



REDCAR AND CLEVELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL RISK ASSESSMENT

As required by the Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999



Type of Work: Covid19 Risk Assessment

Building: Lingdale Primary School

Date: March 2021

Assessment carried out by: Sarah Thornton

Who is at Risk? Pupils, Employees, Contractors and Visitors

Covid-19 may be present in minute water droplets that are expelled from the body through sneezing, coughing, talking and breathing. The virus can be transferred to hands and from there to a surface. It can survive on surfaces for a period after transfer. Most people infected with the virus experience disease with mild or moderate symptoms, however a significant minority become very unwell requiring hospitalisation and for some the disease can be fatal. The risk of serious disease and death are unevenly distributed, the population groups at increased risk are; older people, people with pre existing health conditions, men and people from BAME communities.

The control measures follow the basic principles outlined in the current advice by government around safe social distancing, hand and respiratory hygiene, self awareness of risk groups and of symptoms of high temperature, a new continuous cough and anosmia which require self isolation for the house and household contacts.

HAZARD		RISK			CONTROL MEASURES		Residual Risk L, M, H.	
Identified Hazards	Hazard Effect	Probability. L, M, H.	X	Severity L, M, H.	=	Risk Rating L, M, H.		Actions Taken to Reduce Risk
HYGIENE & DISTANCING								
<i>Not maintain g staff health and wellbeing</i>	Increased risk of others contracting /spread of coronavirus , illness, fatality, exacerbation of existing medical conditions	M	X	H	=	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make available a thermometer to allow staff to check their temperature. • If any child or member of staff presents a temperature of 38 degrees celsius or above they should go home and arrange a test. • If staff are clinically vulnerable or ECV and need to be in work, they will be offered the safest role possible. • Well being (briefing) offered to staff weekly 	L

Lack of hand hygiene	Increased risk of contracting /spread of coronavirus , illness & fatality	M	X	H	=	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure children and staff regularly wash hands with soap and water via briefing & signage • If soap and water isn't immediately available, hand sanitiser will be used • Hand sanitisers will be in situ in various locations around the site • Hand sanitiser will be available at reception and all cloakrooms/classes 	L
Not maintaining social distancing guidance	Increased risk of contracting /spread of coronavirus , illness & fatality,	M	X	H	=	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff are reminded of social distancing rules via staff briefing & signage • Keep left system around school (where appropriate) • If staff feel unwell at any time, they must remove themselves from the area immediately, informing HT/AHT • All staff to wear masks unless in bubbles. They are also advised to wear masks when working within 2m of any individuals. • Staff should keep out of colleagues' workspaces wherever possible • Kitchen staff to wear gloves and masks at all times when touching and preparing food. • All parents to (unless exempt) wear masks at drop off and pick up times. All parents MUST also wear mask on entering building. Signs to be displayed in and around the site. Lanyards for those exempt are encouraged. • All parents must stick to drop off and pick up times and move away from site quickly once children have been collected. • Parents must exit via the steps or use the one way system around the back of school at 3pm. • Drop off arrangements on a morning are that all children in Y1-6 are left at the gate which is manned by staff. Parents must keep left and follow the arrows to exit school grounds. • Children in Little Explorers and Reception can drop off at doors but not enter the building. • Social distancing lines and marks are in place around the site to help parents keep socially distanced. 	L
Uncontrolled contact with others	Increased risk of contracting /spread of coronavirus , illness & fatality	M	x	H	=	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff should not enter other bubbles unless arrangements have been made with SLT • Where possible children will sit in rows and be supported personally by adults from behind or working side by side. • Keep in left lane around site where possible • Reducing the amount of people that a person has contact with by using 'bubbles' 	L

