

COVID-19 Specific Risk Management Assessment



Educational Setting		Gamlingay Village Primary				
Activity / Task		COVID-19 Risk Management Assessment (Educational Settings)				
Completed by & Date		Shelley Desborough (Headteacher) – March 2021 (Blue = November, Green = January, Red = Lockdown, Orange = March) If still in this RA it applies to current				
Review Date		April 12 th 2021				
What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you doing already?	What further action is necessary?	Action by whom?	Action by when?	Done
Social distancing in school – where possible	<p>All children and adults.</p> <p>Infection of the virus</p> <p>The virus is thought to spread through contact with infected bodily fluids i.e. most commonly when sneezing and coughing but also through normal mucus released when breathing and talking. Entry can be made through the eyes, nose and mouth but NOT through the skin.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classrooms – All set up so children are facing forward in Year 2 and upwards • All desks are two metres apart and the children have their own tray on their table which contains all their equipment and resources. • Key Stage Bubble toilets available for each bubble – minimise the number of children going to the toilet at any one time. Toilets will be flushed with the lids down. • All year groups have their own toilets • Staff toilets to be one person only, and the use of hand towels to be made available for all • An allocation of staff toilets is in place • Fire exits will be maintained as clear spaces with all group stations normally used nearby removed i.e. in the cloakroom space. • Different entrance and exit doors available for each bubble which enable groups to enter and leave school separately. This also maintains further separation of parents during drop-off and collection times. • All parents must wear masks when walking on site to discourage congregating and discussions • All staff must wear face coverings in circulation areas and when on the doors – greeting children and at collection time • Teachers, teaching from the front of the class do not wear face coverings, but when circulating or working 1:1, face coverings to be worn. TAs working 1:1 do not require a face covering, unless they choose to • Older children are more likely to maintain social distancing, remain seated in designated spaces for longer periods but take up more space and require larger furniture. • All children to remain in allocated seat throughout the next three weeks and have their own line space, which is always used, even when washing hands etc. • Shared entrance for each group although ‘soft’ start time enables appropriate distancing The only Year group who are using the same door are Year 5 and 6 but they will be encouraged to walk to school without their adult and a member of staff will be on the door. Each different class will then access a different route to their classroom each side of the corridor. 	<p>Classrooms to be cleared of unnecessary and inappropriate furniture, equipment and resources and marked out as appropriate.</p> <p>Children will need prior teaching (Powerpoint to be sent to parents week prior to support their child with transition) and constant reminders to maintain distancing – school staff to monitor movement of children.</p> <p>Signage / floor marking to remind parents about appropriate social distancing.</p>	All adults	03.09.2020 05.01.2021	March 2021

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 5/6 to stagger their opening and exiting • Year 5/6 are using Kestrel Class door for drop off and collection as it has direct access from the classroom to the outside • Designated exit doors available same as entrance doors • NO parents to wait outside any classroom doors -Teacher have doors open early and later to allow for the staggered drop offs and pick ups. The bell will be set for 8.40 in the morning to ensure all doors are open promptly so congregation of parents on the playground can be avoided • Reception classrooms – as these are a pinch point, parents will wait on the grass and then only 3 from each class will enter the soft surface area so the children can then be picked up from the classroom. • In Year 3/4 parents will be told to wait on the grass • All classes marked with ‘clearways’ to entrance/exit doors and toilet facilities. (see map attached) • Class furniture will need to be moved or placed in a position to reduce pinch points, ensuring that free movement is possible. • Spare rooms (and those designated for storage of furniture removed from in-use classrooms) secured to avoid use to reduce potential cross-contamination. • All interactive whiteboards must be used just as fixed boards – children cannot use • Enrichment activities and opportunities will have additional risk assessment to ensure the activity is safe to take place These will not take place in Spring Term 2 • There will not be any additional activities taking place, which involve needing additional adults or excess of equipment There will be no additional activities in Spring 2 • Minimise visitors and access – only if necessary and booked in advance – Spring 2 – no visitors on site • Peripatetic teachers will be able to come in to school, but must follow the strict guidance of everyone else • Office closed – parents to phone / email the school to stop loitering / gathering at the office reception area. • PPA staff – should maintain a 2 metre distance with all pupils as in contact with most children across each week All PPA to be taken off site where possible in Spring 2 • All teachers to review their classrooms, to ensure that they are as socially distanced as they can be within their own rooms. • Meetings – All PDM and SLT meetings will be held via MS Teams. If a parent wants to have a meeting, initially offer a telephone conversation or an MS 				

