



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 now small library of risk assessments are kept.

General Pupil and Staff Precautions

Pupils are no longer required to work in year group bubbles and zones in accordance with the latest .Gov guidance, however they can be reinstated as required and in accordance with the Foundations Contingency Plans due to a localised outbreak.

Hand wash stations are in place and are used prior to entering buildings, these have been winterised 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 as normal. Lunch is taken in the Dining Hall and pupils are grouped with dedicated time slots.

Cleaning Regime

Common contact touch points continue to be cleaned at intervals throughout the school day.

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

PPE

Face coverings are now recommended (as per .Gov guidance) for pupils and staff when moving around in Main School and for staff in 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 Covid case is available in all zones.

Lateral Flow Testing

Lateral flow testing has been taking place for staff since January 2021 on a voluntary basis. This was extended to pupils in senior school prior to their return on the 8th March 2021 and they continue to home test.

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