

BIDDICK HALL JUNIOR SCHOOL

This assessment reflects the UK Government Guidance on Working Safely During COVID-19 in Offices and Contact Centres at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/offices-and-contact-centres> and should be used in conjunction with existing Risk Assessments.

These are not explicit requirements that need to be implemented across each premises but should be used as guidance and good practice. The site-specific risk assessment should be completed for each premise and should include the specific control measures to ensure the health, safety and welfare of our employees and others for the premises. If for any reason none of the control measures can be put in place for a specific risk Health & Safety must be contacted.

This Covid-19 risk assessment should supplement your existing risk assessments.

Please consider some of these steps below before completing this risk assessment:

	Managing risk To reduce risk to the lowest reasonably practicable level by taking preventative measures, in order of priority.	Yes	No	Comment
1.1	Enable working from home as a first option. Where this is not possible, workplaces should make every reasonable effort to comply with the social distancing guidelines (keeping people 2m apart wherever possible).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not possible but every effort being made to comply with relevant social distancing guidance.
1.2	Where the social distancing guidelines cannot be followed in full, in relation to a particular activity, consider whether that activity needs to continue for the business to operate, and, if so, take all the mitigating actions possible to reduce the risk of transmission between their staff.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
1.3	If people must work face-to-face for a sustained period with more than a small group of fixed partners, then you will need to assess whether the activity can safely go ahead. No one is obliged to work in an unsafe work environment. In your assessment you should have particular regard to whether the people doing the work are especially vulnerable to COVID-19.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Who should go to work That everyone should work from home, unless they cannot work from home.	Yes	No	Comment
2.1	Workers in roles critical for business and operational continuity, safe facility management, or regulatory requirements and which cannot be performed remotely.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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2.2	Workers in critical roles which might be performed remotely, but who are unable to work remotely due to home circumstances or the unavailability of safe enabling equipment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Protecting people who are at higher risk To protect clinically vulnerable and clinically extremely vulnerable individuals.		Yes	No	Comment
3.1	Clinically extremely vulnerable individuals have been strongly advised not to work outside the home.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	A staff member with a shielding letter – ‘extremely vulnerable’ will be exempt from work in school and will be required to work from home until guidance changes.
3.2	Clinically vulnerable individuals, who are at higher risk of severe illness, have been asked to take extra care in observing social distancing and should be helped to work from home, either in their current role or in an alternative role.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Staff have been advised to also consult with GP which has been completed. All staff have been subject to individual RA and have been referred to Occupational Health.
3.3	Managers to refer to the Occupational Health checklist for high risk (not extremely clinically high risk) employees during Covid-19 pandemic 2020.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
People who need to self-isolate To make sure individuals who are advised to stay at home under existing government guidance do not physically come to work. This includes individuals who have symptoms of COVID-19 as well as those who live in a household with someone who has symptoms		Yes	No	Comment
4.1	Enabling workers to work from home while self-isolating if appropriate.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Where this is not possible
Equality in the workplace To treat everyone in your workplace equally.		Yes	No	Comment
5.1	Employers also have particular responsibilities towards disabled workers and those who are new or expectant mothers.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Specific Hazards within the Service Area being risk assessed		Yes	No	Comment
6.1	Employers to ensure they include any specific hazards within their service areas which is not already covered within this template risk assessment.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cleaning of the building		Yes	No	Comment
7.1	Managers to refer to the separate Building Cleaning Risk Assessment completed by Facilities before completing this risk assessment.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Assessment Reference	Site/Location			Work Activity						
Pandemic COVID-19				Managing return to office work during Covid-19 pandemic						
Assessor(s)	Date of Assessment	Date of Previous	Date of Review	Level of Risk Before Controls			Controls and Precautions	Level of risk After Controls		
	12/05/2020	none	In Light of New Govt. Guidance	(See risk matrix)				(See risk matrix)		
Hazard Area/activity	Persons at Risk	Significant Risks to Health and Safety		Probability	Severity	Risk Rating	What are you doing to reduce the risk?	Probability	Severity	Residual Risk
Specific Hazards within the service area being risk assessed										
Entering and leaving work	All Staff	Virus transmission, lack of social distancing as per Government guidance.		4	5	20	Guidance and advice are available via the councils web pages 1. Handwashing facilities, and/or hand sanitiser available at all entry and exit points. 2. In corridors, where a clear line of sight can be had, staff wait a safe distance in a passing point. At all times staff informed to stick to the right-hand side when going up and consider others who may be coming the other way. Markings to indicate/remind all travelling in corridors of this. 3. Signage and lines to avoid office overcrowding.	2	5	10

