



Description of the task/activity:	Covid-19 Schools Full re-opening September 2020 Amendments following LBR review	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 - 06.1
Date of this assessment:	23 September 2020	Date of signing:	06/10/20
Date of next Review:	Review required if there is a significant change or Government guidance changes.	Signed by (Department Manager):	02.10

What is the hazard?	Who/what could be harmed and how?	Initial Risk Rating (H/ /L)	What effective control measures are currently in place?	Residua I Risk Rating (H/ /	Are additional controls required (Yes/No) If yes capture on attached action plan
	All Staff, Students, Visitors		Minimise Contact with individuals who are unwell:		
Being infected by	and Contractors				
the Coronavirus following the full			All Staff , Students, Visitors and Contractors must		
re-opening	Risk from environmental		 not visit the school if they, or someone in their 		
September 2020	exposure, exposure to		household are unwell and / or displaying signs of		
-	persons,		COVID -19		





transmission from touching contaminated objects	 Clean hands more thoroughly and more frequently either by washing with soap and water or using Hand Sanitiser Gel Ensure good respiratory hygiene by following the "catch it, bin it, kill it" approach Maintain social distancing wherever possible Where appropriate, wear essential personal protective equipment (PPE) School to undertake enhanced cleaning especially on frequently touched surfaces Students, Staff and visitors to wear a non-medical face mask in communal areas at all times. This includes travelling to and from normal classroom space to practical lessons Staff to advise if supplies of hand sanitiser, paper towels, anti- bacterial spray are low so they can be replenished promptly Windows to be kept open where possible to aid ventilation The school will: Regularly check levels of hand sanitiser gel, paper towels and sanitiser spray and replace as necessary Place a 2m distance marker in all classrooms as a visual aid Install signage to advise on increased ventilation and reminders of good hand and respiratory hygiene Notify students via assemblies, email, bulletins, form tutors of the isolation periods if they or someone in their household is displaying symptoms 	





Poor hand hygiene raising infection risk	All Staff, Students, Visitors and Contractors Risk from environmental exposure, exposure to persons, transmission from touching contaminated objects	 Regular communications advising of requirement to wash hands more frequently via signage, email, briefings Increased number of hand gel Sanitiser dispensers – installed at all entrances / exits and classrooms 2 mobile hand sanitisers (main school entrance and for use inside / outside halls as required) Anti-bacterial sprays and paper towels in common areas including offices and staffrooms Antibacterial sprays in IT classrooms, and rooms where practical lessons 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	 Follow the "catch it, bin it, kill it" advice from PHE Use of tissues when coughing or sneezing Tissues and hand sanitiser to be added to standard equipment list for students Use of elbow / sleeve if no tissue available Additional lidded bins with plastic liners to dispose of tissues (labelled) More signage across site promoting good respiratory hygiene Students, Staff and visitors to wear a non medical face mask in communal areas at all times. This includes travelling to and from normal classroom space to practical lessons The school will: Provide visors for staff to use where keeping a 2m distance is not possible 	





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Pre –existing health conditions rendering some staff more vulnerable to infection	Risk from environmental exposure, exposure to persons, transmission from touching contaminated objects	Health Questionnaire undertaken by all staff June 2020 Individual Risk Assessment to be undertaken by staff identifying a potential raised vulnerability and reasons where adjustments might be required. Individual RA will evaluate workstation, necessary movement around site and limiting use of communal areas. Those identified as vulnerable, to scrupulously follow advice to all staff with a focus on maintaining 2 m distance.	
		All Staff: • to maintain social distancing of 2m wherever possible	
		 between themselves and students / fellow staff members to follow good hand hygiene and good respiratory hygiene at all times 	
		 to limit sharing of equipment wherever possible by using their own stationery items across the site Limit use of communal areas such as staffrooms whilst 	
		 ensuring breaks are taken To work toward a clear desk policy to aid effective 	
		cleaning Students, Staff and visitors to wear a non medical face	
		mask in communal areas at all times. This includes	





