



St Giles' and St Georges C of E Academy COVID-19: Operational risk assessment for school reopening

Please note: this risk assessment has been undertaken in conjunction with the guidance on school reopening issued by the Department for Education as dated 2nd July 2020

Assessment conducted by:	C. Pointon	Job title:	Headteacher	Covered by this assessment	Staff, pupils, contractors, visitors, volunteers
Date of assessment:	07/07/2020	Review interval:	1 month	Date of next review:	Oct 2020

Risk matrix

Risk rating High (H), Medium (M), Low (L)		Risk rating		
		Probable	Possible	Remote
Likely impact	Major: Causes major physical injury, harm or ill-health.	H	H	H
	Severe: Causes physical injury or illness requiring first aid.	H	M	L
	Minor: Causes physical or emotional discomfort.	M	L	L



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disposable tissues available in classrooms. • Bins for tissues emptied during the day. • Control measures in place for staff and pupils who are clinically vulnerable or at higher risk. • Wellbeing curriculum and support in place for staff and pupils. • Grouping pupils together and avoiding contact between groups. • Social distancing maintained wherever possible between all adults on site. • Staff, pupils, parents and visitors informed of the measures in place to reduce transmission. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review COSHH assessment for hand sanitiser and cleaning materials. • Review cleaning schedules. include more frequent cleaning of touch points and shared rooms/areas. • Signage to promote hygiene and social distancing. • Review stocks of soap, hand sanitiser, number of hand sanitiser stations, tissues. • Consider if skin friendly cleaning wipes are needed for younger children and pupils with complex needs. • Review number, type and location of waste bins consider replacing with foot operated. • Minimise the number of contacts between staff and pupils • Individual risk assessments carried out for staff and pupils 		



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<p>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).</p>	<p>Staff and casualty. Transmission may occur when providing First Aid</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wash/sanitise hands before and after treating a casualty. Assist at a safe distance where possible, if they are capable instruct them to do things for you. Minimise time sharing a breathing zone. Wear appropriate PPE (such as disposable gloves, disposable apron). When directly treating people with symptoms of COVID-19 a fluid repellent surgical mask should be worn and eye protection may be needed where there is a risk of body fluids entering the eyes. <p>When performing CPR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call an ambulance Use chest compressions or defibrillator Use a cloth or towel to cover the casualty's mouth and nose while still permitting breathing Use PPE – gloves, apron, fluid repellent surgical mask, eye protection. 	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review first aid needs assessment and PPE requirements. First aiders instructed on the safe “donning and doffing” of PPE. Maintain stocks of PPE. Where this is not available contact LA. List of LA PPE suppliers communicated to schools. PPE Exchange can be used to help with finding a supplier. https://www.ppeexchange.co.uk/ <p>Resuscitation Council UK advice: https://www.resus.org.uk/covid-19-resources/covid-19-resources-general-public/resuscitation-council-uk-statement-covid-19</p>		M
<p>Paediatric advice - Resuscitation Council UK Statement: It is likely that a child having an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest will be known to you. We accept that doing rescue breaths will increase the risk of transmitting the COVID-19 virus, either to the rescuer or the child. However, this risk is small compared to the risk of taking no action as this will result in certain cardiac arrest and the death of the child.</p>						



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	<p>Staff Transmission may occur when supervising pupils taken ill with symptoms of COVID-19 and need direct personal care until they return home.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase ventilation in the room if possible. • PPE provided for supervising adult: • Fluid resistant surgical mask if a 2-metre distance cannot be maintained. • Where contact with the pupil is needed: Fluid resistant surgical mask, disposable gloves and disposable apron. 	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain stocks of PPE. • Supervising adult instructed on the safe “donning and doffing” of PPE. • Consider using first aiders to supervise to reduce numbers of staff who need access to PPE. 		M



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	Staff and pupil. Transmission may occur when staff administer medicines or supervise pupils who self-administer.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervising staff to maintain 2m social distance. 	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review medication plans to assess PPE requirements (if any) for staff administering medication. 		L

4. Tick (✓) if any of the identified hazards relate to any of the following specific themes:

Hazardous Substance	Manual Handling	Display Screen Equip	Fire	Work Equip / Machinery	Stress	Individual Person such as Young Person New/ Expectant Mother or Service User
✓			✓		✓	✓

If any are ticked a specific risk assessment form must be completed separately. For example a COSHH form must be completed if a hazardous substance is used.

5. Risk Rating



The risk rating is used to prioritise the action required. Deal with those hazards that are high risk first.

Risk Rating	Description	Action Priority
High	Where harm is certain or near certain to occur and/or major injury or ill-health could result	Urgent action
Medium	Where harm is possible to occur and/or serious injury could result e.g. off work for over 3 days	Medium priority
Low	Where harm is unlikely or seldom to occur and/or minor injury could result e.g. cuts, bruises, strain	No action or low priority action

6. Assessment

Signature of Assessor(s):
Print Name: Catherine Pointon

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Signature of Line Manager:
Print Name: Martin Alcock

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Date Assessed: 09/09/2020

Review Date: 09/10/2020

7. Communication and Review

This risk assessment should be communicated to all employees and relevant persons who may come into contact with the hazards being assessed. The assessment must be reviewed annually or following a significant change, accident or violent incident.