

Coronavirus/Covid-19 Risk Assessment Template for Nurseries, Schools and Out of School Settings from September 2021

School/Setting name:	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Highgate Hill, London N19 5NE		
Persons covered by this assessment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pupils ▪ Staff ▪ Contractors ▪ Parents, carers and visitors 		
Tasks and activities covered by this risk assessment:	Activities (term time or holiday time) organised by the school/setting <i>(other providers using the school's premises must undertake their own risk assessment, collaborating with the school to ensure all the school's controls are followed)</i>		
Equipment and materials used:	General educational and play materials – <i>this risk assessment supplements the school's/setting's standard risk assessments for other hazards relating to activities e.g. classroom risk assessments, playground risk assessments, sports/PE risk assessments, science risk assessments, design & technology risk assessments.</i>		
Location(s) covered by this risk assessment:	Activities on the school/settings premises <i>(additional risk assessments required for educational visits – the school's usual arrangements e.g. the EVOLVE platform, should be used to risk assess and record visits).</i>		
Name of person completing this risk assessment:	Angela Noronha	Date of completion:	07/09/2021
Risk assessment approved by:	Paul Lasok	Date of approval:	08/09/2021
Date risk assessment to be reviewed by:	01/10/2021	Risk assessment no:	2

Record of risk assessment reviews

Review Date	Reviewed by:	Comments / date of next review:	Amendments included:
01/10/2021	A. Noronha	All controls remain relevant. Next Review: 01/12/2021	N/A

Background

This risk assessment will consider the risks to children, staff and others while the coronavirus, leading to Covid-19 infection is in circulation in the general community in the UK.

Note: this risk assessment only addresses hazards directly related to physical exposure to Coronavirus/Covid-19. The setting should separately consider non-physical hazards e.g. stress to staff and hazards not directly related to exposure to the virus, e.g. working at home, catering, including food preparation and building management arrangements. They should also risk assess their activities in the usual way and ensure all building, facilities and equipment is in good condition. All maintenance and inspection must be up-to-date

Hazard – Coronavirus, leading to the illness Covid-19, is spread in water droplets or aerosols that are expelled from the body through sneezing, coughing, talking and breathing. Persons can become infected by inhaling the droplets, if close to an infected person, or the aerosol, if in a poorly ventilated room/space with an infected person. The virus can be transferred to the hands and from there to surfaces. It can survive on surfaces for a period after transfer (depending on such things as the surface type, its moisture content and temperature).

The government's guidance, on which this template is based is,

Schools - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/schools-covid-19-operational-guidance>

Early Years – <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures/actions-for-early-years-and-childcare-providers-during-the-covid-19-pandemic>

Out of School Settings - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/protective-measures-for-holiday-or-after-school-clubs-and-other-out-of-school-settings-for-children-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/covid-19-actions-for-out-of-school-settings>

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1	Person with coronavirus infection attends setting	All – by close contact, being in poorly ventilated spaces or touching contaminated objects	Staff and parents are informed of the symptoms of possible coronavirus infection, e.g. a cough, high temperature, loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste of smell (anosmia) and are kept up-to-date with national guidance about the signs, symptoms and transmission of coronavirus. Clear instructions, both in pre-attendance literature and as signage at entrance, that nobody (pupil, staff, parent, carer, visitor etc) should attend the setting (they must isolate at home) if, i. they have symptoms of COVID-19. ii. they have tested positive by either LFD or PCR. Staff and pupils with a positive LFD test result should self-isolate in line with the stay at home guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection . They will also need to get a free PCR test to check if they have COVID-19. Whilst awaiting the PCR result, the individual should continue to self-isolate.	Public Health Presentation shared with staff by AN. Staff informed of changes to procedures on INSET Day. Updated letter sent to Parents & Carers via ParentPay, prior	AN SLT LP SBM	01/09/2021 01/09/2021	01/09/2021 01/09/2021

