


COVID Risk Assessment (RA) for Newham Community Schools Trust Schools, September 2021

NOTE SECTIONS IN YELLOW NEED TO BE CHECKED WITH ESPECIAL CARE TO ENSURE THEY APPLY TO THE INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL

School	Lister Community School	Trust	Newham Community Schools Trust
Headteacher	Mr Kunal Vora	Location	---
Subject of Assessment	<p>This Risk Assessment explains the actions of NCST schools to reduce the risk of transmission of Covid 19 in our schools. The actions have been identified and implemented in line with the document ‘Schools Covid 19 Operational Guidance’ last updated - November 2021 by the UK Government. This government guidance is endorsed by Public Health England as part of Step 4 (the current phase of the government’s response to the pandemic). The following control measures have been identified by the government to create an environment where the risk of transmission is substantially reduced.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone. 2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes. 3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated. 4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19 <p>Our actions are also in-line with Newham’s ‘Five Steps for Covid-19 Wellbeing’</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> <h3>5 STEPS FOR COVID-19 WELLBEING</h3>  <p>www.newham.gov.uk/coronavirus</p> </div>		
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1. Quality of Education				
Risk	Who is at risk?	Responsibility	Mitigating Actions	Other consideration
1.1. Student progress, development and well-being has been impacted by the last 16 months of the global pandemic and two periods of Partial School Closure	Students	Headteacher - Kunal Vora DHT Curriculum - JB DHT Teaching - SR AHT Pedagogy - SB HoF/HoS - all Subject Teachers - all Acting Chair of Governors - Neil Beighton CEO of NCST - Anthony Wilson SLT and LGB Chair of NCST - Paul Lesie	<p>In line with DfE guidance we are focussed on provision of a 'normal and full' experience of school life. Students are no longer required to stay in consistent groups or bubbles or in one zoned area of the school</p> <p>Students timetables for September 2021 allow students to attend lessons in subject specific areas of the school including science labs, music rooms, drama studios and Art, Design and Technology rooms with full access to specialist equipment and resources.</p> <p>HT and DHT - Curriculum, DHT - Teaching and AHT - Pedagogy lead on evaluating the curriculum intent, implementation and impact in light of impact of pandemic and gaps in literacy, numeracy and overall progress.</p> <p>Heads of Faculties and Subjects leading on Quality First Teaching and appropriate adjustments to curriculum delivery in their subject areas.</p> <p>All subject teachers leading on delivering Quality First Teaching for all students in an engaging and inclusive way using full range of classroom techniques without need for social distancing / reducing mixing</p>	

1.2 .Student development and well-being has been impacted by the last 16 months of the global pandemic and two periods of Partial School Closure	Students	HT - Kunal Vora DHT Safeguarding - RC AHT Behaviour - JJ Safeguarding Team	Students are no longer required to be in consistent groups/ bubbles or zones at lunch, break or at arrival / departure from school. The school day is structured to provide separate break-time and lunch-time sessions. Students are also encouraged to use both school gates to minimise congestion upon arrival and/or end of school day. Extra-curricular provision will return at the beginning and end of the day School visits and events will resume in line with Educational Visits Policy and latest guidance on travel restrictions. Educational Visitors and speakers will resume. PSHCE programme will focus on building resilience Students will be monitored and supported through our usual pastoral, inclusion and safeguarding processes. Vulnerable students will continue to have bespoke support	Safeguarding Team increase in Safeguarding referrals in 2020-21.
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2. Control Measures				
Risk	Who is at risk	Responsibility	School Mitigation Actions	Other considerations
2.1. The virus is brought into the school	Staff, students, visitors and contractors	Headteacher - Kunal Vora School Business Manager - CO All members of the school community	Testing is a key control measure to reduce the risk of people attending the school with the virus All staff and students should use Lateral Flow Device Tests twice a week throughout the Autumn term . The result of the tests should be reported to the NHS by the pupil's families. The vaccination status of staff will be requested via completion of a Vaccination Google Form Staff Vaccination Record Form Visible and visual signs throughout the school emphasise the messages of Covid Well-being All school community to be made aware of the key	LFD tests are available for staff, contractors and visitors to collect from the school reception. Students are regularly provided with LFD test kits to test themselves at home.