Number of pupils in bubbles	Increased risk of contracting /spread of coronavirus , illness & fatality	M	X	H	=	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School organised to reduce movement around site. • One class at a time in the dining hall, Reception to eat lunch in classroom • Social distancing between adults promoted at all times • Where space allows, teachers may have clearly marked teaching zone in classrooms which is not accessible to pupils • Children should not cross bubbles 	L
Lack of social distancing arrangements when entering and exiting building	Increased risk to personnel from transmission of virus	M	X	H	=	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 pupil entrances manned by staff, 2 Year old, EYFS, 2 playground entrances, 5 pupil exits manned by staff • 1 staff entrance • Staggered start and finish times to limit number of persons accessing or leaving building at one time. Staff MUST wear masks on arrival and seeing the children out. • Older children are encouraged to walk home or meet their parents/ carers at pre arranged locations on the perimeter of the site. • Office staff to keep glass closed to communicate with any essential visitors. • Script on wall should be asked before any essential visitors are allowed access (oral questionnaire) – Adele • Disposable sticker visitors’ badges to be used (in place of lanyards) and visitors should wash their hands in front toilet/hand gel • Staff to use electronic scan ID passes to sign in and out • Deliveries/ mail can be opened with disposable gloves, packaging to be disposed of and any surfaces that have been in contact with mail/parcel should be cleaned 	L
Lack of social distancing arrangements in corridors	Increased risk to personnel from transmission of virus	M	X	H	=	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff advised to use fobs and elbow for opening door release where possible. • Clear ‘left lane’ traffic around school as needed. • Wherever possible, meetings will take place remotely via Teams or in the big hall • Vision screens in door kept clear at all times • Caretaker will open and secure all utilised doors before the staff arrive. All key doors will have a maglock that can close upon activation of the fire alarm. 	L
Lack of Social distancing arrangements in work spaces	Transmission of Covid19 virus	M	X	H	=	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children will be divided into 5 class bubbles within school • Lunch systems will differ across school FS2 will have lunch daily in the classroom at 11.30, Y1/2 at 11.30 in dining hall, second sitting is ¾ 11.55-12.15 and 5/6 12.20 – 12.45pm – cleaning in place after each bubble • Suitable ‘keep in the left lane’ signposted. • Staff and children are instructed to remain within designated areas of the building. • Desks where possible will be forward facing, with staff offering support from behind or alongside staff. 	L

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Increased risk of transmission in toilets	Transmission of Covid19 virus	M	X	H	=	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff and children reminded to follow good hand and respiratory hygiene practice at all times. All areas will be adequately stocked with required supplies. Handwashing instructions and posters are displayed throughout workplace. Social spaces will be marked out and social distancing should be promoted at all times. One at a time in the toilets. SLT & lunch staff will attend to the toilets throughout the day with cleaning of frequently touched surfaces such as door handles, toilet flush handles, light switches, etc. They will also ensure that there is an adequate supply of soap and paper towels. 	L
Risk of transmission in welfare facilities including social time, kitchen facilities and rest areas	Transmission of Covid19 virus	M	X	M	=	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breaks will be staggered to reduce the number using the facilities. Kettles, microwaves etc should be wiped down after use. Gloves to be used when giving out fruit or filling water bottles. Disposable towels only, no dish cloths or tea towels. Staff to maintain social distancing in the staff room during break/lunch times – max in staffroom 4 adults maintaining 2m distance at all times. Eat in bubbles where possible. Staff are asked to wear masks in communal areas and corridors of school, that involve contact with colleagues. 	L
Risk of transmission from contaminated surfaces	Transmission of Covid19 virus	M	X	H	=	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hand washing facilities available in all areas of building containing hot water and soap. Hand sanitising stations also available at strategic points throughout the building. Frequent cleaning throughout the day of objects and surfaces that are touched regularly, such as door handles and keyboards- record on log sheets Cleaning materials available to allow staff to clean workstations before and after use. Specific cleaning procedure detailed in further controls should be followed if person with suspected Covid19 has been in the area. Children must not bring books, toys or unnecessary equipment from home into school Children have their own fully resourced pencil case and will not need to share Reading books will be issued to go home and upon return will be safely quarantined before returning to circulation. Each bubble has their own outdoor play equipment which is colour coded and put away after use. 	L