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Moving around buildings	All Staff	Virus transmission, lack of social distancing as per Government guidance.	4	5	20	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Staff to only visit other parts of the building when essential. 2. Staff room door and class doors kept open at all times to assist staff in identifying visually if the capacity has been exceeded without opening the door. These doors may be wedged as they are not fire doors. Wedges removed when rooms unoccupied and the end of the school day. 3. 1 person occupancy in each staff toilet. 4. Floor markings/graphics where required to highlight social distancing. 5. Opportunity to create 'lanes' to corridors and open plan areas so that people keep away from others working. 	2	5	10
Workstations	All Staff	Virus transmission, lack of social distancing as per Government guidance.	4	5	20	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Workstations assigned to one person, staff should not be hot desking. 2. Desks laid out to accommodate social distancing. 3. Staff should not be sitting face to face. 4. Desks and chairs to be removed from classrooms which are not required 5. Workstations and work equipment to be regularly cleaned. 6. Staff to leave their desks as clear as possible so that it can be easily cleaned. 7. Staff assigned to classrooms and workstations 8. Opening of windows and doors regularly to allow fresh air into the building is encouraged. 	2	5	10
Meetings	All Staff	Virus transmission, lack of social distancing as per Government guidance.	4	5	20	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Face to face meeting to be avoided if possible and will always observe social distancing. 2. Meetings to be held remotely where possible. 3. If face to face meeting is essential social distancing must be maintained siting of each 	2	5	10

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						<p>member of the meeting to be 2m distance and not sitting face to face at the table. Use of large classroom space, hall our outdoor area.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Hand santisier to be provided in all meeting rooms. Staff to use when entering and leaving the meeting room. 5. Meeting rooms to be well ventilated. 6. Opening of windows and doors regularly to allow fresh air into the building is encouraged. 7. Reminders in place in the meeting rooms about hygiene and social distancing. 8. Sharing of equipment such as pens is not allowed. 9. Meeting rooms to be cleaned after each meeting/daily. 			
Common Areas	All staff	Virus transmission, lack of social distancing as per Government guidance.	4	5	20	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Handwashing facilities, and/or hand sanitiser available at all entry and exit points. 2. Break out / rest areas reconfigured to allow social distancing and reduce face to face interactions. 3. Encouraging staff to stay in work and reduce the need to leave the site until work day ends. 4. Regular cleaning. 5. Staff informed to stick to the right-hand side when going up and consider others who may be coming the other way. 6. Regular cleaning of all common areas. 7. Floor markings/graphics where required to highlighted social distancing. 8. Opportunity to create 'lanes' to corridors and open plan areas so that people keep away from others working. 9. Opening of windows and doors regularly to allow fresh air into the building is encouraged 10. Doors should not be wedged open where they 	2	5	10

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						<p>are fire doors or security doors unless there is a door guard or mag lock fitted and checked monthly. Those doors that are not there from a fire or security aspect can be wedged open. All classroom doors on mag locks so must remain opened. Wedges removed when rooms unoccupied and the end of the school day.</p> <p>11. One person in toilet any one time – staff take comfort breaks as and when required not at set break times to avoid congestion.</p> <p>12. Photocopiers to be limited to one person per time. Staff advised to limit use of the photocopier and wash hands after use. When scanning use feeder on top of the copier to reduce the need to lift / touch the top to access the screen. Cleaning to be more frequent</p>			
Accidents, Security and other incidents	All Staff and visitors, contractors	Virus transmission, lack of social distancing as per Government guidance.	3	5	15	<p>1. There may be emergency incidents where social distancing is not safe to do such as staff would need to get out of the building quickly if there was a fire. Where possible social distancing will be maintained if safe to do at the assembly point.</p> <p>2. Fire wardens will be available.</p> <p>3. There will be a first aider available at all times.</p> <p>4. First aid kits – updated to include (where already not supplied) surgical masks and rubber gloves, hand sanitisers.</p> <p>5. First aiders to be provided with the most up to date government information.</p> <p>6. Any waste to be disposed of as per government guidance.</p> <p>7. Providing first aid treatment during a pandemic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - First aiders have been informed that where possible, it is recommended that 	2	5	10

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						<p>they do not perform rescue breaths or mouth-to-mouth ventilation; perform chest compressions only. (as per Resuscitation Council)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In line with Government advice, First Aiders to make sure they have washed their hands or used hand sanitiser, before and after treating a casualty. - First Aiders to consider cross contamination that could occur which was covered in their training. <p>8. All trained first aid personnel must exercise extreme caution when treating any injury to any party as the social distancing measure of 2 metres may have to be breached to facilitate treatment by close and direct contact</p> <p>9. First aid personnel must assess the injured party from a distance of 2 metres and where treatment has been identified as required first aid personnel must wear latex free protective gloves and protective face masks whilst treating any type of injury or casualty and must wash hands immediately after treatment has been completed.</p> <p>10. If a casualty requires CPR then this should be administered by chest compressions only and not rescue breaths as adequate infection control for first aid personnel cannot be maintained.</p>			
Managing Customers, Visitors and Contractors	All Staff, Visitors, Contractors	Virus transmission, lack of social distancing as per Government guidance.	3	5	15	<p>1. Signage displayed advising the recommendation and safety procedures in place when visit the buildings. Information to also be given before visiting if applicable.</p> <p>2. Visits to be completed remotely where possible,</p>	2	5	10

