

# Covid-19 Risk Assessment

There is an absolute duty on employers to 'conduct suitable and sufficient risk assessments' in the workplace, under Regulation 3 of the Management of Health & Safety at Work Regulations. HSE guidance tells employers they need to identify potential hazards that may affect the health or safety of employees, and that a suitable and sufficient risk assessment must be conducted 'before you do work which presents a risk of injury or ill health'.

<b>Name of Risk Assessment: Covid-19 Risk Assessment (v006)</b>		<b>Ref: RA0084a DSE05/20</b>
<b>Academy Name:</b> The Burgess Hill Academy	<b>Academy Assessment by:</b> Jon Francies	<b>Date 03/03/2021</b>
<b>Review Date:</b> As and when Government Guidance changes and or monthly.	<b>Approved by:</b> Central Service Team	<b>Date: 03/03/2021</b>

<b>Hazard/Risk</b>	<b>Who is at Risk?</b>	<b>Normal Control Measures</b> <i>(Brief description and/or reference to source of information)</i>	<b>Additional Control Measures</b> <i>(To take account of local/individual circumstances)</i>
National guidelines are updated daily and academy lapses in following advice	Staff, Pupils	The academy has the most recent information from the government, and this is distributed throughout the academy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Principal to ensure daily checks are made with Government updates</li> <li>Any changes in information to be shared with academics.</li> <li>Website information is automatically updated</li> <li>Students updated via assembly/form time as necessary</li> </ul>	All staff and students to have briefings / assemblies on guidanec  Use of email / phone to communicate information in addition to the website  Virtual parents forums open to all parents at the start of the academic year
Precautionary measures are not being followed in academy	Staff, Pupils	All students and all staff working with students are adhering to current advice. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students have a negative lateral flow test before returning to lessons</li> <li>Staff have home testing kits</li> <li>After three lateral flow tests students test at home.</li> <li>Posters around academy including Reception, dining hall and in corridors</li> <li><b>Staff</b> to reiterate messages</li> </ul>	Posters around site Daily reminders Duty team Strict one way movement system around the school site

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue</li> <li>○ Then throwing the tissue in a bin</li> <li>○ Avoid touching your eyes, nose, mouth with unwashed hands</li> <li>● Coronavirus information is on the academy website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Website documents in place and updated accordingly</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Estates Team</b> to follow advice from NHS/Trust on the cleaning products we should be using in academy to ensure that these meet necessary standards <i>Follow additional Trust guidance document- Guidance on general cleaning of premises to minimize the spread of covid-19 (corona virus)</i></li> <li>● <b>Cleaning Staff:</b> Follow additional Trust guidance document- Guidance on general cleaning of premises to minimize the spread of covid-19 (corona virus) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ensure that all toilet/bathroom facilities are well stocked</li> <li>○ Ensure that cleaners' resources are adequate and are effective against Coronavirus. Door handles, doors and toilets are cleaned during the day and paper hand towels are regularly re-filled.</li> <li>○ To provide hand sanitizer stations for reception area.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Controls in place to stop Covid 19 Year Groups in Bubbles Separate arrival, departure, breaks and lunches for each bubble. Strict one way movement system around school to prevent close contact Wipe down of teaching areas by staff Windows open for ventilation 2 meter zones marked out for staff Masks worn in the building where 2m is not possible (including in lessons)</li> </ul>	<p>Staggered start and end to the day Staggered lunch breaks</p> <p>Additional day cleaning capacity employed</p> <p>Hand sanitizer stations for each block</p>
Specific guidelines regarding academy trips are not followed	Staff, Pupils	<p>National guidelines state that in after school activities – students must wash hands and after any travel on public transport - this is adhered to by all staff leading sports events. <b>As of March there are no trips planned</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Usual risk assessments apply</li> <li>● Staff follow updated national guidelines on travelling to busy places</li> <li>● Academy can provide hand sanitizer for students and adults to use after travelling on public transport</li> </ul>	All trips are cancelled at this time.
<p>Staff do not report sickness</p> <p>Staff are unwell but attend Academy</p> <p>Staff absence increases</p>	Staff	<p><b>National Guidelines:</b> People who feel unwell should stay at home and should not attend work or any education or childcare setting. Follow- <a href="https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus?gclid=EAlaIQobChMI6KLqzoWx6QJVQuDtCh0bpg-JEAAYASAAEgJjCvD_BwE">https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus?gclid=EAlaIQobChMI6KLqzoWx6QJVQuDtCh0bpg-JEAAYASAAEgJjCvD_BwE</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Principal will:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Communicate to staff the importance of following national guidelines in Staff Briefings and hand out copies of risk assessments to staff</li> <li>○ Remind staff of the sickness policy during any lockdown period or staff self-isolation</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Staff to inform their Line Manager immediately of contact with anyone who has symptoms of virus or self-isolating or positive diagnoses and follow medical advice.</li> <li>● In an event of teaching staff absence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Academy will bring in Supply Teachers to cover absence</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	In place