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			<p>iii.they have been instructed to self-isolate as a close contact by NHS Track and Trace or the NHS Covid app, unless exempted (all children under 18 years and 6 months are exempted)</p> <p>iv.they are in quarantine after travelling abroad.</p> <p>The isolation period for the positive case following a positive result includes the day symptoms started for the symptomatic person, or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms, whether this was a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) or Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test), and the next 10 full days. If a member of the household starts to display symptoms they will need to start their 10 day isolation period and book a test.</p> <p><i>In all cases where a person is identified as a close contact, including being a household member, of a positive case (regardless of whether they are required to self-isolate), they are strongly advised to take up the offer of a PCR test.</i></p>	to start of new school year.			
2	Poorly ventilated spaces leading to risks of coronavirus spreading	All	<p>You should identify any poorly ventilated spaces as part of your risk assessment and take steps to improve fresh air flow in these areas, giving particular consideration when holding events where visitors such as parents are on site, for example, school plays.</p> <p>Ensure all indoor spaces are well ventilated. Where practical, windows should be left open or suitable air conditioning used in line with the HSE's guidance (see-https://www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/equipment-and-machinery/air-conditioning-and-ventilation/index.htm).</p> <p>If possible, open windows as wide as possible for at least 15 minutes before a session and between sessions.</p> <p>If participating in music or sports indoors, it is particularly important that ventilation is good.</p>	Remind staff to ensure windows are opened/ remain open at the start of each day.	AN SLT	01/09/ 2021	01/09/ 2021

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3	Contracting or spreading coronavirus by not washing hands adequately and not observing good respiratory hygiene	All	<p>Infection control procedures are adhered to as much as possible in accordance with the DfE and PHE's guidance.</p> <p>Posters are displayed throughout the school reminding pupils, staff and visitors to wash their hands, e.g. before entering and leaving the school.</p> <p>Hands to be washed with soap and water (or hand sanitiser used if hand washing facilities not available),</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) On arrival. ii) After use of the toilet. iii) Before eating iv) After playing outside v) After sneezing vi) Before departure <p>Tissues to be available for all to be encouraged use the "Catch it, Bin it, Kill it approach" for coughing and sneezing.</p>	Staff reminded of Infection Control procedures on INSET day at start of term.	AN SLT	01/09/2021	01/09/2021
4	Getting or spreading coronavirus by not cleaning surfaces, equipment and workstations	All	<p>Enhanced cleaning in line with the guidance https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings</p> <p>This should include planned regular cleaning of all areas, including toys and equipment and additional cleaning of regularly touched surfaces, such as door knobs and hand rails.</p>	Premises Manager to clean all frequently touched surfaces x3 times during the school day.	MP Premises Manager	Daily	Daily
5	Contracting coronavirus from persons nearby or by direct (touching) contact	Staff and pupils	<p>Reception areas, where staff may come into contact with large numbers of adults from outside their household, the school may wish to enable 2 metre social distancing between staff and visitors or have clear screens at the reception desk.</p> <p>In areas usually only used by adults e.g. staff rooms, offices and meeting rooms, furniture should be arranged to prevent close face-to-face contact with each other.</p> <p>Staff should also be reminded to minimise their close face-to-face contact with others (pupils and adults) as far as practicable.</p>	Staff reminded of x2 lunch rooms – Staff room & Old Conference Room for overspill. Outdoor area for lunch available weather permitting.	AN SLT	01/09/2021	01/09/2021

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			If parents/carers/visitors etc are invited to attend the setting for an indoor activity, e.g. for a performance, exhibition of work or meeting, they should be asked to wash or sanitise hands on arrival and wear face coverings.	Parents generally only permitted to the outside areas of the school (up to the classroom door) at drop off and collection times. If invited to attend indoor events, school to provide disposable face covering for parents who are not exempt & have forgotten to bring their own face covering.	CB Medical Officer	On day of indoor activity for parents & carers.	
6	Clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) or pregnant persons	CEV or pregnant persons	CEV pupils should follow any advice given to them by their medical specialists. The school/setting should undertake a personal risk assessment with all CEV and pregnant staff and ensure they follow the current guidance, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For CEV staff - https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19 For pregnant staff - https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-advice-for-pregnant-employees/coronavirus-covid-19-advice-for-pregnant-employees 	N/A at present time. School to invite parents of newly admitted pupils & pregnant staff to inform CB, Medical Officer if CEV/ pregnant.	CB Medical Officer	As situation arises.	

