



## STONYHURST COVID RISK ASSESSMENT STATEMENT

**Update for the period 19<sup>th</sup> July – 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

This document updates and supplements all previous Risk Assessment Overview Documents and is applicable to both Stonyhurst College and Stonyhurst St. Mary's Hall

### The Stonyhurst Risk Assessment full suite of documents currently includes:

- Stonyhurst and Stonyhurst St. Mary's Hall Risk Assessment Statement 19<sup>th</sup> July – 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021
  - Stonyhurst and Stonyhurst St. Mary's Hall Risk Assessment Overview Update 21<sup>st</sup> June – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021
  - Stonyhurst and Stonyhurst St. Mary's Hall Risk Assessment Overview Statement for 17<sup>th</sup> May – 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021
  - Stonyhurst and Stonyhurst St. Mary's Hall Risk Assessment Overview Document 14<sup>th</sup> April Addendum
  - Stonyhurst and Stonyhurst St. Mary's Hall Risk Assessment Overview Document 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021 – Roadmap Update
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- College Specific Risk Assessment Overview Document 2021 National Lockdown Addendum
  - SMH Specific Risk Assessment Overview Document 2021 National Lockdown Addendum
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- College Specific Risk Assessment Overview Document with all 2020 Updates
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- Individual detailed Departmental Risk Assessments
  - Individual employee confidential Risk Assessments (*where appropriate*)
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- BSA Covid-Safe Charter

This additional updated Covid-Risk Assessment Statement is effective from 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Whilst this period is outside the normal term-time operation of the school, Stonyhurst continues to operate as an organisation throughout the summer and significant numbers of people will be on-campus including staff, contractors, activity camp participants and a range of visitors.

Since the publication of the last Risk Assessment Update on the Stonyhurst Website on the 21<sup>st</sup> June, there have been a number of changes announced by the UK Government. Most legal restrictions to control COVID-19 were lifted in England on the 19<sup>th</sup> July as Step 4 of the Government's Roadmap was implemented. Detailed information on the changes can be found at: [Moving to step 4 of the roadmap - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/moving-to-step-4-of-the-roadmap)

The following extract is taken from the Government Document "How to stay safe and help prevent the spread of Covid-19" [Coronavirus: how to stay safe and help prevent the spread - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/coronavirus-how-to-stay-safe-and-help-prevent-the-spread). Stonyhurst subscribes fully to the advice provided by the Government in the extract below and therefore requires all members of the community, and any visitors to the campus, to act responsibly and to consider how they can play their own individual part in reducing the risk of Covid-infection.

- *You do not need to stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with. There are also no limits on the number of people you can meet.*
- *However, in order to minimise risk at a time of high prevalence, you should limit the close contact you have with those you do not usually live with and increase close contact gradually. This includes minimising the number, proximity and duration of social contacts.*
- *You should meet outdoors where possible and let fresh air into homes or other enclosed spaces.*
- *The Government is no longer instructing people to work from home if they can. However, the Government expects and recommends a gradual return over the summer.*
- *The requirement to wear face coverings in law has been lifted. However, the Government expects and recommends that people wear face coverings in crowded areas such as public transport.*
- *There are no longer limits on the number of people who can attend weddings, civil partnerships, funerals and other life events (including receptions and celebrations). There is no requirement for table service at life events, or restrictions on singing or dancing. You should follow guidance for [weddings](#) and [funerals](#) to reduce risk and protect yourself and others.*
- *There are no longer restrictions on group sizes for attending communal worship.*
- *COVID-19 has not gone away, so it is important to remember the actions you can take to keep yourself and others safe. Everybody needs to continue to act carefully and remain cautious.*
- *As COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, it is important that we all use personal judgement to manage our own risk. All of us can play our part by exercising common sense and considering the risks. Whilst no situation is risk free, there are actions we can take to protect ourselves and others around us. Following this guidance will help you stay safe and protect others by controlling the spread. Every action to help reduce the spread will reduce any further resurgence of the virus in the coming months.*

From the 16<sup>th</sup> August there will also be changes in respect of self-isolation rules. The rules on self-isolating as a contact will change for people who are fully vaccinated (*and are 14 days post-second vaccination*) and for under 18s. Those not fully vaccinated will still need to isolate if they are contacts, and everyone will still have to isolate if they test positive, to protect themselves and others. Full details are available at: [www.gov.uk/government/news/self-isolation-removed-for-double-jabbed-close-contacts-from-16-august](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/self-isolation-removed-for-double-jabbed-close-contacts-from-16-august)

In addition to Government Guidance, the Health and Safety Executive have also updated their guidance in respect of maintaining Covid-security in the workplace and this can be found at: [Keeping workplaces safe as coronavirus \(COVID-19\) restrictions are removed \(hse.gov.uk\)](https://www.hse.gov.uk/covid-19/keeping-workplaces-safe). Any member of staff concerned about Covid-security should contact their Line Manager in the first instance.

During the summer and in advance of the start of the new school year, the full suite of individual and departmental Stonyhurst Risk Assessment documents will be reviewed and where necessary revised. A comprehensive and updated Covid Risk Assessment Overview document will be prepared and uploaded to the Stonyhurst website ready for the start of the Christmas term. This will be a detailed document and will summarise all the mitigations Stonyhurst will have in place as pupils return at the beginning of September. Current DfE operational guidance for schools, published on the 19<sup>th</sup> July, can be found at: [Schools COVID-19 operational guidance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/schools-covid-19-operational-guidance)

The welfare, health and safety of all members of the community will always be a key priority for Stonyhurst and this responsibility extends to visitors to the campus. With this in mind, it is important to remember that despite the removal of most Covid-related restrictions by the Government from 19<sup>th</sup> July, Covid remains a serious public health concern. Please be alert to the on-going risk and do all that you can to protect yourself and others as we move cautiously forward. Please remember that different adults and children will have different risk levels and different attitudes to risk depending on their individual circumstances and we must be particularly mindful of the Clinically Extremely Vulnerable and Clinically Vulnerable amongst us.

To mitigate the risk of Covid-19 infection, Stonyhurst will:

- Continue to ensure that due attention is given to all matters relating to Covid-security
- Continue to maintain an awareness of the latest guidance from a range of appropriate sources including: the UK Government; DfE; PHE; NHS, HSE; BSA; HMC, ISBA etc
- Continue to keep alert to all local, national and international Covid-related developments
- Continue to carry out appropriate Covid-Risk Assessments, publishing an Updated Covid-Risk Assessment Overview by the 6<sup>th</sup> September
- Provide two opportunities for on-campus quarantine for pupils coming from Red List Countries with one 10 day period starting from the 6<sup>th</sup> September and then if needed a second facility starting on the 17<sup>th</sup> September. The quarantine facilities will be based at Theodore House
- Continue to take whatever action is required to ensure, as far as is possible, that Stonyhurst remains Covid-secure

**STAY SAFE**

**PROTECT EACH OTHER**

**KEEP THE VIRUS OUT**