		travelling to and from normal classroom space to practical lessons The school will: Provide visors for staff to use where keeping a 2m distance is not possible implement enhanced cleaning of frequently touched areas Implement enhanced cleaning for areas used by mix bubble groups provide antibacterial cleaning products / paper towe for additional cleaning of shared resources	
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 students gatherings such as assemblies should be limited and structured in year groups bubbles with much social distancing as possible Students to remain in year group bubbles as far as in practical Year group bubbles wherever possible, assigned to specific zones in the school Movement of students during school day to be minimised as much as possible The school will use an extended one way system to rationalise movement of students around the site When in the classroom, students to sit in desks side side and forward facing wherever possible School timetable to be amended to reflect staggered start and finish times, staggered break and lunch time. Enhanced cleaning of areas where practical's are here.g. Food Tech, D&T, Art, PE Science. Cleaning 	by es





		 between different year group sessions to be undertaken by departments More frequent use of electrostatic spray gun during normal cleaning hours in areas where year groups mix and practical's are undertaken Addition of cleaning Janitor to clean frequent touch points throughout the school 	
Infection Risk in Communal areas - corridors, halls, dining area		 Students, Staff and visitors to wear a non medical face mask in communal areas at all times. This includes travelling to and from normal classroom space to practical lessons Visors are available to all staff and can be used at their discretion. Staff will be responsible for the cleaning and maintaining of their visor 	
Staff being infected by students	Risk from environmental exposure, exposure to persons, transmission from touching contaminated objects	 Students to maintain a distance of 2m from staff wherever possible Floor marking to be laid in classrooms at 2m from Teacher zone as a visual reminder about keeping distance Use of visors provided for situations where greater proximity proves difficult 	
Mixing of year groups bubbles and potential overcrowding increasing infection rate	Risk from environmental exposure, exposure to persons, transmission from touching contaminated objects	 Staggered start and finish times to control numbers of students travelling on both 679 Bus and public transport Encourage use of bicycles and walking to reduce pressure on public transport Any facial coverings worn on public transport to be replaced / removed on entering the school Disposal of temporary coverings to be binned inside the school entrance 	





		 Provision of bin at the entrance to the school for the disposal of temporary coverings 	
Localised (or national) lockdown recurring	Continuity of education for students (individually, in groups or in 'bubbles') & b) work load for teachers being disrupted by: • Individual illness or selfisolation • The sudden isolation of a group or 'bubble' due to an outbreak • The school having to respond to a Tier 2 designation (on-site and distanced education by rota), or the repetition of Tier 3 or Tier 4 scenario (onsite provision for some groups, distanced learning for others)	 Department teams (including technicians, where available) primed to use additional INSET Day 9 September to plan: Use of Show My Homework / Office 365 consistently henceforth to enable individual absentees to work at home, accessing resources Use of resources such as Oak Academy to reduce work load Departmental strategy for managing mixed diet of onsite / online provision in the event of a Tier 2 designation or the recurrence of a Tier 3 or 4 scenario 	
Inadequate cleaning and sanitisation leading to contamination from surfaces	Risk from environmental exposure, exposure to persons, transmission from touching contaminated objects	 Increased cleaning of all areas each day Addition of onsite cleaning during the day to enhance cleaning of high traffic areas More frequent cleaning of toilets Enhanced cleaning of door handles, hand rails, frequently used surfaces Additional enhanced sanitisation of areas where facilities are sherd by different bubble groups such as labs, sports hall, art rooms etc.to be undertaken by 	
Student cross contamination when	Risk from environmental exposure, exposure to persons,	 Staggered lunch breaks over a 2 hour period limiting number of students in canteen at any one time Increased staffing levels of middays to aid supervision 	





