



Woodford County High School

Description of the task/activity:	Covid-19 – Government Roadmap Step 4 July 2021 Based on currently available advice and guidance on new variants of COVID 19 School based teaching / administration and sanitation tasks. Remote learning / teaching /administration tasks for those temporarily working off site (isolating).	Location:	Woodford County High School
Name of person(s) completing assessment:	Ms Jo Pomeroy / Mrs Sheila Fonseca	Job title(s):	Head teacher / School Business Manager
Local reference no:		Risk Register No:	COVID 19 - 10
Date of this assessment:	20 August 2021	Date of signing:	18 August 2021
Date of next Review:	Review required if there is a significant change or Government guidance changes. Routine review Monday 11 October 2021	Signed by (Department Manager):	02.10

This Risk Assessment is based on currently available advice and requirements: Public Health England and DfE

"Our priority is for you 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."





What is the hazard?	Who/what could be harmed and how?	Initial Risk Rating (H/ /L)	What effective control measures are currently in place?	Residual Risk Rating (H/ /_)	Are additional controls required (Yes/No) If yes capture on attached action plan
Being infected by the Coronavirus: (Staff) 01 September 2021 onwards	Staff working with Students Onsite Risk from environmental exposure, exposure to persons, transmission from touching contaminated objects		 All staff to be working on site. Staff who have been categorised as Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) and pregnant 28 weeks + offered individual risk assessment to identify any necessary additional precautions. Everyone advised to maintain sensible distance and welcome to wear face masks as they deem necessary Colleagues should be proactive about conversations with line managers ensuring that when working off-site (i.e. required to isolate) they have workable tasks and responsibilities to fulfil and to report upon. All staff should refer regularly to the Staff Manual for operations, protocols and procedures. Updates will be highlighted in Tuesday staff briefings (and minutes thereof). PPE is only needed in a small number of cases: First Aid / caretaking staff If a student becomes unwell in school with symptoms of coronavirus and needs personal care PPE must be worn by the supervising adult: A face mask and / or visor Gloves and apron (if physical contact required) Eye protection if a risk assessment determines need (splashing to eyes, for example from coughing, spitting, or vomiting) 		Updating of individual risk assessments as necessary







	 Staff working directly with students If any face to face conversation becomes threatening, assess the risk and, if necessary walk away and contact a member of SLT. Staff are supplied with COVID – 19 Grab bags in classrooms to be used in emergency situations All Staff and students are: Asked to wear a face covering in corridors and in communal areas 	s b V a p fo	Caretakers to check tatus of hand gel, grab bags V.E.F 1 Sept idditional masks to be placed in classrooms or close conversation / eaching
Staff students and visitors on entering school site & whenever on school site Risk from environmental exposure, exposure to persons, transmission from touching contaminated objects	 (No person must attend if they if they or a member of their household have any COVID -19 symptoms. They should get PCR tested asap and should inform the school of the result.) Pupils are asked to: ensure they wash their hands frequently make frequent use of the hand sanitiser stations use a tissue or elbow to sneeze cough into be aware of the USE IT, BIN IT, KILL IT practice ensure tissues are put into lidded bins immediately keep sensible distances apart wherever possible and other than when in allocated seats in classrooms wear face coverings in communal areas / classrooms sit at the same allocated desk avoid any sharing of equipment with others help ensure windows are kept open wear additional clothing under uniform as necessary Staff are asked to: fob in on the INVENTRY system use a tissue or elbow to sneeze, cough into discard tissues into a lidded bin immediately wherever possible, to keep sensible distances 		







