

Stobhillgate Coronavirus Health and Safety Risk Assessment 06.09.21

The Trust risk assessment policy which describes the principles of risk assessment, the scoring matrix and defines the risk process can be found [here](#).

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cqgToQUIgX4xb7-ET2L8B4eRyiUQ_ECakBAz5m-dDb8/edit?usp=sharing

The risk assessment has been developed alongside the [Trust Risk Assessment](#), [HSE guidance](#) and [DfE guidance](#).

The risk assessment has been consulted on with trades unions and staff and training has been provided on implementing the actions. The actions are monitored to ensure effective outcomes are achieved. Feedback from the monitoring is fed into the weekly review. The risk assessment has also been reviewed by governance volunteers and is published on the school website for parents to consider. The risk assessment will be reviewed, updated and communicated as the circumstances in our school and the local community and public health advice change.

Identify the Hazards and who is affected	Specific Focus	Control Measures	School Review and Planning
Context		<p>The government continues to manage the risk of serious illness from the spread of the virus. Step 4 marked a new phase in the government's response to the pandemic, moving away from stringent restrictions on everyone's day-to-day lives, towards advising people on how to protect themselves and others, alongside targeted interventions to reduce risk. As COVID-19 becomes a virus that we learn to live with, there is now an imperative to reduce the disruption to children and young people's education - particularly given that the direct clinical risks to children are extremely low, and every adult has been offered a first vaccine and the opportunity for 2 doses by mid-September.</p> <p>Our priority now therefore is to deliver face-to-face, high-quality education to all pupils. The evidence is clear that being out of education causes significant harm to educational attainment, life chances, mental and physical health. School attendance is mandatory for all pupils 5 years and over and it is our priority to ensure that as many children as possible attend regularly.</p> <p>We have produced this risk assessment based on DfE guidance dated 17th August 2021.</p>	
Infection - both to individuals and across a large group of staff and students and onward transmission to families and broader communities.	Space	<p>No-one is to enter school premises if they have any symptoms of Covid-19, have had a positive test result or should be self isolating (see below for detail). They must stay at home and follow government guidance</p> <p>Pupils will be organised as they were prior to the pandemic and will no longer be kept in consistent 'bubbles'. However the guidance requires us to 'make sure your outbreak management plans cover the possibility that in some local areas it may become necessary to reintroduce 'bubbles' for a temporary period, to reduce mixing between groups'. Bubbles may therefore be temporarily created as and when required to meet the local need for increased infection control.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assemblies will resume. • PE & music SLAs will return to pre pandemic arrangements • Dinners will be eaten in the hall. • Before and After School Clubs will continue for all year groups in its original location. • Social distancing is no longer required. • The external one way system will remain in operation to reduce congestion. • ICT North will resume on site delivery 	

	<p>Tracing close contacts and isolation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor lettings will resume from September 2021 • In person staff meetings will resume • Soft opening will still be in operation, however all pupils will access school via their classroom doors. <p>We will work closely with NHS Test and Trace when contacted by them, but will no longer undertake contact tracing. Close contacts from school (pupil or staff) will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case and/or parent specifically identifies the individual as being a close contact.</p> <p>Pupils/staff are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • they are fully vaccinated • they are below the age of 18 • they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial • they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons <p>Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We expect everyone to take a PCR test if advised to do so.</p> <p>Staff who do not need to isolate, and children who have been identified as a close contact, should continue to attend school as normal. We will ask staff who live with someone who has tested positive to carry out a LFT each day to protect ongoing risk in school. They do not need to wear a face covering within the school, but it is expected and recommended that these are worn when travelling on public or dedicated transport.</p>	
	<p>Face coverings</p>	<p>Face coverings will no longer be a requirement for pupils, staff or visitors either in classrooms or in communal areas, however they may be worn if preferred. Should there be an increase in the number of positive cases in school PHE may advise that they need to be temporarily worn to control infection levels.</p>	
	<p>Stepping measures up and down</p>	<p>Our Contingency Outbreak Management Plan outlines what we would do in the event of positive cases and outlines how we would operate if we were advised to take extra measures to help break chains of transmission.</p>	
	<p>Hygiene: 1.Hand</p>	<p>Regular hand washing for 20 seconds with soap and running water is our preferred control method regarding hand hygiene. Hand sanitiser is applied at intervals between hand washing to maximise infection control and staff/visitors will use hand sanitiser on entry to the building.</p>	
	<p>2.Respiratory</p>	<p>Tissues available in every classroom for coughs, sneezes, runny noses along with a lidded bin for safe disposal. 'Catch it, kill it, bin it'.</p>	
	<p>3.PPE</p>	<p>PPE will no longer be needed beyond what staff would normally need for their work eg gloves & apron needed in EY for changing nappies. This is not a requirement, but it is available should staff wish to wear it.</p>	
	<p>Cleaning</p>	<p>Our cleaning team will thoroughly clean school each evening after school when the majority of children have departed and will adhere to Trust cleaning standards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Particular attention will be paid to frequently touched surfaces. 	

