

RISK ASSESSMENT-Covid 19 Response Dec 2021

Please refer to ' Operational Guidance Document Dec 2021

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTATION

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2021/11/26/can-christmas-plays-nativities-and-other-festive-events-in-schools-and-nurseries-go-ahead-this-year/>

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1036663/Schools_guidance_update_for_Omicron_-_29_Nov.pdf

SCHOOL POLICIES

Child Protection

Wellbeing Policies

Online Safety

Remote Learning Policy, Protocol and Expectations

Health & Safety

Attendance Policy

Behaviour Policy

There are important actions that children and young people, their parents and those who work with them can take to help prevent further spread of the virus.

In all education, childcare and social care settings, preventing the spread of coronavirus involves dealing with direct transmission (for instance, when in close contact with those sneezing and coughing) and indirect transmission (via touching contaminated surfaces). A range of

approaches and actions will continue to be implemented to do this.. These can be seen as a hierarchy of controls that, when implemented, creates an inherently safer system, where the risk of transmission of infection is substantially reduced. These include:

- A requirement that people who are ill with covid 19 symptoms stay at home
- Robust hand and respiratory hygiene
- Enhanced cleaning arrangements
- Protocols to deal with an outbreak of Covid-19 in school

Hazard (something with the potential to cause harm)	What could go wrong?	Who may be harmed?	What is done to control the risk?	What more needs to be done?	Who is responsible
Covid 19	General Hygiene Increased transmission of Covid -19	Staff Pupils Parents	Thorough hand washing /sanitising will continue throughout the day with sanitiser stations in place around the school.	Sanitiser stations refilled regularly Posters displayed as visual reminders	Site Managers JT classroom top ups.
			Reminders about good respiratory hygiene covered in induction activities. Catch it! Bin it! Kill it!	Posters as visuals E-bug resources	Staff

			PPE available for dealing with accidents and incidents including gloves, masks, aprons.		JT
			Water fountains to continue to be used to fill bottles and not for direct drinking.		
	Face coverings		<p>Guidance encourages staff to wear a face covering in communal/busy areas or when working in close contact.</p> <p>Visors can be used for S & L activities where pupils need to see a face and for general movement around the school.</p> <p>Face masks would be more beneficial in face to face meetings where distancing is not easy.</p> <p>Staff to make an informed decision about what they feel is appropriate.</p>	Stock of face masks and visors	JT
	Ventilation Increased transmission of Covid -19/new Omicron variant	Staff Pupils	<p>Ventilation will remain important in limiting transmission inside.</p> <p>Windows should be open and doors where possible. However, some may be closed during cold weather to ensure staff and pupils are sufficiently warm.</p> <p>Classrooms have CO2 monitors in as a visual to ensure air quality is good. Staff have been informed That if CO2 reading is above 1500mg they should increase ventilation.</p>	<p>Reminders about which fire doors should remain closed</p> <p>CO2 monitors are portable and can be moved to check the air</p>	Staff

				quality if we are concerned.	
	Cleaning Increased transmission of Covid -19	Staff Pupils	Enhanced cleaning will remain including: Virabact spray in classrooms for cleaning tables/equipment as necessary. Additional toilet cleaning Staff to ensure tables are clear at the end of each day to allow the cleaners to clean thoroughly each day.	Regular refills	JT Site managers Staff
	Testing Reduce infections within the community	Staff	Staff encouraged to test 2 x weekly throughout the term even if fully vaccinated.	Stocks of LFD tests maintained and logged	WP/JT
	Positive test result Infection control -increased transmission	Staff Pupils	If a member of staff or pupil tests positive for Covid 19 they should isolate immediately and book a confirmatory PCR test. If the PCR test is negative, within 2 days of the LFD test, they may return to work/school and stop isolating. If the PCR test is positive they should isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms and contact tracing will be used to inform close contacts.	Reminders to staff as to the protocols. Updated information for parents.	Staff

			<p>Pupils displaying Covid symptoms in school should be isolated in the medical room and parents/carers contacted to collect them to be tested.</p> <p>If PCR confirms new Omicron variant close contacts will be identified by Track and Trace and will need to isolate for 10 days regardless of vaccination status.</p>		
	<p>Outbreak control</p> <p>Increased transmission of Covid 19</p>	Staff Pupils	<p>An outbreak is defined as several confirmed cases over a period of 14 days.</p> <p>In case of an outbreak we will contact the DFE for support and guidance. It may be necessary to step up control measures to ensure the safety of everyone. Measures taken will be kept to a minimum but may include all or some of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating a bubble for the affected Year group to reduce transmission. This may mean separate breaks/lunches, play areas, assemblies. • Encouraging adults within the affected bubble to wear face coverings when in close contact. • Enhanced cleaning regime • Moving tables back into rows. 	<p>Updates info for staff and parents</p> <p>PPA available - face coverings, gloves, aprons</p>	SLT
	Christmas events-performances		<p>Following DFE guidance the nativity performances will go ahead with the following measures in place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tickets limited to 2 per child -no additional tickets sold 	<p>Updates for staff and parents</p> <p>Masks available</p>	

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ventilation in the hall with all available doors and windows open. • Hand sanitiser station for visitors • Visitors asked to take a LFD test prior to coming and to wear a face covering throughout the performance. • Use of CO2 monitor in the large hall during performances to give an idea of air quality and levels of ventilation required. <p>It has been made clear that should cases increase the performances may need to be cancelled.</p>	Hand sanitiser station positioned.	
	School visits		<p>School visits for Year 6 and Year 5 booked before Christmas will still go ahead with the following measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils requested to wear a face covering on the coach. • Pupils requested to have their own hand sanitiser to use during the day. • Both trips have outside spaces to ensure ventilation. 	Staff to update the risk assessment for the trip with updated measures	Class teachers
