low

Table 1: Definitions

Potential Severity of Harm	Meaning of the harm description	Likelihood of Harm	Meaning of likelihood
Fatal/Major Injury	Death, major injuries or ill health causing long term disability/absence from work.	High (frequent)	Occurs repeatedly/ to be expected.
Serious Injury	Injuries or ill health causing short-term disability/absences from work (over three days absence)	Medium (possible)	Moderate chance/could occur sometimes.
Minor Injury	Injuries or ill health causing no significant long-term effects and no significant absence from work.	Low (unlikely)	Not Likely to occur

Table 2: Risk rating matrix: Potential severity of Harm + Likelihood of Harm = Risk rating

	+ High (Likely)	+ Medium (Possible)	+ Low (Improbable)
Fatal/Major Injury	VERY HIGH Risk	HIGH Risk	MEDIUM Risk
Serious Injury	HIGH Risk	MEDIUM Risk	LOW Risk
Minor Injury	MEDIUM Risk	LOW Risk	No Significant Risk

Table 3: Action required: Key to Ranking and what action to take.

VERY HIGH Risk	STOP ACTIVITY! Take action to reassess the work/activity and apply reduction hierarchy before proceeding.
HIGH Risk	Action MUST be taken as soon as possible to reduce the risks and before activity is allowed to continue.
MEDIUM Risk	Implement all additional precautions that are not unreasonably costly or troublesome and monitor the situation
	on an agreed frequency.
LOW Risk	Monitor and review your rolling programme.