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<p>Staff do not report travel plans to/ from a category 2 area or</p> <p>A member of their household who has travelled to a category 1/category 2 area</p>	Staff, Pupils	<p><b>National Guidelines:</b> People who have returned from a category 1 area within the last 14 days should self-isolate and should ring NHS 111 for advice.</p> <p>People who are <b>symptomatic</b> (dry cough, fever, breathlessness) after visiting a category 2 area should self-isolate and should not attend work or any education or childcare setting and should ring NHS 111 for advice. See link below for specified countries <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Principal will:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ communicate to staff the importance of following national guidelines in weekly Briefings</li> <li>○ remind staff to follow the sickness policy during lock down period/staff self-isolation</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Estates Team</b> to remind contractors to follow guidelines in accordance with National Guidelines</li> </ul>	In place
Siblings at another School report unwell and family confused as to appropriate action	Parents, Pupils	<p>The Academy has the most recent information from the government, and this is distributed throughout the academy community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Principal will:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ obtain updated advice from Public Health England and Coronavirus hotline – to inform family immediately</li> <li>○ communicate with families and reiterate the message of gaining advice from NHS 111</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	In place
Vulnerable students & adults in the academy are exposed to illness	Staff, Pupils	<p>Academy communicate appropriately with their most vulnerable students; Health care plans are updated and instruction from GPs followed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Pastoral Team</b> identify the most vulnerable students and staff from current medical information</li> </ul>	Regular phone calls for vulnerable families
Child or adult shows symptoms whilst at academy	Staff, Pupils	<p>All staff understand the symptoms of COVID-19 and follow academy agreed process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Staff report to the <b>Principal</b></li> <li>● Staff to get advice from NHS 111 immediately and PHE team. Advice on cleaning spaces will be given by PHE – await advice. PHE contact information - <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19</a></li> <li>● <b>Estates Team:</b> Advice on waste which may have been contaminated: all waste that has been in contact with the individual – including tissues should be put in a plastic bag and tied, then placed in another</li> </ul>	Shower room next to the treatment room as the dedicated isolation room.

		<p>plastic bag and tied. The bag should be marked and stored in a safe place until results are available. If the test results are negative – to be put with normal waste. If positive, to follow the advice of PHE. See further Trust guidance document - <i>Guidance on general cleaning of premises to minimize the spread of covid-19 (corona virus)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff to self- isolate – journey home by car</li> <li>• Child reported to the Principal and taken to designated area – the shower room next to the treatment room.</li> <li>• Parents informed immediately and asked to collect immediately and contact NHS on 111</li> <li>• A designated Isolation room used until parent collects ( the shower room next to the treatment room)– advice is for child to be supervised by a non-vulnerable adult – to sit 2 meters away. Room to be isolated. Avoid touching people, surfaces or objects and advised to cover their mouth and nose with a disposable tissue.</li> <li>• Principal to get advice from NHS 111 and Inform the Trust</li> </ul>	
Catering staff absent – lunch no longer available	Staff, Pupils	<p>Catering team to share their risk assessment with academy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Catering Manager</b> to work with the academy to ensure precautions are in place for all staff on site <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Washing hand</li> <li>○ Use of sanitizer</li> <li>○ Wearing gloves and hair nets and uniform</li> <li>○ Thorough cleaning of kitchen at the end of every service</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Ensure the kitchen space and lavatory for staff are being cleaned as appropriate.</li> <li>• Inform Principal of any staff off sick with associated symptoms.</li> <li>• If no kitchen staff available contact the Estates Director in the first instance.</li> <li>• Meals to be supplied by hub kitchen or to close and parents informed to bring in packed lunch for their students</li> </ul>	In place
Cleaning staff absent – cleaning no longer available	Staff, Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cleaning Team</b> to ensure precautions are in place for all staff on site <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Washing hands</li> <li>○ Use of sanitizer</li> <li>○ Wearing gloves, hair nets and uniform</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Estates Team</b> to inform Principal of any staff off sick with associated symptoms.</li> <li>• Ensure that cleaning staff contact the absence line by 9am on their day of work</li> <li>• If no cleaning staff are available – the Principal, consider academy closure.</li> <li>• Make contact with local employment agencies to ascertain availability of agency staff to provide cover and likely lead in time for cover to be available.</li> <li>• Outsourced cleaning company to be contacted to explore cover options and provide Covid-19 cleaning plan RA and control measures</li> </ul>	In place
Precautionary measures to prevent transmission	Staff, Pupils	<p>Everyone is following the handwashing protocol.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents have been informed that students and staff should wash their hands.</li> <li>• Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.</li> <li>• Maintain social distancing measures at every opportunity</li> </ul>	In place
Poor Communication	Staff, Pupils	<p>All staff/students aware of current actions and requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Principal</b> to brief all staff on Risk Assessment.</li> <li>• Staff to be consulted and issued with published Risk Assessment.</li> </ul>	Daily / Weekly updates via briefings / assemblies