accessing catering facilities	transmission from touching contaminated objects	 Provision of outside POD to alleviate queues Review of menus to provide meals that can be pre plated using colour coded plates No self-service buffet provision Foods to be individually wrapped where possible (cakes, biscuits, etc.) Students to be advised that any touching of food product will be considered taken by them and will be charged to their account Snacks and meals should be taken outside in the designated space During wet weather, snacks / meals should be taken in the Bubble classroom 	
Contamination resulting from poor Kitchen Hygiene		 Kitchen service staff to maintain highest standard of food hygiene Harrisons to brief schools on requirements of measures taken 	
Staff contamination from communal areas e.g. staff rooms/ washrooms	Use of communal staffrooms etc Risk from environmental exposure, exposure to persons, transmission from touching contaminated objects	 Staff to use departmental provision where available in order to reduce congestion in general staff room areas Keep the rooms well ventilated by opening windows as much as possible Keep all surfaces clear as much as possible to enable full cleaning and sanitisation by cleaning staff Staff to operate a clear desk policy to enable full cleaning and sanitisation by cleaners Staffroom fridges used at the discretion of individuals. Those using staffroom facilities for food storage and preparation are responsible for their own hygiene and the cleaning up after themselves Staffroom / washrooms users responsible for alerting site staff / ASBM if cleaning products need replenishing 	





Risk of contamination through no control of visitor numbers	Visitors / Parents are allowed onsite by prior arrangement only. There should be no casual / on-spec visitors onsite All Parents / visitors must: • be pre booked on INVENTRY and the visitor information email sent to them before their visit • On arrival, report to main reception and use hand gel in reception area to clean their hands • Sign in and out via Inventry • Always obtain a visitor's label to be worn whilst onsite (Lanyards will not be available to visitors) • Confirm to main office that they or any person in their household does not have any COVID – 19 Symptoms	
Visitors not aware of / not following schools hygiene procedures	Pre Arrival: Visitors / Parents will be informed of the schools COVID 19 procedures and requirements via the information email sent from INVENTRY NO visitor should attend site if they or any person in their household is displaying signs of COVID 19 Whilst Onsite, Visitors are: encouraged to always wash hands / use hand gel on arrival use a tissue or elbow to sneeze, cough into Discard tissues into a bin immediately	





		 Be aware of the USE IT, BIN IT, KILL IT practice Wherever possible, keep safe distances apart at least 2 metres To wear a face mask in communal areas at all times. This includes travelling to and from normal classroom space to practical lessons 	
Visitors having exposure to unnecessary numbers of WCHS Community		All staff to ensure that visitors are limited to required areas and planned audiences only	
Risk of cross contamination of frequently used surfaces on photocopiers	Use of Reprographics Rooms Risk from environmental exposure, exposure to persons, transmission from touching 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 to remind staff to clean touch points before and after each use	
Risk of contamination due to lack of ventilation in Rooms	Windows Air Conditioning Units and fans Risk from environmental exposure, exposure to persons	 Windows and louvres should be kept open to circulate air wherever possible Only Non Fire doors can be kept open to increase ventilation Fire Safe doors must not be wedged open at any time Use of air conditioning researched – deemed to be low risk to the spread of Coronavirus. Please read HSE guidance 	





		 https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKHSE/bulletins/28/ce71a The school will turn off recirculation where any centralised ventilation system exists 	
A person onsite fails to follow the NHS Test and Trace process	Envorinmental 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 symptoms, they must be willing and able to: Book a test and report to WCHS on the result Be sent home to self - isolate Provide details of anyone they have been in close contact with if they test positive or are asked by NHS Test and Trace staff Refer to the guidance advice of when to self – isolate The school will: Send out all relevant communications to parents and staff via the weekly Bulletins Include information on where to obtain testing Translate the information into other languages when available Verbally advise students, staff, visitors, parents if they are required to obtain a test in particular if they have either visited the medical room or contacted the school via telephone to advise if someone is displaying symptoms.	
If someone becomes III whilst onsite	Risk from environmental exposure, exposure to persons,	Whilst in School a first aider should always be on site. The school acknowledges that first aiders are taking extra responsibility for any suspected COVID-19 cases.	





transmission from touching contaminated objects 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 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 to the caretaker or the School Business Manager.	
If a Student becomes unwell with suspected COVID -19 symptoms they should:	
If a student shows symptoms of COVID-19, the nearest designated first aider will be contacted by the staff in the bubble and should put on the appropriate PPE i.e. gloves, an apron and a face covering. The student should be collected from their room, 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 in that room. The first aider, covering the medical room having observed Covid-19 symptoms from the child, will then take the temperature of the child using the contactless thermometer, to see if a fever is present. If there is any concern or suspicion 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. Reference to the medical room protocols will be	