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						<p>reduce the need to visit other sites.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Visitors must wash their hands upon entering the premises or use the hand sanitiser provided. 4. Visitor times to be limited to certain times of the day. 5. Plexiglass screen kept closed between reception staff and visitors. 6. Pens and other equipment not to be shared within Reception areas, one member of staff AR or MC to sign in visitors where necessary and others to self-sign in. 7. Number of visitors to be limited to ensure social distancing can be maintained. 8. Interactions between staff, contractors and visitors reduced and completed remotely where possible. 9. Clear exit and entry routes established for staff and visitors to the building. 10. Signage to ask visitors with symptoms not to enter the premises, and to remind both staff and visitors to always keep 2 metres from other people, wherever possible. 11. Staff aware of the safety information they should be providing visitors and contractors who are due to visit. 12. Waiting room furniture to be removed to ensure social distancing. 13. Specific area for the delivery of goods where no contact with the driver is required. 			
Cleaning & Hygiene	All Staff	Virus transmission, lack of social distancing as per Government guidance.	4	5	20	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening of windows and doors regularly to allow fresh air into the building is encouraged. 2. Paper towels provided as an alternative to hand dryers in all toilets staff and children, staff room. 	2	5	10

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						<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Regular cleaning of all areas especially frequently touched areas, such as door handles, access buttons. 4. Waste facilities provided across the site and frequently emptied. 5. All waste removed and disposed of at the end of each working day. 6. Social distancing measures are in place within 7. Posters and reminders to staff about hygiene around the site. 8. Where a known or suspected case of COVID19 has been reported a full clean will be completed as per the specific guidelines given by the government. 9. Goods entering the sites to be cleaned. 			
PPE	All Staff, Visitors, Contractors	Virus transmission.	3	5	15	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PPE will continue to be used for the job role where it is required and been risk assessed separately. 2. Staff wearing face coverings are advised to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser before putting a face covering on, and after removing it. - Avoid touching face or face covering, as you could contaminate them with germs from hands. - Change face covering if it becomes damp or if been touching it. - Continue to wash hands regularly. - Change and wash face covering daily. - If the material is washable, wash in line with manufacturer's instructions. If it's not washable, dispose of it carefully in usual 	2	5	10

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						waste. - Practise social distancing wherever possible.			
Workforce management	All Staff	Virus transmission, lack of social distancing as per Government guidance.	3	5	15	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Manager to follow current government and HR advice on who can return to work and who should remain at home. 2. Managers to ensure that they have a task-based risk assessment developed and cascaded through to their staff. 3. Staff will only mix with their lower school or upper school bubble. 4. Travelling will be minimised and remote working will be completed where possible. 	2	5	10
Information, Instruction and Training	All Staff	Virus transmission, lack of social distancing as per Government guidance.	3	5	15	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Staff provided with the information, instruction and training needed to safely return to the office. 2. Regular updates given to all staff when any new guidance / recommendations are introduced. 3. Staff advised to follow Government guidance and not to leave their home if they or someone they live with has developed symptoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A high temperature, - A new, continuous cough. - Loss of taste or smell. 	2	5	10
Mental Health & Wellbeing	All Staff	Lack of mental wellbeing	3	4	12	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Manager's guidance looking after everyone's mental health produced to help them support their colleagues. 2. Mental health first aider in place across the school to help support all staff. 3. Occupational Health Service available for support. 4. HR Services available for support. 	2	5	10
Assessor notes: This risk assessment will need to be continually reviewed due to the ongoing government advice and guidance. Please refer to your professional body for additional									

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[advice.](#)

Government Guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/offices-and-contact-centres>

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

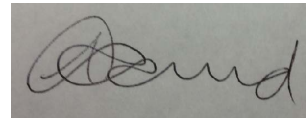
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Signature of Assessor(s)

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Risk Matrix

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Severity / Likelihood	Non-Injury	Minor Injury	7 Day Injury	Major Injury	Fatality
Likelihood	1	2	3	4	5
Improbable 1	1 Low Risk	2 Low Risk	3 Low Risk	4 Low Risk	5 Low Risk
Remote 2	2 Low Risk	4 Low Risk	6 Low Risk	8 Low Risk	10 Medium Risk
Possible 3	3 Low Risk	6 Low Risk	9 Medium Risk	12 Medium Risk	15 High Risk
Probable 4	4 Low Risk	8 Low Risk	12 Medium Risk	16 High Risk	20 High Risk
Most Likely 5	5 Low Risk	10 Medium Risk	15 High Risk	20 High Risk	25 High Risk

Risk = Likelihood X Severity

The above matrix is to be used to evaluate likelihood and severity in order to come up with a standardised method of rating risks arising from a hazard. It is used in conjunction with the risk assessment pro-forma.