



**Covid-19 Risk assessment revised for September opening
2021**

This risk assessment documents the risk control measures that will be in place ahead of school opening to all students on their return to the new academic year in September 2021. It is based on the revised operational guidance issued to schools on July 19th 2021 reflecting the move to Step 4 of the roadmap. The risk assessment should be viewed in conjunction with the 'Outbreak Management Plan'.

The key changes are:

- Face coverings are no longer advised to be worn when within the building by pupils, staff and visitors
- The removal of 'bubbles', allowing pupils to mix
- The removal of contact tracing by schools
- Mass testing of students on return and twice-weekly home testing of staff and students until a review at the end of September

The document is based on the following government guidance:

- > [Schools Covid-19 operational guidance](#)
- > [Health and safety: responsibilities and duties for schools](#)
- > [COVID-19: cleaning in non-healthcare settings outside the home](#)

RAG rating:

- > Red: this measure cannot be put in place in our school
- > Yellow: this measure isn't in place yet, or cannot be implemented yet but can be in place for the return date or as and when required
- > Green: this measure is already in place

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Contact with someone suffering from coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff • Students • Contractors • Visitors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Staff and students will be asked not to come into school if they need to self-isolate under current guidance. Regular reminders will be given about this. > Anyone self-isolating with symptoms will be encouraged to access testing and engage with the NHS Test and Trace process. > If a symptomatic person comes into school, they will be sent home immediately or isolated until they can be picked up. The room for isolation will be the hallway area next to the site team office. 999 will be called if they are seriously ill or injured or their life is at risk. > In the case of a symptomatic student who needs to be supervised before being picked up: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a distance of 2m can't be maintained, supervising staff will wear a fluid-resistant surgical mask • If contact is necessary, supervising staff will also wear disposable gloves and a disposable apron • If there's a risk of splashing to the eyes, such as from coughing, spitting or vomiting, supervising staff will also wear eye protection • Supervising staff will wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds after the Student has been picked up. • Parent informed pupil can return to school if test result 	<p>CTH</p> <p>CTH</p> <p>TRI/WPR</p>	<p>September 1st 2021</p>	<p>Parents to be told via letter and then regular weekly reminders in newsletter and via website & signage around school</p> <p>Hallway area to be used because close to First Aid and the school entrance but also quite private. Easily accessible and ease of cleaning afterwards. Easy access to exit for collection. Staff member can supervise from outside this area.</p>

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		<p>is negative (email confirmation required).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If positive, the family will have to self-isolate for 10 days. <p>> Only in exceptional circumstances will staff take symptomatic children home themselves, and in this case one of the following steps will be taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of a vehicle with a bulkhead (i.e. the driver is in a separate compartment to any passengers); or The driver and passenger will maintain a distance of 2m from each other; or The driver will use PPE (the same PPE as when supervising a symptomatic student, as explained above) and the passenger will wear a face mask if they are old enough and able to do so <p>> A deep clean will take place in the areas that the symptomatic person has been in, and PPE will be disposed of properly, following decontamination guidance.</p> <p>> If the school becomes aware that a student or a staff member has tested positive for coronavirus, the school will ensure that the person who is the positive case reports the result and follows advice from PHE.</p> <p>> The school will support the contact tracing process</p>	CTH/SLT LEAD		It is likely that the school minibus would be used to facilitate the distancing and ease of cleaning afterwards.

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		<p>if requested to do so by NHS Test and Trace</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travelling in a small car with an infected person <p>> Mass Testing of students on their return to school which will happen two times before the students are provided with kits to be used twice weekly at home.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A separate risk assessment is in place for this process <p>Staff home testing twice a week</p>	CTH / AMA / CFI		
Spreading infection due to touch, sneezes and coughs		<p>> Handwashing facilities are provided throughout the building and their use will be promoted</p> <p>> Everyone in school will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequently wash their hands with soap and water for 20 seconds and dry thoroughly using NHS guidelines, or use alcohol-based hand sanitiser to cover all parts of their hands • Clean their hands on arrival, after breaks, if they change rooms, before and after eating, and after sneezing or coughing • Be encouraged not to touch their mouth, eyes and nose • Use a tissue or elbow to cough or sneeze, and use bins for tissue waste 	KMA/CTH	September 1st 2021	Sanitiser stations will be at every entrance to the building and every classroom/meeting room

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Students will be encouraged to learn and practise these habits in lessons and by posters put up across the school and messages on the digital screens. > Consideration will be given to any students at school that won't be able to maintain good respiratory hygiene, such as students with complex needs who spit uncontrollably or use saliva as a sensory stimulant, and if there are different/additional measures that can be put in place for these children and the staff who work with them. > Supplies for soap, hand sanitiser and tissues will be topped up regularly and monitored to make sure they're not close to running out. > Lidded bins for tissues, preferably operated by a foot pedal, will be emptied throughout the day. 	<p>KMA/LAR</p> <p>TRI/FCO</p> <p>KMA/LYA</p>		
Spreading infection through contact with coronavirus on surfaces		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Cleaning staff will regularly clean frequently touched surfaces using standard cleaning products (e.g. bleach, detergent), including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banisters • Classroom desks and tables • Bathroom facilities (including taps and flush buttons) • Door and window handles • Furniture 	KMA	September 1st 2021	Additional cleaning staff will be employed to work throughout the school day.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light switches • Reception desks • Computer equipment (including keyboards and mouse) • Sports equipment • Telephones • Outdoor equipment <p>> If a person with coronavirus symptoms comes into school, a deep clean will take place in the areas that the person has been in, following decontamination guidance.</p> <p>> Cleaning supplies will be topped up regularly and monitored to make sure they're not close to running out.</p>	<p>KMA</p> <p>KMA</p>		
Spreading infection within the school building due to the operational activities of		<p>> Ventilation throughout the school will be reviewed to ensure that they are operating as effectively as possible in line with HSE guidance</p> <p>> There will be increased ventilation of all classrooms with windows open and doorstops available to prop doors open, balancing the need for increased ventilation with the maintenance of a comfortable</p>	<p>KMA</p> <p>CTH KMA</p>	September 1 st 2021	Role of teching staff to be made explicit in 'September 2021 Re-

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the school		<p>temperature</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > For physical activity, outdoor sports will be prioritised where possible, or large indoor spaces used where it is not. Government guidance will be consulted in relation to team sports > Government guidance will be consulted when planning any indoor or outdoor performances 	<p>LAR / LJO</p> <p>CTH / TRI / KMA</p>		opening plan'
Spreading infection due to the school environment		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Checks to the premises will be done to make sure the school is up to health and safety standards before opening in September and signed off by Chris Fisher for SEBMAT. > Fire, first aid and emergency procedures will be reviewed to make sure they can still be followed with limited staff and changes to how the school space is being used. > Areas in use will be well ventilated by opening windows or using ventilation units. Doors will be propped open, where fire safety and safeguarding wouldn't be compromised. > Lidded bins will be provided in classrooms and other key locations to dispose of tissues and any other waste. 	<p>KMA</p> <p>KMA</p> <p>KMA</p> <p>KMA</p>	<p>September 1st 2021</p>	

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Individuals vulnerable to serious infection coming into school		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > All Staff and pupils, including those who are clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) should attend unless they are self-isolating or have been advised not to by their GP or clinician. 	CTH	September 1st 2021	