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	If a Staff member becomes unwell with suspected COVID - 19 symptoms they should:
	adhere to the government's and the school's guidance on self-isolation and testing, if they develop symptoms of coronavirus. If an individual exhibits symptoms whilst at work, they should immediately go home and follow this advice. Staff should not come to work if they develop symptoms at home. Employee Isolation Requirements Summary - August 2020.xlsx
	If a member of staff develops symptoms outside of work, they must report this via telephone to the school absence line and to their line manager. They must arrange to take a test as soon as they develop symptoms. The results of this test should be reported to their line manager and Gemma Manning as soon as they are known and the appropriate next steps followed: if they test positive, they must continue to self-isolate; if they test negative, staff can return to work the next day they are due to attend according to the staff rota.
	Following any incident of when a member of staff or student becomes unwell the work area / isolation room will be cleaned in accordance with the Governments advice Covid – 19 decontaminations in a non-health care setting.





		https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings	
		Whole school has been deep cleaned and monitoring of use of unassigned rooms is undertaken. All surfaces and objects bacterially cleaned in rooms being used after use. Telephones and computer keyboards wiped with bacterial cleaner daily if in use.	
		If a Student becomes unwell but <u>not</u> COVID related:	
		 Students must have written permission from a staff member 	
		 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	
If Someone test positive for COVID	Risk from environmental exposure, exposure to	The school receives notification that a person has tested positive for COVID -19, the school will:	
-19	persons, transmission from touching contaminated objects	 Ensure SLT are notified immediately Gather information from the infected person with regard to people they have been in close / direct contact with Inform LA, DFE helpline, PHE as necessary SLT to meet and decide on required form of action If remaining open: Inform those who must self isolate via letter, email, text Organise cover for absent Teachers 	





		 Write and publish letter / email to any affected bubble Write and publish letter / email to parents Publish letter on website If part or full closure: Write / publish letter to those affected by closure Write / publish letter to rest of school 	
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 Publish any changes to procedures via email/ briefing/ bulletins as necessary	
Staff with sanitation duties Cleaning staff and caretakers are not fully aware of cleaning requirements	Staff with sanitation duties Cleaning staff and caretakers Risk from environmental exposure, exposure to persons, transmission from touching contaminated objects Risk from spilled fluids	Where contractors maybe visiting school premises such 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 for each such operation. Posters appropriately placed advising staff / students visitors and contractors of Covid 19 safeguards. Cleaning Staff should clean regularly touched surfaces, such as door handles and railings, regularly with disinfectant wipes, or a disposable cloth and warm soapy water or normal disinfectant products (e.g. Dettol spray). The use of an electrostatic gun will also be introduced onsite giving longer sanitisation properties	





		Staff should wear appropriate PPE and use wipes, etc. 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 should be worn. Staff are briefed, given information and trained where needed on use of the PPE. Records to be kept of this. Ready supply of suitable wipes, safe method of disposing of used wipes, regular hand washing, i.e. before and after tasks	
Practical Lessons	Risk from environmental exposure, exposure to persons, transmission from touching contaminated objects	Risk Assessments to be 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 These should be CLEAPPS compliant where applicable	
Water Fountains	Risk from environmental exposure, exposure to persons, transmission from touching contaminated objects	 All water fountains are only to be used to refill water bottles Students should practise good hand hygiene by using hand sanitiser before and after accessing water fountains Cleaners to clean all water fountain surfaces in accordance with current COVID -19 cleaning guidance 	