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7	Contracting coronavirus from a person who develops symptoms while at the setting	All – by close contact, being in poorly ventilated spaces or touching contaminated objects	<p>School/setting establish a protocol,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Establish a location where the individual can be isolated until they can go home – location should be well ventilated. 2) Symptomatic person to be taken to the isolation location. 3) Supervising staff to be trained to maintain at least 2 metre social distancing from the symptomatic person. If the symptomatic person requires care at closer than 2 metres, staff should put on a disposable Type IIR fluid resistant surgical face mask, disposable gloves and disposable apron. After use the PPE should be removed and safely disposed of. 4) For pupils – parents/carers to be contacted to arrange collection. Pupils should either walk or be collected by a household member in a car (they should not use public transport). <p>For staff – go home or arrange to be collected (they should not use public transport – if they cannot walk, drive or be collected, they should get a black cab where the passenger is separated from the driver by a screen and wear a face covering at all times).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5) Clean the areas where the symptomatic person has been in line with the government’s guidance – see https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings#left-area <p>Symptomatic persons should be asked to arrange a PCR test as quickly as possible and to inform the setting of the result.</p> <p>If the positive case is in an early years setting or primary school where identifying close contacts may be difficult, a ‘warn and inform’ letter can be sent to parents of pupils in the same class advising them they may wish to book a PCR test for their child.</p>	<p>Ensure that all staff are aware of the location of the ‘Covid Room’ & protocol if symptomatic child or staff member is identified.</p> <p>Updated standard ‘Warn & Inform’ template letter to be saved on school Admin drive to avoid delays in informing parents & carers.</p>	<p>CB Medical Officer</p> <p>CB Medical Officer</p>	<p>01/09/2021</p> <p>When available on Islington CS</p>	01/09/2021

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8	Confirmed cases and Outbreaks in a setting	All	<p>Inform Camden and Islington Public Health on ciphadmin@islington.gov.uk of all positive cases and follow instructions for notifying the local authority published via IslingtonCS</p> <p>From September 2021 primary and secondary schools are to email: anthony.doudle@islington.gov.uk ; early years to email: fis@islington.gov.uk and special schools including alternative provision are to email: candy.holder@islington.gov.uk</p> <p>For more than one case follow instructions in the government guidance section "Stepping measures up and down" (call DfE on 0800 046 8687 option 1).</p> <p>Employers should call the Self-Isolation Service Hub on 020 3743 6715 as soon as they are made aware that any of their workers have tested positive. If cases amongst staff mean a setting meets the threshold, described below, employers will need to provide the 8-digit NHS Test and Trace Account ID (sometimes referred to as a CTAS number) of the person who tested positive, alongside the names of co-workers identified as close contacts.</p> <p>For most education and childcare settings, whichever of these thresholds is reached first:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 children, pupils, students or staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period; or • 10% of children, pupils, students or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period <p>For special schools, residential settings, and settings that operate with 20 or fewer children, pupils, students and staff at any one time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 children, pupils, students and staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period 				

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			<p>The school/setting should be prepared, if local conditions deteriorate, to implement additional controls e.g. to enable social distancing (e.g. reintroducing bubbles) and face mask wearing for adults and pupils over 11 in communal indoor spaces and/or classrooms at the request of the local Director of Public Health or the government.</p> <p><i>NHS Track and Trace will be contacting relevant persons to identify close contacts from 19 July 2021 onwards – the school/setting may be contacted by NHS to provide information.</i></p>	Staff, Parents & Carers informed that should an outbreak occur, the school will revert back to previous restrictions as advised by Public Health or the Government.	AN SLT	01/09/2021	01/09/2021
			<p>In order to minimise all above risks, eligible persons are encouraged,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To take up vaccines, when offered. 2) To participate in lateral flow testing (LFT) for asymptomatic persons and PCR programmes as advised. 	School to invite staff to indicate if they are not double vaccinated and record information if staff are happy to provide it. Staff to be reminded to continue with twice weekly Lateral Flow Testing.	CB Medical Officer	01/09/2021	01/09/2021