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		<p>Teams. During lockdown period and Tier 4 and Spring 2 NO face to face meetings on site will take place. If a face to face meeting is needed, the parent will need to wear a face mask as they enter the building and then access the meeting room – which will have all windows open and all parties will be at least 2m from each other.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Windows and doors open at all times to aid ventilation As the weather is becoming colder, all doors and windows must be fully open when children are not in the classroom and kept open, as much as possible, when children are in the room 				
Cleaning	<p>All children and adults.</p> <p>Infection of the virus</p> <p>The virus is thought to remain on textile or textured surfaces for 6-12hrs but up to 6 days on smooth, hard surfaces such as plastic and metal.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleaning procedures reviewed and communicated to all staff to prioritise more regular (twice daily) cleaning of high traffic areas and facilities particularly in communal areas and at touch points including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Taps and washing facilities ○ Toilet flush and seats ○ Door handles and push plates ○ Handrails on staircases and corridors ○ Lift controls ○ Machinery and equipment controls ○ All areas used for eating must be thoroughly cleaned at the end of each break, including chairs and tables ○ Telephone equipment, ○ Keyboards, photocopiers and other office equipment, classroom desks and chairs. • County cleaning tick sheet is being followed by all cleaning staff • Ensure each classroom and communal space (including spaces such as the Nest, staffroom, etc) have their own cleaning material and equipment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dettol type spray and suitable disposable cloths / paper towels ○ Boxes of tissues ○ A box of gloves (with spares stored centrally – currently in Medical room and small hall kitchen) ○ Liquid soap and hot water ○ Bin and box of liners (double bagged) • Additional cleaning has been secured (1 hr per day) • Bike sheds will be in use but parents to understand they use them at their own risk as they won't be cleaned. Also, only touch their own bikes - to maintain a one-way systems parents to collect bikes before collecting children or children walk all the way round and across the car park (which is locked) and through the bottom gate to maintain the one way system 	<p>In the case of a child or adult testing positive for COVID-19, their designated classroom, office or working space must be secured and undergo a thorough clean immediately.</p> <p>Ensure the COSHH risk assessment for cleaning/caretaker activities has identified the correct process and PPE to be worn.</p> <p>Consider whether any additional play equipment or outside spaces (e.g. forest school) can be used and how thorough hand washing can be maintained.</p>	All adults in addition to usual cleaning staff.	03.09.2020	March 2021
Lunchtime Catering facilities	<p>All children and adults.</p> <p>Infection of the virus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Onsite catering to resume - hot meals delivered to the classroom in boxes, Names on boxes and separate trollies for each class (to ease pinch points and high risk areas) • Children to eat lunches in classroom, at own desk • All lunch is in a wipeable box 		All adults All children All parents	03.09.2020	March 2021

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disinfect area after eating All children to bring a water bottle from home – there will be no cups available at the sinks 				
Fire Safety	All children and adults.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional Risk Assessments must continue to be in place for pupils that access the school site with additional needs. Ensure all emergency escape routes and doors are fully operational and kept clear. Reminders to staff and pupils that if the fire alarm is activated that they must keep their distance as much as possible when at their designated evacuation point. All usual evacuation procedures to be followed as per existing policies. 	<p>All staff to review evacuation procedures in light of adapted working environments.</p> <p>Staff to review procedures with children on entry as appropriate.</p>	All staff All children	03.09.2020	March 2021
Access/egress of school buildings	All children, adults and parents. Infection of the virus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One-way traffic through designated gates and external doors to avoid face to face passing. Face Masks will be worn by all staff in corridors and other communal areas Where possible, external and internal doors to be propped open to reduce the need for touching (all other fire protection measures must be adhered to). Sanitiser stations available at key points around the building. All children required to wash hands thoroughly using designated facilities once inside the building. Increased cleaning of handles and touch plates. Staggered collection times and designated exit doors for each class group will reduce the concentration of parents collecting children and congestion in known pinch points around the school site. Parents prohibited from entering the school building and given clear guidance (markers on ground near to entrance doors/pathways along with appropriate signage) as to where they should drop their children off and where to collect. Limited access to the staffroom and staff to bring their own mugs – 6 only, allocated seats – additional areas made in small hall and outside courtyard Everything must go through the dishwasher – no washing up! 	<p>Priority must be given to disabled users and those identified as having health related issues.</p> <p>Provide further relevant guidance and signage for parents about drop off and pick up arrangements and one-way system if necessary.</p> <p>Additional staff required to supervise perimeter gates and ensure appropriate flow of people.</p> <p>Ongoing messages to children and parents to promote appropriate social distancing beyond the school buildings.</p>	All staff All parents All children	03.07.2020 05.01.2021	March 2021
First Aid & medical needs	All children and adults. Infection of the virus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where there may be limited staff, the requirement to provide suitable first aid cover to all staff and students has been assessed with suitable first aid or paediatric first aid provided. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALL staff hold at least Emergency First Aid qualifications. Access to first aid facilities is maintained and the school is suitably stocked with first aid equipment and supplies. 	The HSE have announced a three-month extension to the validity of the following qualifications if the first aider to requalify because of the coronavirus:	All staff	8/6/2020	March 2021