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		area to clean ensure they areas but re sign in via In others obtain a sticl confirm to m in their hous use a tissue discard tissu be aware of	in reception and use hand gel in reception	
Poor hand hygiene raising infection risk	All Staff, Students, Visitors and Contractors Risk from environmental exposure, exposure to persons,	 Regular & provide the second se	rominent communication of requirement to more frequently (via email, briefings, signs) anitiser dispensers – installed at all exits and classrooms I sanitisers (main school entrance and for outside halls as required)	Ensure dispensers are frequently topped up





	transmission from touching contaminated objects	 Anti-bacterial sprays and paper towels in common areas including offices and staffrooms Antibacterial sprays in IT classrooms, and rooms where practicals take place e.g. Art, D&T, Science, Food Tech More signage across site promoting good hand hygiene 	
Poor respiratory hygiene raising infection risk	All Staff, Students, Visitors and Contractors Risk from environmental exposure, exposure to persons, transmission from touching contaminated objects	 Tissues and hand sanitiser to be added to standard equipment list for students Lidded bins with plastic liners (labelled: tissues) Signage across site promoting good respiratory hygiene Students, Staff and visitors are asked to wear a non-medical face mask in all communal areas 	
A person onsite fails to follow the NHS Test and Trace process	Environmental exposure is increased and more persons become unwell	 All Staff, parents and carers must understand the NHS Test and Trace process. Should anyone display COVID 19 symptoms, they must be willing and able to: book a PCR test and report to WCHS on the result be sent home to self - isolate provide (consistent) details of anyone they have been in close contact with if they test positive when asked by NHS Track and Trace refer to the guidance of when to self-isolate The school will: send out all relevant communications to parents via the weekly Bulletins (in other languages where available) give staff access to all necessary guidance via weekly briefings and / or e-mail 	Keep PHE & DfE guidance under review







School does not adhere to advice from Local Health Protection Team	All staff, students, visitors Risk from environmental exposure, exposure to persons	 The school will: liaise with local PHE for advice and guidance – provide details of the school risk assessment following an incident, review the Systems of Control following an incident, follow the actions stipulated in the Covid-19 Outbreak Management Plan publish any changes to procedures via email/ briefing/ bulletins as necessary 	
Risk to colleagues from use of communal staffrooms	Risk from environmental exposure, exposure to persons, transmission from touching contaminated objects	 All Staff are encouraged to: work and take breaks in their classroom/ offices or outside wherever possible to avoid staff room crowding use their own crockery / flask wherever possible and be responsible for washing / storage of these be aware of the number of persons in a staffroom at any given time & take action if over-crowded make use of additional spaces to maintain low numbers in staff rooms particularly at lunchtimes keep use of staffrooms to a minimum keep the rooms well ventilated, opening (top) windows use the same desk / space / computer each time use antibacterial sprays and paper towels wherever necessary to avoid cross contamination 	
Risk to colleagues from use of communal facilities	Use of Reprographics Rooms Risk from environmental exposure, exposure to persons / contaminated objects	Reprographics rooms will have antibacterial spray / paper towels or wipes to clean commonly touched surfaces Technicians will check and refill paper regularly Signage in place to remind staff to clean touch points before and after each use	
Ventilation in Rooms	Windows / Air Conditioning Units / fans	 All rooms should be well ventilated wherever possible. Windows (esp' top) windows to be kept open to circulate air 	





	Risk from environmental exposure, exposure to persons	 In very cold weather conditions, please open windows frequently for short bursts to increase airflow Only Non Fire doors can be kept open Fire Safe doors must not be wedged open at any time Fans should not be used in rooms where more than one person works unless room well ventilated Air conditioning poses a low risk to the spread of Coronavirus. Please read HSE guidance https://www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/equipment-and-machinery/air-conditioning-and-ventilation.htm#mechanical_ventilation The school will turn off recirculation where any centralised ventilation system exists 	
Extensive exposure to mixed age groups in a broader range of students than necessary	Staff Students and visitors Entering School Site Risk from environmental exposure, exposure to persons, transmission from touching contaminated objects	 Large student gatherings such as assemblies will be structured in year groups The Covid-19 Outbreak Management Plan identifies when year group bubbles might be reintroduced for a temporary period following either a school or a local outbreak The school will use its one way system to rationalise movement of students around the site Enhanced cleaning of areas where practicals are held e.g. Food Tech, D&T, Art, PE Science. Where any equipment is unavoidably shared, it must be cleaned as per CLEAPSS COVID guidance in accordance with CLEAPPS Addition of cleaning Janitor to clean toilets more frequently during the day 	







