



Academic Year 2021/2022 Risk Assessment Form (Version 1).

COVID-19 RISK ASSESSMENT

School	All schools in the Wolds Learning Partnership				
Description of Task/Activity	Covid-19 – Post Step 4				
Persons at Risk	Staff, Pupils, Visitors and Contractors				
Risk Assessment Number	Covid-19 Version 11	Assessment Date	August 2021	Review Date	As and when required

Overview

Now the country has moved into Step 4 of the roadmap, the government will continue to manage the risk of serious illness from the spread of the Covid-19 virus. This new phase in the government’s response to the pandemic is to move away from the stringent restrictions on everyone’s day to day lives, towards advising people on how to protect themselves and others, alongside targeted interventions to reduce risk. As Covid-19 becomes a virus that we learn to live with, there is now a need to reduce the disruption to children and young people’s education – particularly given that the direct clinical risks to children are extremely low and every adult and children aged 16 and 17 years old have been offered the vaccine. Our priority is to deliver face to face, high quality education to all pupils. The evidence is clear that being out of education causes significant harm to educational attainment, life chances, mental physical health.

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Being infected by Covid-19 - Risk from environmental exposure, exposure to persons, transmission from touching contaminated objects.	Medium	<p>Mixing and ‘Bubbles’ It is no longer necessary to keep children in consistent bubbles.</p>	Low	<p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safe-working-in-education-childcare-and-childrens-social-care</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/schools-covid-19-operational-guidance#stepping</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-local-restrictions-in-education-</p>
	Medium	<p>Tracing close contacts and isolation School based contact tracing is no longer required, this ceased on 19th July 2021.</p> <p>From 16th August 2021, children under the age of 18 years old are no longer to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive Covid-19 case. They will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. The Trust encourages all staff and pupils to take a PCR test if advised to do so.</p> <p>18-year olds will be treated in the same way as children until 6 months after their 18th birthday to allow them the opportunity to become fully vaccinated. At which point, they will be subject to the same rules as adults and so if they choose not to get vaccinated, they will need to self-isolate if identified as a close contact.</p> <p>From 16th August 2021, there is no requirement for education staff who are fully vaccinated to self-isolate if they are a contact for a positive case. They will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. The Trust encourages all staff and pupils to take a PCR test if advised to do so.</p> <p>The Trust will continue to work with health protection teams in the case of a local outbreak. If there is an outbreak in a setting or if central government offers the areas enhances response package, a director of public health may advise the school temporarily introduce some control measures.</p>	Low	
	Medium	<p>Face Coverings From Step 4, face coverings will no longer be advised for pupils, staff and visitors either in the classrooms or communal areas.</p>	Low	

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	Medium	<p>On 19th July 2021, the government removed the requirement to wear face coverings in law but expects and recommends that they are worn in enclosed and crowded spaces where you may come into contact with people you don't normally meet. This includes public transport and dedicated transport to school.</p> <p>In the event of an outbreak, a director of public health may advise the Trust that face coverings should temporarily be worn in communal areas or classrooms by pupils, staff and visitors unless exempt.</p> <p>No pupil will be denied education on the grounds of whether they are or are not wearing a face covering.</p> <p>Increasing/Decreasing Measures The Trust will have a Management Outbreak Plan outlining how schools will operate if there were an outbreak in the school or local area.</p> <p>If there are several confirmed cases over a 14 -day period, this may be an outbreak. The Trust will call the dedicated advice service who will escalate the issue to the local health protection team where necessary and advise if any additional action is required, such as implementing the Management Outbreak Plan or elements of the plan. Contact details are DfE Helpline – 0800 046 8687, Option 1 for advice on action to take in response to a positive case.</p> <p>The contingency framework describes the principles of managing local outbreaks of Covid-19 in education and childcare settings.</p>	Low	<p>and-childcare-settings/contingency-framework-education-and-childcare-settings</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safe-working-in-education-childcare-and-childrens-social-care</p>
	Medium	<p>Personnel Hygiene</p>	Low	<p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-</p>

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	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are required to quarantine if arriving in England from abroad if required by any travel restrictions in operation. <p>Staff must book a test on the day on which symptoms are reported and confirmation send to HR. Failure to book a test on the day of symptoms are reported may result in staff being classed as absent therefore this will be unpaid.</p> <p>Pupils or staff reporting to the medical room with symptoms must have their names and contact details recorded and a follow up contact made to confirm that the individual has booked as test and instructed not to attend school until the results of the test have been confirmed. Staff and parents will be asked to inform the school of the results immediately.</p> <p>Any individual with symptoms should avoid public transport and wherever possible be collected from the school by a family member.</p> <p>Contactless thermometers will be available for any member of staff or pupil who feels unwell when in school and they will be isolated and sent home if they are showing a high temperature.</p> <p>Identified staff will be trained on responding to a suspected case of Covid-19 and also how to use PPE if required. If a pupil is waiting collection, they should be left in a room on their own if possible and safe to do so. A window should be open for fresh ventilation if possible. Appropriate PPE should be used if close contact is necessary. All rooms used should be cleaned after the individual has left.</p> <p>Asymptomatic Testing All pupils will be offered on-site lateral flow tests, 3 to 5 days apart on their return to school in September 2021. Pupils and staff should continue to undertake twice weekly home test until the end of September 2021 when this will be reviewed.</p>	Low	

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	Medium	<p>Pupils and staff with a positive LFT result should self-isolate in line with the stay at home guidance. They will also need to get a free PCR test to check if they have Covid-19. Whilst waiting for the PCR result, the individual should continue to self-isolate. If the PCR test is taken within 2 days of the positive LFT and is negative, it overrides the LFT and the individual can return to school as long as the individual does not have Covid-19 symptoms.</p> <p>Attendance In most cases, parents and carers will agree that a pupil with symptoms should not attend school, given the potential risk to others. If a parent or carer insists on a pupil attending school, a decision can be taken to refuse a pupil, in our reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible Covid-19 infection. The decision will be carefully considered in light of all the circumstances and current public health advice.</p> <p>Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) children and young people should attend school unless they are one of the very small number of children or young people under paediatric or other specialist care who have been advised by their GP or clinician not to attend school.</p>	Low	
	Medium	<p>Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) people are no longer advised to shield but may wish to take extra precautions to protect themselves, and to follow practical steps set out on the CEV guidance to minimise their risk of exposure to the virus.</p>	Low	
	Medium	<p>Educational Visits All schools will undertake a full and thorough risk assessment in relation to all educational visits and ensure that all public health advice, such as hygiene and ventilation requirements are included as part of the risk assessment.</p>	Low	

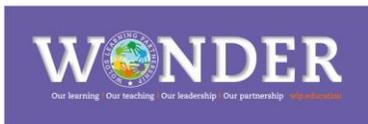


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		<p>Transport Transport services will continue to be provided as normal where pupils are travelling to school. It is recommended that face coverings are worn in enclosed and crowded spaces where you may come into contact with people you don't normally meet. This includes public transport and dedicated transport to school.</p>		

Assessor Name	Adele Pinder	Assessor Signature	Adele Pinder	Date	03 rd September 2021
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Responsible Persons Name	Responsible Persons Signature	Date
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Responsible Persons Name	Jonathan Britton (Accounting Officer) and Headteacher of named School.	Responsible Persons Signature	Jonathan Britton	Date	03 rd September 2021
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