



Covid-19 Risk Assessment Policy

Introduction

This policy has been produced to outline the measures in place regarding Covid-19 and the arrangements and precautions carried out to mitigate as far as is reasonably possible, the risk of infection spread and contamination across the Foundation community.

Risk Assessments

Comprehensive risk assessments have been carried out and promulgated to all staff. The risk assessments can also be accessed by staff online using the school's Firefly where the Library of risk assessments are kept. These include specific department and area risk assessments that have been required for shared workspaces, for example science labs.

General Pupil and Staff Precautions

Pupils are now working in year group bubbles and zones as suggested by Government and DfE guidance. This was introduced to lessen the requirement for pupil movement around the school and the risk of cross bubble contamination.

Hand wash stations are in place and are used prior to entering buildings, these have been winterized to enable continued use during the colder winter months.

Hand sanitiser stations have been fitted in almost all classrooms and communal spaces the only exceptions are Pre-school and Reception classes where good hand hygiene and hand washing are being promoted. Hand sanitiser is still available however in those rooms for convenience as required.

Pupils break times are taken in their respective activity areas or during inclement weather in their zones. Lunch is taken in the Dining Hall and pupils are grouped in their bubbles with dedicated time slots to prevent cross contamination. Tables and chairs are cleaned in between bubbles.

Cleaning Regime

A bolstered cleaning regime is in place for rooms where there is potentially a sharing of desks between pupils who are in the same year group bubble. Common contact touch points are cleaned at intervals throughout the school day.

Several fogging machines have also been purchased to speed up the disinfection process of minibuses and classrooms.

PPE

Face coverings are now mandatory for pupils and staff when moving around in both Main and Prep school corridors and through communal areas. This has now been extended in Secondary schools to classrooms where 2m social distancing cannot be maintained. For Prep school, due to the age of the pupils it is not yet recommended, however staff are required to wear one while moving about the building.

Emergency PPE for staff dealing with a potential case is available in all zones.

Lateral Flow Testing

Lateral flow testing has been taking place for staff since January on a voluntary basis. This was extended to pupils in senior school prior to their return on the 8th March. Once three supervised tests have been completed pupils will then switch to home testing.

Further Information on risk assessments or pupil and staff precautions can be requested from the H & S Advisor. Email clarkap@pocklingtonschool.com