			symptoms and requirement not to attend school if unwell with key Covid Symptoms and /or tested positive (LFD tests or PCR).	In the event of a positive result they must inform the school.
2.2. The virus is transmitted in school	All staff, students, contractors and visitors	All members of the school community	<p>Visible and visual signs promoting Covid Well-being throughout the school - promoting hand and respiratory hygiene, distance and ventilation School Posters, regular Covid Wellbeing reminders to staff and students through Weekly Bulletins, Assemblies / Staff Meetings or whole staff emails Regular Covid Wellbeing reminders to families through school letters, website and social media</p> <p>The following Control Measures implemented throughout the school: Hand Hygiene - regular opportunities to wash hands, hand sanitiser available in all classrooms, corridors and areas of school. Antiviral wipes in all rooms to wipe surfaces before and after use. Hand sanitiser dispensers (operated by foot) at all school entry points, in classrooms and at key points around the school. Respiratory Hygiene - ‘Catch it, Bin it, Kill it’ approach Use of PPE - for staff giving intimate care in line with government guidance. Boxes of tissues are available for all classrooms and offices to reduce the spread of infection through sneezing or coughing.</p> <p>Cleaning of the school remains enhanced with a specific focus on frequently touched surfaces</p>	

			<p>2 Day cleaners on site throughout the school day to maintain high levels of cleanliness and to ensure that door handles etc are regularly cleaned.</p> <p>Ventilation is promoted throughout the school to ensure the flow of fresh air and maintain a comfortable working environment (external windows and doors open, internal doors open and air handling units adjusted where possible.</p> <p>The school already has CO2 monitors installed across the school. These are checked regularly and maintained by Mitie. In addition, the school will be issued with more CO2 monitors to use around the school</p> <p>Staff will be provided with guidance on how the CO2 monitors work and how to report issues when they arise.</p> <p>Face coverings (November 2021): As a result of cases of a new variant, Omicron, staff, students and visitors should wear face coverings in all communal areas and corridors, until further notice. This is not required in classrooms, but staff and students may do so if they wish.</p>	
2.3. Staff and students live in household where someone has tested positive for COVID-19 or has symptoms	All staff and Students	All School Community	<p>The national guidance states that people do not need to self isolate if they have a positive case of COVID in their household if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● they are are fully vaccinated – this means 14 days have passed since your final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine given by the NHS ● are under 18 years, 6 months old ● taking part or have taken part in a COVID-19 vaccine trial ● are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons <p>Please see full guidance here.</p> <p>Staff and students are strongly encouraged to inform the school if there is a case of Covid in their household or</p>	

			through another very close contact, so that the school can advise on next steps in line with the latest national guidance and our evaluation of the local context and Newham Public Health advice.	
2.4 Staff/student becomes ill with symptoms in school	All staff and students	SLT Lead First Aider Admin staff	Students or staff who develop symptoms, however mild, will be sent home and advised to follow public health advice. Students will be taken by DHTs on duty to the medical room. Staff dealing with the case will be aware of control measures required to limit transmission and risk including hand hygiene, ventilation and distance Enhanced cleaning of areas where staff/student has been will take place as appropriate	

3. COVID-19 Outbreak Management Plan				
Risk	Who is at risk	Responsibility	School Mitigation Actions	Other considerations
3.1 Changes in the number of cases within the school or local community	Community and local area	Headteacher	The DfE Daily Attendance Form is completed by AHT - Jassi Johal to help inform national planning. COVID-19 Outbreak Management Plan will come into effect and Government guidance followed.	