

## STREP A RISK ASSESSMENT

### Infection Reduction Measures:

|   | Hazard   | Control measures / Action Point   | Outcome / Date  | Remarks / Re-assessment Due                    |
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| A | Safeguarding policy and procedures not updated and / or staff and pupils not feeling safe. | JMS Communication of DfE guidance to be sent to all staff   | 8.51am<br>08/12/2022<br>email sent to all staff       | N/A  |
|   |  | CW Communication to be placed in the staff room   | 08/12/2022  | N/A  |
| B | Government advice not being regularly accessed, assessed, recorded and applied.            | SLT to ensure daily DfE emails are received, read and understood, by setting up auto receive alerts from DfE<br><br>SLT to disseminate all relevant information as required<br><br>Risk Assessment to be updated accordingly if changes are implemented from Government | Daily feeds<br>In place<br><br>Ongoing<br><br>Ongoing | To be assessed daily as the situation unfolds. |

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|   |   | Key messages to be placed on staff room notice boards  | Ongoing   |  |
|   |   | <b>DKR</b> All cases to be recorded by Matronic Department as per Rishworth School medical policy/procedures   | As appropriate  |  |
| C | Changes not regularly communicated to staff, pupils, parents, visitors, contractors and governors | <p><b>LH</b> Risk Assessment to be placed on Rishworth School website</p> <p><b>CW</b> Risk Assessment to be sent to all staff</p> <p><b>CW</b> Risk Assessment to be sent to all Governors</p> <p><b>LH</b> Risk Assessment to be sent to all Parents</p> <p><b>DKR</b> Strep A statement to be placed at Reception in RW &amp; HF for all visitors with signposting to this Risk Assessment</p> <p><b>CW/LH</b> All stakeholders to be advised to check the School website</p> | <p>09/12/2022</p> <p>09/12/2022</p> <p>09/12/2022</p> <p>09/12/2022</p> <p>09/12/2022</p> <p>09/12/2022</p> |  |

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| D | Changes to assessments, procedures and other important matters not reviewed by Governors | <p><b>CW</b> to keep full Governing Body informed of all progress/information</p> <p><b>CW</b> Strep A to be placed on Audit &amp; Risk Governor Sub Committee agenda for discussion and challenge purposes</p>  | Ongoing     |  |
| E | Insurers and / or brokers not briefed if school's plans revised                          | <b>CW</b> to provide insurance company a copy of Risk Assessment   | 09/12/2022  |  |
| F | Insufficient liaison with local authority and Health Protection Team (HPT)               | <p><b>DKR</b> as per Calderdale Public Health directives:</p> <p>Any individual diagnosed with Scarlet Fever will be excluded until 24 hours after they have started antibiotics</p> <p>Where there is an outbreak of 2 or more case(s) of Scarlet Fever in the same class within 10 days of each other the regional Health Protection Team will be contacted on 0113 386 0300</p> <p>Where both Scarlet Fever and Chicken Pox are identified as co-circulating within the school community the Health Protection Team will be contacted</p> | As required |  |

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|   |  | <b>This will be reviewed as per public health guidance</b>  |   |  |
| G | Process of reporting an outbreak of 2 or more scarlet fever cases within 10 days to HPT not understood or known? | See above point F action points   |   |  |
| H | Insufficient specific guidance (if provided) on SEND and / if Alternative Provision implemented and checked?     | <p><b>CD</b> Strep A Risk Assessment available from the SEND Hub – SEND staff aware of vulnerable individuals and the need to be specifically vigilant to symptoms where a student may not be able to identify/communicate these themselves.</p> <p>Should an EHCP student need to be absent from school TA liaison will ensure consistent access to the curriculum</p> | As required   |  |
| I | No measures in place to reduce anxiety and stress in case of a local epidemic?                                   | <p>Sharing of information to all stakeholders to be ongoing to mitigate stress factors as much as possible</p> <p>Individual circumstances to be considered and sympathised as appropriate if/when they arise</p>   | <p><b>08/12/2022</b><br/>&amp; Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> |  |