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Increased risk of transmission during meetings	Transmission of Covid19 virus	M	X	H	=	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where possible, meetings will be held using TEAMS within minimum paperwork. If meetings must be held in face to face, they can be held outside or in the hall ensuring social distancing. Hand sanitiser to be made available. Windows/ doors should be opened prior to the meeting to aid ventilation. Cleaning procedures should be implemented following the meeting 	L
Ignorance of procedures leading to lack of compliance with safety measures	Increased risk of virus transmission	M	X	H	=	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All staff to receive a briefing highlighting all control measures and required to sign off on code of conduct and school risk assessments. Handwashing posters to be displayed alongside handwashing facilities. Floor markings to be used to demarcate social distancing in and around the building. 	

MEDICAL

Staff infected with Covid19 virus attending.	Spread of illness throughout workforce	M	X	H	=	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents and staff are asked to inform HT/office immediately by telephone if they or their family have any symptoms of coronavirus. Any children or staff displaying these symptoms should follow published guidance on self-isolation procedure and secure a test sharing the outcome with school. A record should be kept of any contact unwell person may have had in case of a positive test outcome. If a child or member of staff becomes unwell in the workplace with COVID 19 symptoms (a new, continuous cough, a high temperature, loss of taste/ smell) they should be sent home immediately and advised to follow Government advice to get a test and self-isolate. The isolation room to be used whilst waiting for parents to collect children. Staff in isolation room to wear PPE and keep 2m distance at all times. All surfaces that a symptomatic person has come into contact with must be cleaned and disinfected immediately, especially objects visibly contaminated with body fluids and all potentially contaminated high-contact areas such as toilets. Staff to test using lateral flow tests twice a week and report results to HT 	L
Arrangements for		M	X	H	=	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personal Risk Assessment will be completed for vulnerable staff. 	L

workers who fall within groups considered to be higher risk	Increased risk to staff from transmission of virus							
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	Risk of others contracting coronavirus, illness & fatality	M	X	H	=	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPE pack will be made available in every bubble- disposable gloves, aprons and face masks • If needed, staff will wear the appropriate PPE following guidance on safe use • Used PPE will be disposed of in the correct manner • Between each change of PPE, hands will be washed with soap and water if readily available, or hand sanitiser • Where a COVID 19 case is suspected in the building, used PPE should be placed in clinical waste and stored for 72 hours prior to placing in rubbish skip. • Staff may wear masks in bubbles if they wish and social distancing is difficult. 	L
Impact of school closure, reopening and covid-19 on mental health	Decrease of emotional wellbeing	M	x	M	=	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers to thoroughly explain protocols and routines include daily mindfulness & emotional wellbeing tasks. • Frequent outdoor activities where possible 	L
Lack of contact details to facilitate effective track and trace system leading to higher risk of virus spread	Increased risk of uncontrolled transmission of virus	M	X	H	=	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QR code posters to be produced and displayed in each building to facilitate NHS Covid-19 App usage. • All visitors are to be asked to check in using Mobile phone app – Adele to check • All staff and visitors are also to sign into buildings on ipad. Wipes to be used after use. 	As low as reasonably practicable

CLEANING

Unsatisfactory Cleaning of site.	Increased risk of contracting/spread of coronavirus, illness & fatality	M	X	H	=	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level of cleaning regime on site is increased Hard surfaces (handles/surfaces) will be cleaned regularly throughout the day – see log sheet Cleaning stations are placed around the site so that staff can cleanse an area before and after they use it Hand sanitisers will be in situ in various locations around the site 	L
Risk of transmission in welfare facilities including kitchen facilities and rest areas	Increased risk of contracting/spread of coronavirus, illness & fatality	M	X	H	=	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staggered breaks to reduce the number using the facilities. Restrict the number of people using kitchens and rest areas at any one time. Maximum occupancies (1 person every 2m) identified on the door. Vision panels in doors kept clear at all times to assist staff in identifying visually if the capacity has been exceeded without opening the door. Taps/ kettle/ fridge to be used carefully Disposable towels only – no multi use towels. Kitchens provided with hand washing facilities with soap, disposable towels and hot running water. Spacing seats to ensure social distancing. Where possible, ask staff to bring their own food and drink. 	L
Risk of transmission from contaminated surfaces	Increased risk of contracting/spread of coronavirus, illness & fatality	M	X	H	=	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hand washing facilities available in all areas of building containing hot water and soap. Hand sanitising stations also available at strategic points throughout the building. These are maintained on a daily basis Frequent cleaning throughout the day of objects and surfaces that are touched regularly, such as door handles, children’s equipment and computers Thorough cleaning of all areas daily by cleaning staff. Specific cleaning procedure detailed in further controls should be followed if person with suspected Covid19 has been in area. 	L