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students briefed in registration sessions and by the use of posters, signage etc.</li> </ul>	
Pupils struggle to reintegrate into academy routines and adapt to the changes implemented	Pupils, Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of behavior policy to reflect current guidance and restrictions</li> <li>Review of individual behavior plans to reflect current guidance and restrictions</li> <li>Clear sharing of expectations and reasoning – identifying a group ‘charter’ for behavior</li> <li>Flexible approach to learning, routines and use of outside space in order to encourage pupils to adapt to new structures</li> </ul>	New systems in place for since September 2020
A broad and balanced curriculum cannot be delivered or is not appropriate	Pupils, Staff	<p>Academy staff identify an appropriate curriculum that meets the needs of the pupils in the academy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All curriculum delivered with 5 lessons a day.</li> <li>Consider curriculum areas that may need to be adapted considerably, such as PE</li> <li>Where possible, learning to be delivered in academy site outside areas (implementation or review of other risk assessments to ensure that this can be done safely)</li> <li>Reconsider expectations of staff with regards to marking/feedback (review feedback policy)</li> <li>Consider safe use of resources – including asking pupils to bring their own pencil-cases, etc.</li> <li>If electronic computers or devices are used by pupils, these need to be part of the academy’s thorough cleaning considerations and must not be used by more than one pupil without cleaning</li> </ul>	<p>Feedback policy altered in line with restrictions</p> <p>Use of mini whiteboards for feedback</p> <p>Visualisers to feedback on students work</p> <p>Each room with a separate work table for students to leave books for feedback</p> <p>Students to have individual work wallets.</p> <p>Extra resources to stop the need for sharing resources</p>
The pupils still at home are disadvantaged due to academy re-opening	Pupils	<p>Academy makes best endeavors to provide suggested learning activities for year groups that are not on-site (whether due to year groups or parental preference not to return to school).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teachers to agree how this can be maintained and is sustainable when considering staff workload</li> <li>Communication regarding home learning with parents to set clear expectations</li> <li>Scheduled staff/parent communication slots</li> </ul>	<p>Use of Virtual resources – eg Oak Academy / PIXL Apps / Educake</p> <p>Microsoft teams to provide online tutorials for identified students or small groups of students</p>
Parents do not fully understand expectations of behavior, groupings, and curriculum adaptations, or adhere to parental requests	Pupils, parents, staff	<p>Clear and transparent communication with parents including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expectations of behavior</li> <li>Intentions for the curriculum upon return to the academy</li> <li>The elements of the academy day/ routines that will be very different and why they are necessary</li> </ul>	<p>Regular online parents forums</p> <p>Online subject parents evenings</p>
Pupils with Education, Health and Care Plans’ needs are not met effectively	Pupils, staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Risk Assessments are already in place for these children and should be adapted should the children return to the academy</li> <li>Holistic approach to the provision for these children, considering the appropriateness of 1:1 support, as well as supporting their emotional needs</li> <li>TAs still provide support by withdrawal work, supporting from 2 meters, wearing face masks with limited time spend within one meter and also not face to face.</li> </ul>	In place

<p>Younger pupils and pupils with additional needs do not understand the concept of social distancing and, therefore, put others at risk</p>	<p>Pupils, staff</p>	<p>Academy staff to make expectations very clear to all pupils:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication to parents prior to re-opening and frequently when re-opened</li> <li>• Reminders given each day to all pupils regarding expectations</li> <li>• Signage around the academy</li> <li>• Individual behavior plans/ provision maps to be updated</li> <li>• Compilation of social stories to support some pupils</li> </ul>	<p>Support for vulnerable students from SEN</p> <p>Small group work for identified students</p>