

Coronavirus (COVID-19): risk assessment for pupils at school

Boughton-under-Blean & Dunkirk Methodist Primary School

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

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Awareness of policies and procedures	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All staff, pupils and volunteers are aware of all relevant policies and procedures including, but not limited to, the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health and Safety Policy - First Aid Policy • All staff have regard to all relevant guidance and legislation including, but not limited to, the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR) 2013 - The Health Protection (Notification) Regulations 2010 - Public Health England (PHE) (2017) 'Health protection in schools and other childcare facilities' - DfE and PHE (2020) 'COVID-19: guidance for educational settings' • The relevant staff receive any necessary training that helps minimise the spread of infection, e.g. infection control training. • The school keeps up-to-date with advice issued by, but not limited to, the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DfE - NHS - Department of Health and Social Care - PHE - The school's local health protection team (HPT) • Staff are made aware of the school's infection control procedures in relation to coronavirus via email, staff meeting on 14th July 2020 and 	Y	Headteacher/ SLT	04.01.2021	M

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		<p>INSET day on 1st September 2020. This is reiterated during weekly staff briefings, on the INSET day on Monday 2nd November 2020 and on the INSET on Monday 4th January 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents are made aware of the school's infection control procedures in relation to coronavirus via letter – they are informed that they must contact the school as soon as possible if they believe their child has been exposed to coronavirus. This is reiterated regularly in Headteacher newsletters (weekly). • Pupils are made aware of the school's infection control procedures in relation to coronavirus via their teacher and are informed that they must tell a member of staff if they begin to feel unwell. • Confidentiality is followed at all times – this includes withholding the names of staff, volunteers and pupils with either confirmed or suspected cases of coronavirus unless specifically agreed with the infected person. 				
Poor hygiene practice	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posters are displayed throughout the school reminding pupils to wash their hands, e.g. before entering and leaving the school, before mealtimes and after playtimes. • Pupils wash their hands with soap before entering and leaving the school, before and after break times and lunchtimes, before and after PE lessons for no less than 20 seconds. This is the same for Early Care, Twilight and Late Care. • Additional alcohol-based sanitiser (that contains no less than 60 percent alcohol) is provided for use when hand washing is not possible in all rooms in the school. 	Y	Headteacher/ SLT/ Site Manager	04.01.2021	M

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infection control procedures are adhered to as much as possible in accordance with the DfE and PHE's guidance • Sufficient amounts of soap (or hand sanitiser where applicable), clean water, paper towels and lidded waste disposal bins are supplied in all toilets, classrooms, mobiles, late care and kitchen areas. • Liquid soap dispensers are installed and used instead of bar soap. • Pupils are supervised by staff when washing their hands to ensure it is done correctly, where necessary. • Pupils do not share cutlery, cups or food. • Cleaners are employed by the school to carry out daily, thorough cleaning that follows national guidance and is compliant with the COSHH Policy and the Health and Safety Policy. • Regular cleaning of surfaces, door handles, shared resources, taps and sinks throughout the school day by classroom and office staff. Gloves and disposable aprons should be worn for this. • Enhanced cleaning to be undertaken where required – advice about enhanced cleaning protocols is sought from the local HTP. • Children are provided with their own set of stationery items that remain in school and are not shared with other pupils. Additional items such as pencil cases are not permitted to be brought in from home. • Children bring own drinking bottle into school each day which then goes home with them daily for cleaning. 				

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PE kits may be brought into school at the start of each term and remain in school until the end of term when it will be taken home to wash. Y5 and Y6 pupils attend school wearing their PE kit on designated PE lesson days. 				
Ill health	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff are informed of the symptoms of possible coronavirus infection, e.g. a cough, difficulty in breathing and high temperature, loss of taste/smell and are kept up-to-date with national guidance about the signs, symptoms and transmission of coronavirus. Any pupil who displays signs of being unwell is immediately referred to the school office Unwell pupils are moved to the medical room whilst they wait for their parent to collect Pupils displaying symptoms of coronavirus do not come in to contact with other pupils and as few staff as possible, whilst still ensuring the pupil is safe. The relevant member of staff calls for emergency assistance immediately if the pupil's symptoms worsen. The parents of an unwell pupil are informed as soon as possible of the situation by a relevant member of staff. Unwell pupils who are waiting to go home are kept in an area where they can be at least two metres away from others. Adults supervising unwell pupils will wear a face mask, gloves and a disposable apron. 	Y	Headteacher/ SLT	04.01.2021	M