VISITORS

Visitors to premises: Including Contractors and customers	Transmission of Covid19 virus	M	X	H	=	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One person at a time to use the front entrance and wear a mask Visitors will be restricted to essential visits only and must complete a pre entry verbal questionnaire and wash their hands in the front entrance. Sports after school clubs will be held outside . Deliveries may be left in the front entrance- staff will use gloves to open deliveries/mail 	L
Building maintenance and servicing	Increased numbers of personnel in building leading to	M	X	H	=	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular maintenance activities such as servicing and inspection regimes should be completed outside of normal operating hours. All maintenance staff to wash their hands upon entry. They will receive building specific briefing before being allowed on site to complete activities All Statutory checks/inspections to be completed prior to reoccupation. 	L

requirements.	increased risk of virus transmission							
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EMERGENCY PROCEDURES								
Changes in Emergency procedures due to building occupancy or layout.	Failure of emergency procedure leading to increased risk to personnel	M	X	H	=	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review emergency procedures to ensure that arrangements remain valid for Fire Safety including the numbers and locations of trained fire wardens and the validity of Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans considering social distancing measure where possible. Distancing should be maintained as far as possible during evacuation, bubbles should not mix at assembly points. There will not be a lockdown practice during this time but children should be prepared to know how to respond. Social distancing enforced where possible at assembly points. Each bubble to receive a first aid kit including PPE equipment. Method to dispose of suspect Covid 19 waste. Covid waste bin labelled in Isolation room 	L
FURTHER CONTROLS:								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All staff will receive information of the COVID 19 procedures Corridors and walkways are maintained clear and tidy 2 metre social distancing rules with adults will be met throughout the site Keep left system will be observed throughout the site Any confirmed cases of COVID 19 that have arisen from the workplace should be reported to RCBC Health & Safety Team immediately Signage/posters to confirm procedures/restrictions will be displayed across the whole site Further guidance is available at the following link https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/offices-and-contact-centres Self-isolation procedure guidance is available at the following link https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection Specific cleaning procedure following contact by person with suspected Covid19 is available at the following link https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings Latest guidance for first aiders from St Johns Ambulance is available at the following link https://www.sja.org.uk/get-advice/first-aid-advice/covid-19-advice-for-first-aiders/ Initial reviews of this risk assessment to be undertaken on a weekly basis to assess effectiveness of control measures and allow for adjustments to be made. 								
Probability Key:			Severity Key			Key:		Residual Risk
L = No Chance			L = No injury/Minor first aid			L X L = L		Low = Acceptable
M = Medium Chance			M = First aid treatment, Doctor or Hospital.			L X M = M		Medium & High
H = High Chance, Very High Chance			H = Major injury/Reportable Accident.			L X H = M		Requires additional
						M X M = M		Action to reduce risk
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To be completed by building manager undertaking the assessment								
At the time of producing this assessment, as far as I can reasonably foresee, the risks involved with this activity have been reduced as far as reasonably practicable.								Review date:
Signature: S Thornton			Position: Headteacher			Date: 5 th March 21		To be reviewed when appropriate by SLT

To be completed by the Senior Manager:

I consider this risk assessment to be suitable and sufficient to control the risks to the health and safety of both employees undertaking the tasks involved and any other person who may be affected by the activities.

Name: Sarah Thornton

Job Title: Headteacher

Signature: S Thornton

Date: 5th March 2021