If someone becomes III whilst onsite	Whilst students are on site, a first aider will always be available on site.
Risk from environmental exposure, exposure to persons, transmission from touching contaminated objects	 The school acknowledges that first aiders are taking extra responsibility for any suspected COVID-19 cases. All first aiders will be consulted on these procedures and are encouraged to voice any concerns or feedback on the procedure in place, with their line manager or the Head Teacher.
	 PPE will be reserved specifically for first aiders and for site staff with cleaning responsibilities to ensure they have the necessary resources to perform their duties. Any concerns over the adequacy or supply of PPE should be raised immediately with the caretaker or the School Business Manager.
	If a Student onsite becomes unwell with suspected COVID - 19 symptoms:
	 If a student shows symptoms of COVID-19, the first aider will be contacted via the emergency response line and should put on the appropriate PPE (i.e. gloves, an apron and a face covering). The student should be collected from their room by the first aider whilst maintaining a 2m+ distance at all times. The student will collect their belongings and be escorted to the medical quiet room where they will be asked to isolate. The first aider will take the child's temperature using the contactless thermometer, to see if a fever is present. If there is any concern at all that there are Covid-19 symptoms present, the admin person in the front office will be radioed by the first aider to contact their parents and advise them to collect their child immediately. The child will then be supervised in isolation by the first aider from a safe 2m+ distance in a ventilated room





	 until the parent arrives to collect them. The parent will then be asked to book a PCR Covid-19 test as soon as possible and to inform the school as soon as possible of the outcome of this test. Only one parent should collect their daughter. They should advise reception via the intercom at the pedestrian or vehicle gate they have arrived and go immediately to collect their child from the South End door. They should not enter the school building. All members of the student's household must be advised to self-isolate in line with government guidance. If the student's test is positive, NHS Track and Trace will identify those who need to self-isolate As soon as the student is collected, the first aider should dispose of the PPE in the hazardous materials bin in the Medical room, wash their hands thoroughly and then the Caretaker informed so the bin can be amptied immediately and the affected area cleaned. 	
	bin in the Medical room, wash their hands thoroughly	
	 isolate and seek a PCR test. Once at home they should communicate with their line manager in the normal way. If an individual exhibits symptoms whilst at home they should under no circumstances come into work. They 	

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 should alert Gemma Manning to report their absence specifying it is covid-19 related. They should then communicate with their direct line manager as normal. All staff should book a covid-19 PCR test as soon as possible on developing symptoms. The results of this test should be reported to their line manager and Gemma Manning asap and the appropriate next steps followed: if they test positive, they must continue to self-isolate and follow NHS Track and trace requirements; if they test negative, staff can return to work the next day they are due to attend https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings/ 	
A full cleaning programme remains in place. All surfaces and specific objects (keyboards, computer mice etc.) are spray cleaned using and anti-viral product on at least a weekly basis. Telephones and computer keyboards are wiped with anti-viral cleaner daily if in use. If a Student onsite becomes unwell but not COVID related: • students must have written permission from the supervising staff member to attend the medical room • if able to do so, they should be escorted to the medical room by another student No student should report to the medical room unless they are genuinely unwell	