Excessive anxiety	All Students	In order to mitigate risks to psychological wellbeing of students:	
induced by			
pandemic	Stress and anxiety arising	The school will communicate new term arrangements via email,	
Parisionino	through uncertainty and lack	school Bulletin, dedicated information zone on school website	
	of control		
		All students to attend assemblies in their bubbles at the start of	
		term, Staff to talk through arrangements for the new school year	
		in respect of (but not limited to)	
		The structure of the school day	
		Arrangements for Break and Lunch	
		Arrangements for Homework club	
		Arrangements for working areas, outside areas, toilets	
		The school will:	
		Signpost students to a variety of counselling and	
		wellbeing services	
		Continue to promote positive messaging	
		Provide support for vulnerable students, particularly if	
		any bubbles are sent home due to a need to self isolate	
		any subside are sent from additional to sen isolate	
Excessive anxiety	All staff- Workload Impacts	Regular communications are already well established in the	
induced by	of the developing pandemic	service. In order to maintain this, the school will:	
pandemic	and organisations response	Provide clear and transparent information	
paridernic	and organisations response	Share the Risk Assessment with staff and post on to	
	Stress and anxiety arising	the school website	
	through uncertainty and lack	Undertake individual risk assessments where	
	1	necessary	
	of control	Signpost staff to a variety of counselling and wellbeing	
		services	
		Ensure a continuation of the staff wellbeing group to	
		enable positive planning of wellbeing	
		Continue to promote positive messaging and	
		celebrating successes	
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		All Staff should: Aim to focus on the core business of teaching and learning and the welfare of staff 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	 Ensure staff meetings whether digital or physical are kept under review Constantly review the implication of COVID 19 on staff workload and introduce adjustments where necessary Re-issue whole school email protocols Undertake a timely review and rationalising of the school calendar commitments in light of the current Public Health situation In the event of an outbreak requiring a restructure of provision, clear and prompt consultation to be undertaken with this directly 		
Staff Working from Home	Stress due to feeling of isolation Upper Limb disorders, tired eyes, headaches, stress	All staff working from home need to ensure that they have assessed their home environment to ensure that it is as safe and suitable for work as possible. Staff should take regular breaks away from their computer/laptop. (E.g. every hour) They should get up walk around and stretch. They should ensure that their computer screen/laptop screen is at a comfortable height and distance to avoid neck and eye strain.		





		Staff temporarily working from home because of Coronavirus do not need to complete a display screen equipment workstation assessment.	
		https://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/ck1.pdf	
		Their line manager should make contact weekly to ensure their wellbeing.	
Interruption to routine Health and Safety measures due to Public Health situation	Caretaker / Maintenance visits Site Safety	All routine maintenance visits and statutory inspections to continue. 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. Operatives to wear gloves and be aware of social distancing (at least 2 metres). Site management and Caretakers to be fully conversant with Risk Assessment and signed as acknowledgement.	
Staff and students	Staff/ Pupils/ Governors/	Clear messaging with all stakeholder groups including:	
not fully informed on the protocols introduced on full opening of school	Parents/ visitors/ Contractors Risk from environmental exposure, exposure to persons, transmission from touching contaminated objects	 Staff Students Governors Parents Visitors Contractors This will include:	
		Nis will include: Publishing of Risk Assessment onsite	





		 Issuing electronic copy of Risk Assessment to all staff Letters to all parents signposting document on website Briefing all students at the start of term Issuing visitors / contractor information via INVENTRY when confirming appointments / bookings 	
Improper use of Outdoor spaces by students	Not following social distancing rules Risk from environmental exposure, exposure to persons, transmission from touching contaminated objects	Staggering of arrival, departure, break and lunch sessions will enable / control the use of outside spaces	
Insufficient level of staffing from September 2020 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 	





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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 – refer to SEND Risk Assessment 		
Staff, Students, Visitors, Contractors not aware of fire and evacuation routes	All	Fire evacuation notices and routes are displayed in all rooms. Students, staff, visitors and contractors to ensure they are aware of the location of the signs and the written instructions		

Risk Rating Matri	X	Impact						
		VeryLow	Low	Moderate	High	Very High		
21 Page		1.	2.	3.	4.	5.		
	5. Almost Certain	5	10	15	20	25		
í Harn	4. Likely	4	8	12	16	20		

RAG Rating Matrix

Risk	Pos	sible Action to be Taken
Rating		
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	•	Management action required to control risk as soon as

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Risk Assessment Form





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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))