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALL classroom areas have individual first aid kits removing the need for shared equipment between class groups. • Staff or pupils with medical needs have been assessed and relevant consents are in place. Staff have been trained in the use of medications and increased level of control applied, to include the use of PPE if required. • Review of the First Aid policy to include consideration of the risk of infection of COVID-19. • Any child needing anti-biotics will be encouraged to amend times so this can be given at home. • Any First Aid which is minor – children encouraged to wipe or apply ice pack themselves • Any child or member of staff displaying symptoms of COVID-19 to be isolated in the meeting room, immediately and arrangements made for them to be sent home and a test applied for. PPE equipment to be worn by staff members dealing with the child or staff. Encourage to get tested for bubble safety. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents and staff made aware of necessity to isolate and for how long 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Aid at Work • Emergency First Aid at Work • Paediatric First Aid <p>Plus, training booked for October – completed in November but only one from each KS and will be rolled out for all, in staggered sessions to minimise risk of outbreak / all TAs needing to isolate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Paediatric First Aid 			
Waste	All children and adults. Infection of the virus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure all waste bins are present in key strategic positions within all designated class group and staff working areas. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ both in school buildings and in external areas • Unlidded bins to be double bagged and emptied when no more than half full to avoid spillages of contaminated waste. • Chn. and adults reminded NOT to remove any item from the bins or insert hands inside. 	Staff to ensure they wear protective gloves and wash hands immediately after carrying out disposal of bins and other waste.	All staff	03.09.2020	March 2021
Break/Lunch times	All children and adults. Infection of the virus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staggered break and lunchtimes to create more space to enable promotion of appropriate distancing between children. • Children will be in class bubbles, rather than year group • All bubbles have their own times for all breaks • Staggered break and lunchtimes to minimise cross-contamination between class groups. • Reduction and isolation of equipment available for each group to avoid cross-contamination between groups and reduction of cleaning required. • Any benches / fixed equipment that could be used by more than one bubble to be removed or taped off • No equipment to be used in Spring 2 		All staff	03.09.2020 05.01.2021	March 2021
Staff/pupils within the shielded group	All children and adults. Infection of the virus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinically Extremely Vulnerable Staff will be working from home • All other staff must be present – any staff who is clinical vulnerable has an individual risk assessment • All staff may wear visors and/ or Face Masks - school is able to provide these see additional protocol and will wear one in congestion / communal areas 		Head SLT Safeguarding Team	03.09.2020	March 2021

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Contractors	All site users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All contractors must provide a suitable and sufficient risk assessment for the activities they carry out which must include COVID-19. Any contractual work which is not essential will only take place once the lockdown restrictions have been lifted All planned/reactive maintenance to be carried out preferably out of hours unless appropriate social distancing can be maintained. 		Site Manager Office Team Head	Ongoing	March 2021
Property Compliance	All site users Other diseases, infections and injury.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school has ensured that relevant property statutory compliance checks have been completed and records updated. These will continue throughout the lockdown period, even once schools have resumed but lockdown is still in place 		Site Manager	Ongoing	March 2021
Hygiene	All children and adults. Infection of the virus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school has a suitable supply of soap and access to warm water for washing hands. Appropriate controls are in place to ensure the suitable sanitisation of pupil's hands following breaks, before meals and following the use of toilets. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff aware of procedures and communicating this with children regularly Sign and poster reminders in appropriate places 	Additional supplies have been increased in preparation for a fully functioning school potentially still in an increased cleaning situation.	Site Manager Office Manager All staff and children All parents	Ongoing	March 2021
Accident reporting COVID-19 incidents		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Health & Safety Executive have recently updated the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences regulations (RIDDOR) to include the requirement to report possible or actual exposure to the COVID-19 virus as a result of, or in connection with, a work activity. For further advice and guidance the school will liaise with the appropriate Trust officer. 		Office Manager Head	Ongoing	March 2021
Administrative & other office based staff	All office based staff. Infection of the virus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strict one-in-one-out management of visitors into the main reception area, although visitors will be limited to those deemed as absolutely necessary, e.g Safeguarding ONLY Safeguarding visitors will be allowed onsite This applies in Spring 2 too Only parents and other visitors with pre-arranged appointments to be permitted unless in exceptional circumstances. This will not be the case in January continues in spring 2 		Office staff Office Manager Head	03..09.2020 05.01.2021	March 2021
Personal Protective Equipment	All children and adults. Infection of the virus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personal Protective Equipment should not be used as an alternative to social distancing and effective hygiene and cleaning routines and procedures, except where there is no other practical solution. Where close proximity working (e.g. EYFS (or other) staff supporting the intimate care of young children, or when dealing with a child or adult displaying symptoms of COVID-19) is required, the school will assess the need to issue employees with appropriate Personal Protective Equipment. Re-usable PPE should be thoroughly cleaned after use and not shared between staff. 		All staff	Ongoing	March 2021