Asymptomatic Test site staff Testing Site (ATS) Risk from environmental for Lateral Flow persons, Testing (LFT) ransmission from touching contaminated objects Risk from spilled fluids	 The Government has supplied lateral flow test kits to the school training materials and "How to" guides in support of testing on the school site. We continue to liaise closely with the LA (Education and Public Health) for advice and guidance and to stay well informed The School will offer two rounds of on-site lateral flow testing (LFT) to all students in September 2021. Asymptomatic Testing Site (ATS) - Onsite Lateral Flow testing (LFT) will continue to be available as a small scale operation but can be expanded if Government guidance changes The school will keep under review the frequency of testing in line with Government guidance Testing will be undertaken by School staff, supply staff and volunteers A full training programme will be offered Full PPE has been made available to ATS Staff Testing will be carried out in a well ventilated room where sensible distancing and hygiene must be strictly adhered to A Team leader has been appointed and will be responsible for the day to day running of the programme The Team Leader will conduct frequent Quality Control Assessments to ensure all tasks are performed in accordance with NHS training and instruction booklets A detailed cleaning regime will be in place following the NHS training and How To guidebook (this will be in addition to the usual cleaning routine in place in the school 	
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Staff with sanitation duties	The school contracts cleaning out to Birkin Cleaning Services Ltd	Needed to protect
	All Birkin staff have undertaken training specific to the current	
Cleaning staff and		against
caretakers	pandemic. Birkin have introduced enhanced cleaning in all rooms	environmental
Risk from environmental	and provided WCHS with details of cleaning products used for all	exposure: maintained
exposure, exposure to	tasks The daily Cleaning Rota has been significantly augmented	supplies of effective
persons,	to meet the needs of the school during the COVID pandemic.	cleaning materials
transmission from touching		
contaminated objects	In addition to standard cleaning, an antimicrobial spray will be	
	used on a weekly basis across the site to offer enhanced viral	
Risk from spilled fluids	protection. Identified areas to be cleaned more frequently:	
	Toilet facilities	
	 Changing rooms (when in use) 	
	Medical rooms	
	Specific rooms where there has been a possibility of a	
	person becoming unwell / testing positive	
	Cleaning Staff should always wear PPE (Gloves, apron and face	
	coverings) and use wipes, etc.	
	If someone becomes unwell while undertaking cleaning duties,	
	with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, they	
	should go home and follow the <u>stay at home guidance</u> .	
	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-	
	decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings	
	Cleaning staff should wash their hands with warm soapy water	
	for a minimum of 20 seconds as often as practical and certainly:	
	on arrival at work; after each cleaning operation after disposal	
	of materials and again prior to leaving work. Staff should avoid	
	touching their face, nose and eyes while cleaning.	
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	operations will be assessed in advance by the headteacher or a	
	member of the Senior Management Team to determine whether	







		such work is essential. In cases where work is essential a separate risk assessment will be conducted and communicated.	
		H&S Leads have checked that there are posters appropriately placed advising contractors of Covid 19 safeguards.	
		Cleaning Staff have detailed instructions about high risk areas and regularly touched surfaces, such as door handles and railings, and the associated cleaning regimes. Frequently touched surfaces are regularly cleaned with disinfectant wipes, or a disposable cloth and warm soapy water	
		Cleaning staff are asked to wear face coverings in communal spaces and observe sensible distancing. Other PHE precautions must also be followed.	
		Where staff are cleaning an area with potential contamination from an individual with suspected Covid, disposable gloves and disposable apron should be worn. Where there is visible contamination from body fluids, disposable masks to be worn.	
		Staff are briefed, given information and trained where needed on use of the PPE. By Birkin. Records of training to be kept and made available to the school upon request.	
Practical Lessons	Risk from environmental exposure, exposure to persons, transmission from touching contaminated objects	Risk Assessments have been issued by Heads of Departments ahead of undertaking any practical activities. These include (but are not limited to) • PE/ Courts • Food Tech • IT Suites • D&T rooms	







Water Fountains	Risk from environmental exposure, exposure to persons, transmission from touching contaminated objects	Students should not queue up for water fountains but wait and go to water fountain one at a time; Water fountains are to be used to fill water bottles only Cleaners to clean all water fountain surfaces in accordance with current COVID -19 cleaning guidance	
Working from home	Risk from inadequate working conditions	Staff temporarily working from home do not need to complete a display screen equipment workstation assessment.	
(self-isolating)	Upper limb disorders, tired eyes, headaches, stress	 However, staff temporarily working from home (because isolating) are advised to: take regular short breaks away from their computer/laptop. (E.g. every hour) move / stretch. ensure that their computer screen/laptop screen is at a comfortable height / distance to avoid neck and eye strain ensure lighting is adequate for the task in hand structure their working around school hours and to vary (as possible) their evening and weekend activity 	
	Risk from excessive screen exposure Stress due to a feeling of isolation	Full expectations for remote education, support and resources can be found on the <u>get help with remote education service</u> . A WCHS Remote Schooling Protocol has been provided to all staff working both at home and onsite to establish a common understanding of expectations. It is not expected that whole lessons or every lesson is taught live. Line managers should make contact weekly to ensure their wellbeing of staff working from home. Colleagues are	
Excessive anxiety induced by pandemic	All staff- Workload Impacts of the developing pandemic and organisations response	 encouraged to reach out to each other for mutual support Regular communications are already well established throughout the school. In order to maintain this, the school will: provide clear and transparent information share the Risk Assessment with staff (cf website) 	