	<p>Ventilation</p> <p>Responding to an individual with symptoms or a positive test result.</p> <p>Asymptomatic testing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blue roll and disinfectant spray will be used by classroom staff to sanitise surfaces before and after use throughout the day as required • Wipes at photocopiers to enable cleaning after each use. • SBM carries out cleaning spot checks and feedbacks results to cleaners with increased monitoring of any areas of concern <p>We will ensure that school is well ventilated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corridor doors will be held in the open setting. • At least 2 windows will be opened to about 5cm to allow internal air to exchange with fresh external air when the room is occupied by more than one person regardless of whether heating is on or not. Several windows will be opened in larger rooms. • Heating will be used as necessary to ensure comfort levels are maintained. • DfE will issue schools with Co2 monitors to schools in the Autumn Term 2021 • <p>We will balance the need for increased ventilation with the need to maintain a comfortable teaching environment and will refer to HSE guidance to support us in this process.</p> <p>When a staff member or child develops symptoms (a high temperature, a new continuous cough, a loss or change to sense of smell or taste) or has a positive test, we will follow public health advice on when to self isolate and what to do.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anyone who has tested positive will self isolate • Close contacts of someone who has tested positive will NOT self isolate if they <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ are fully vaccinated (14 days have passed since 2nd dose) or ○ they are under 18 or ○ they're taking part in a vaccine trial or ○ they're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons <p>Regardless of whether they have symptoms or not close contacts will book a PCR test here</p> <p>Any pupil that shows any possible symptoms of Covid-19 is to be immediately isolated from their classmates and mask donned by the staff member. The child will then be taken to the isolation room, the window opened and parents contacted so they can be removed from the site.</p> <p>Staff members are to inform the school office that they are leaving the school site should they show any symptoms of coronavirus. They should not come to the office or walk around school, but leave by the nearest exit. They should avoid public transport for their journey home.</p> <p>Should an individual who is suspected of having coronavirus need to use toilet facilities before leaving the building these will be cleaned using standard cleaning products before being used by anyone else.</p> <p>Staff lateral flow testing has been paused over the summer holidays, but participating staff should carry out a test the day before returning for the new academic year and twice weekly until the end of September when the</p>	
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Deterioration in pupil behaviour and mental health due to Covid-19 has a negative impact on teaching and learning		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teaching or supervising staff to identify any concerns over pupil anxiety and stress, and refer to pastoral lead/SLT Risk Assessments in place for identified pupils Behaviour Policy has a Covid-19 related section about dealing with specific poor behaviour, e.g. intentionally spitting or coughing at another person Children working from home as a result of the necessity to self isolate will be closely monitored by class teachers via Seesaw/Tapestry and telephone as necessary 	
Significant staff and student absence - illness (including mental health), self-isolation, and childcare availability will impact staff and student attendance and may make the viability of running school difficult	<p>Clinically extremely vulnerable children and staff</p> <p>Staff absence</p>	<p>All staff, including CEV are now double vaccinated greatly reducing their chances of serious illness from infection and they should attend school as usual.</p> <p>CEV staff can consider government guidance on additional precautions they can take to protect themselves from Covid-19.</p> <p>All CEV children other than those under paediatric or specialist care who have been advised by the clinician not to attend should attend as usual.</p> <p>We will support children to work from home if they have tested positive for Covid-19 but are well enough to engage through our Remote Education Plan.</p> <p>High levels of staff sickness absence, although unlikely because of the effectiveness of the vaccine programme, may result in the need to employ agency staff. Sickness absence insurance provides limited cover for Covid-19 sickness absence.</p>	
Travel restrictions - school trip and public transport restrictions affecting daily school transport, school trips and staff/student holidays as well as quarantine arrangements delaying returns from holidays and school trips	<p>Trips</p> <p>School Transport/ Taxi</p>	<p>Trips</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will be UK based only Will be carefully risk assessed in light of current community infection rates before bookings are made. Insurance cover will be checked before bookings are made. <p>Taxi Operators (when applicable)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only one taxi accesses the school site, with one child. The taxi will park outside the school site and escort the child to the school office (morning) The taxi will arrive at 2.45pm each day to collect the child before the site fills with parents collecting their children and using the one way system. Hand cleaning will take place when the child arrives and before they leave. 	