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Behaviour	All children and adults (inc. parents and carers). Infection of the virus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff, pupil and parental behaviour and cooperation will be the key to implementing all of the control measures. • School will carry out inductions to inform staff and pupils of the changes. • School will inform parents with suitable guidance around entry to/exit from the school site and their responsibilities for supervision of children whilst on site and when journeying to and from school. • Encourage staff and parents to cooperate with government plans for contact tracing. 	It may be necessary to include a further addendum to the school's existing Behaviour Policy (Headteacher)	All staff All pupils All parents	03.09.2020	March 2021
Additional Educational Provision <i>Previously this was within the main RA but due to the heightened level of risk and the additional challenges this is now a separate section</i>	All Cabin pupils and staff Infection of the virus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children from the Cabin will be encouraged to attend their classes • If they cannot they need to be in their designated Cabin space and not in the corridors or other spaces, such as the library • The same member of staff will attend the lessons – to keep class bubbles to a minimal. • Children will only be able to access the space made available to them, except at Break and Lunchtime, when they would join one class bubble with one, same member of staff (this will be reviewed after the first day) • All Cabin Staff will arrive and leave the Cabin without their own children present • Cabin staff, like the rest of school will wear face coverings as appropriate but always in communal areas. 	Reviewed after first two weeks	SD, PA and JSH	05.01.2020, reviewed 15.01.2021	March 2021
School Staffroom	All staff. Infection of the virus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrangements should be made to ensure the staffroom and other staff communal working areas are not overcrowded maximum of 6 and social distancing can be achieved e.g. staggered lunch times for staff working with class groups. Staffroom will be limited to 6, in the designated spaces provided, with high ventilation and alternative areas on offer, such as the small hall A track and trace system is in place in both staff areas, to ensure that if a member of staff tests positive others can be traced to try and suppress an outbreak Everything must be brought from home and the dishwasher used. • Cleaning equipment provided for high contact items e.g. kettle, microwave oven, dining table, etc. 		Site Manager All staff	03.09.2020 05.01.2021	March 2021
Spread of Coronavirus between and adults and children	All children and adults	<p>To add an extra layer of protection against the spread of the virus, all staff to carry out an antigen test each Sunday evening (or the evening before first day of working week if part-time) and a Wednesday evening.</p> <p>If positive, the adult will self-isolate immediately and complete an NHS PCR test. If this result is produced on a Wednesday contact tracing will immediately be put into action and if the member of staff is in a bubble, this will close, and everyone in the bubble will need to self-isolate for 14 days</p>	Advice and monitoring support from Trust Leads All staff to follow instructions from NHS and HT	SD	22.01.2021	In place and ongoing

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		Results will be reported to the NHS, via the website www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result and an MS Teams form, so the HT has their own school record. ALL OTHER PROTECTIVE MEASURES MUST STILL BE ADHERED TO!				

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Useful Guidance

The Government Guidance for implementing protective measures in educational and childcare settings can be found [here](#)

The NASUWT has also produced a useful checklist for reopening of schools which can be found [here](#).

CLEAPSS [Guide to doing practical work in a partially reopened school Science](#)

CLEAPSS [Guidance for science departments returning to school after an extended period of closure](#)

Conducting a SEND risk assessment during the coronavirus outbreak guidance can be found [here](#)

COVID-19: guidance on supporting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing can be found [here](#)

General staff and pupil advice on limiting the spread of coronavirus in the Educational Setting

Government advice is clear PPE, including facemasks should be taken into account where employees could be put at risk. The use of such PPE does not replace or reduce the need to follow the government guidance in relation to hygiene practices

Frequently clean and disinfect objects and surfaces that are touched regularly, using your recommended cleaning products.

- Wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds.
- Use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.
- Staff and Pupils should wash their hands as soon as they get to school and when they arrive home, after they blow their nose, cough or sneeze, before they eat or handle food.
- Cover mouth and nose with a tissue or a sleeve (not hands) when you cough or sneeze.
- Put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards.

Handwashing techniques advice can be found [here](#)