	Stress and anxiety arising through uncertainty and lack of control	 update individual risk assessments where necessary signpost staff to counselling and wellbeing services facilitate a continuation of the staff wellbeing group to continue to promote positive messaging All Staff should: aim to focus on the core business of teaching and learning and the welfare of students and colleagues 		
Excessive workload	All staff- Workload Impacts of the developing pandemic and organisations response Stress and anxiety arising through uncertainty and lack of control	 The school will: keep meetings (digital/ physical) under review constantly review the implication of COVID 19 on staff workload and introduce adjustments where necessary re-issue whole school email protocols undertake periodic review calendar commitments In the event of altered government directives, issue guidance as soon as practicable. 		Caretakers to ensure all Covid-19 hygiene supplies (e.g. gels, hand towels etc) kept fully stocked around the school site
Site safety	Caretaker / Maintenance visits	Caretaker to wear appropriate PPE, (mask, gloves). Adhere to sensible distancing.All routine maintenance visits and statutory inspections should continue whilst adhering to current Covid-19 protocols. If works cannot be carried out safely then they should be suspended other than in an emergency. Any repairs to the outside of the building can proceed after they have been risk assessed. Asbestos register to be completed by caretaker. Operatives to wear gloves, face coverings and observe sensible distancing. Caretaker to be advised of risk assessment and signed as acknowledgement.		
Public transport use	Risk of infection: Students & Staff	Masks remain a government recommendation on school transport and for students travelling on public transport. Staggering of the end of the school day to minimise crowding at bus stop Students seated by year group on pm 679 as far as possible		





Insufficient level of staffing due to self- isolation or illness	Staff/ Pupils Workload Impacts of the developing pandemic and organisation's response	The school will contract additional cover supervisor and midday time to support contingency planning for a major outbreak	
Increased infection risk for vulnerable students	Vulnerable children and young people	 Student Guidance team proactively identify student vulnerability Contact with parents of identified medically vulnerable students Undertaking individual risk assessment of vulnerable students as deemed necessary Communications with outside support agencies as necessary 	
Increased infection risk for SEND students	Vulnerable children and young people	 The school will identify which students need support in following expectations and support them as necessary Targeted Education provision for SEND students – refe to SEND Risk Assessment 	
Infection or quarantine risks associated with school visits		Schools may now authorise residential or foreign educational visits if rigorous risk assessment is undertaken. Contingency planning must take into account staffing levels, changing quarantine requirements, adequate insurance etc.	



Risk Rating Matrix		1. Very Low	2. Low	3. Moderate du	4. High	5. Very High	
	E	5. Almost Certain	5	10	15	20	25
	Likelihood of Harm	4. Likely	4	8	12	16	20
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	ikelih	2. Unlikely	2	4	6	8	10
		1. Rare	1	2	3	4	5

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Matrix to calculate the likelihood and impact should the hazard be realised.

Note:

Inform the Risk and Insurance Manager of all Medium and High tasks (residual) Inform Strategic Health and Safety Board of all High rated tasks (>12 (residual))

RAG Rating Matrix

Risk Rating	Possible Action to be Taken
LOW	Department manager may accept risk
(<4)	Manage by routine processes
	Any costs to be funded within Directorate
	• Hazard to be reviewed and updated at least annually.
MEDIUM (5-10)	 Management action required to control risk as soon as reasonably practicable
(3-10)	 Monitor any action taken to ensure it has been effective in reducing the risk to an acceptable level
	Reviewed and updated at least every 6 months to ensure controls remain effective
	May necessitate bids for central funding.
HIGH (>12)	 Immediate senior management action required to further control risk
(212)	May halt work/task while additional controls are applied
	Copy of the risk assessment sent to Risk and Insurance Manager for inclusion on to the Corporate Risk Register
	Responsible Director to give priority for action/funding
	 Monitor any action taken to ensure it has been effective in reducing the risk to an acceptable level
	 To be reviewed and updated at least every month to ensure controls remain effective.