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| J | No contingency or outbreak management plan in case of an outbreak in school or local area?    | <p>Risk Assessment in place</p> <p>SLT continuous vigilance</p> <p>All front of house staff made aware of quarantine requirements to be able to advise parents and visitors or safeguarding measures in place.</p>   | <p>08/12/2022</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>08/12/2022</p> |  |
| K | No contingency plan, if it is necessary, to switch to remote learning for a temporary period. | <p>Google Classroom is set up and can be reverted to should the need arise. All measure are in place to ensure the School remains open and operating throughout term time.</p> <p>Christmas holidays will provide a natural circuit breaker</p>  |  |  |
| L | Control and hygiene measures not regularly communicated, understood, applied and checked      | <p><b>CW</b> Domestic Department to be alerted and directed to ensure stringent cleaning regimes are adhered to. To include increased cleaning of high volume touch points (e.g. door handles etc.)</p> <p>Good hand a respiratory hygiene will be encouraged across the school through posters, provision</p> |  |  |

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|  |  | <p>of tissues and anti-viral/anti-bacterial sanitiser TK sprays/gels</p> <p><b>DKR</b> Students who are unwell or present with symptoms of Scarlet Fever should be isolated until collection</p> <p><b>DKR</b> Quarantine space made available within the School which will be maintained and deep cleaned at regular intervals and between each use, with time lapse (where possible) to ensure no cross contamination. Where a student is a Boarder this quarantine space will be outside of the main Boarding House and day-to-day users of the building to avoid cross contamination</p> <p><b>ALL STAFF TO BE AWARE:</b><br/><b>CW</b> as Bursar and <b>JMS</b> as Safeguarding Lead are contactable 24/7 to discuss outbreaks or Infection Reduction Measures</p> |  |  |
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|   |   | <p>All other SLT members will stand in should either of these be available</p> <p><b>DKR</b> is the key point of contact for the Local Health Prevention Team, however 24/7 Matronic cover will deputise as necessary.</p>   |  |  |
| M | Ventilation rules given temperature and weather conditions not sufficiently robust, communicated, applied or checked.   | <p><b>CW</b> Site Team complete daily weather alert checks and ensure temperature is within reasonable parameters</p> <p>Staff can Top Desk concerns individually.</p> <p>Staff are encouraged to ventilate and purge rooms between lessons to increase air flow</p> | <p>Ongoing as per current weather</p> <p>TopDesk ongoing</p> |  |
| N | Unsuitable enhanced cleaning regime, not regularly re-assessed or revised for areas such as toilets, door handles, keypads, switches, handrails and often used hard surfaces. | <p><b>CW</b> will conduct spot checks to ensure processes as outlined in this Risk Assessment are being adhered to.</p>  | Ongoing  |  |
| O | Public Health England advice not understood and implemented.  | <p>SLT/Matronic Department confirm understanding and implementation of PHE advise.</p>   | <p>08/12/2022</p> <p>Ongoing</p>                             |  |

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|   |   | PPE available as and when required from the Matronic Department and can be accessed by any employee of Rishworth School as required.  |                   |  |
| P | Are pupils with scarlet fever returning to school/nursery, and adults to work, before a minimum of 24hrs after starting antibiotic treatment? | No person (this includes all stakeholders) to be admitted on School premises with a positive case or symptoms<br><br>As per Risk Assessment all stakeholders made aware of their role in ensuring Rishworth School remains a safe place for all |                   |  |
| Q | Are contractors and visitors briefed on school infection protocols?   | <b>DKR</b> As per visitor Strep A statement in Item C   |                   |  |
| R | Insufficient supplies of hygiene materials and not readily available, suitably stored or located.   | <b>TK</b> to liaise with CW to ensure full stock available at all times   | Ongoing           |  |
| S | No formal protocol in school to ensure symptom vigilance  | Matronic Department and ALL staff on high alert for symptoms as per communication from JMS 08/12/2022   | <b>08/12/2022</b> |  |
| T | No active arrangements in place to monitor whether the controls are effective and working as planned.   | SLT will conduct spot checks to ensure processes as outlined in this Risk Assessment are being adhered to.  |                   |  |





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This Risk Assessment will be continually reviewed by the SLT during Michaelmas Term 2022.  
Upon return to school in January 2023 the guidelines as per PHE will be followed with inset used for staff briefing should the need arise.

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