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Areas used by unwell pupils who need to go home are thoroughly cleaned once vacated. Cleaning should be administered using a disposable cloth. Hard surfaces should be cleaned first with warm soapy water. Surfaces should then be cleaned with normal disinfectant products you normally use. Once cleaning is finished, these should be double-bagged, then stored securely for 72 hours then thrown away in the regular rubbish. Cleaning staff should wash their hands before starting cleaning and after they have disposed of their used PPE clothing. • If unwell pupils are waiting to go home, they are instructed to use different toilets to the rest of the school to minimise the spread of infection. This will be the disabled/ men's toilets. These will be cleaned thoroughly after use. • Parents are advised to contact 999 if their child becomes seriously ill or their life is at risk. • Any medication given to ease the unwell individual's symptoms, e.g. paracetamol, is administered in accordance with the Administering Medications Policy. • Phone Public Health England and explain the circumstances. PHE may suggest full and immediate closure for deep cleaning, or say that you can continue teaching. Confirmation in writing will be sought. • The areas that they have come from, e.g. classroom, kitchens, dining hall, toilets, circulation routes, need to be closed off. If this is 				

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		<p>not possible, then a thorough cleaning needs to be done on each area before it can be used by pupils or staff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff that are feeling unwell be sent home and if they need to be collected will do so in the isolation areas as would be the case for pupils. • If pupils or staff are showing symptoms of Covid, they will be expected to be tested before returning to school. If tests are unavailable to book due to high demand and shortages or if the person is unable to access tests, then the school may provide them with a home testing kit from their small supply. Trained staff will talk them through the testing process. 				
Spread of infection	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spillages of bodily fluids, e.g. respiratory and nasal discharges, are cleaned up immediately using PPE (face mask and gloves) at all times. • Pupils are instructed to cough or sneeze into their elbow and use a tissue to cover their mouths where possible, disposing of the tissue in waste disposal units. Promote 'Catch it, bin it, kill it' • Pupils clean their hands after they have coughed or sneezed. • Parents are informed via letter not to bring their children to school or on the school premises if they show signs of being unwell and believe they have been exposed to coronavirus. • Children who have displayed symptoms of coronavirus must self-isolate for 10 days before returning to school. 	Y	Headteacher/ SLT	04.01.2021	M

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From January 4th to 18th January the school is partially closed. Only the children of critical workers and vulnerable pupils are able to attend school. There will be no before or after school provision during this time. • During school hours, those pupils who are attending will remain in their year groups all day and will not mix with other groups. • Playtimes are staggered and held in multiple locations to avoid contact with other groups of pupils. YR will use their own outdoor space (10:30am). Y1 and Y2 will have theirs in the KS1 playground which will be divided into two zones (10:30am). Y3 and Y4 will have playtime on the KS2 playground which will be divided into zones (10:15am). Y5 and Y6 will have playtime on the KS2 playground which will be divided into zones (10:40am). • All pupils attending school during the partial closure will need to come to school with a packed lunch. Packed lunches will be eaten in classrooms, supervised by classroom staff. No school dinners will be provided at this time. • School day start and finish times are staggered to avoid contact with large numbers of pupils or parents. Multiple entry and exit points to the school premises are to be used and staggered timings for collection at the end of the day to avoid congestion in the alleyway from the school. YR pupils will arrive with their parents for 9:00am and meet in a zoned area on the KS2 playground finishing at 2:50pm, Y1 will arrive at the KS1 gate at 8:45am (waiting point in front car 				

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		<p>park) and finish at 3:15pm, Y2 will arrive at the KS1 gate at 8:35am (waiting point in front car park) and finish at 3:05pm, Y3 will arrive at the main gate at 8:35am and will finish at 3:05pm, Y4 will arrive at the main gate at 8:45am and will finish at 3:15pm, Y5 will arrive at the staff Car park single gate used by staff at 8:35am and finish at 3:05pm, Y6 will arrive at the Staff Car park double gates onto field at 8:45am and finish at 3:15pm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents have been advised to wear a mask while dropping off and picking up their children from the school grounds in a letter from the Headteacher on 6th November 2020. • Parents will be regularly reminded in newsletters about the need to remain socially distant during drop off and collection times. • No visitors will be permitted to visit the school during the period of partial closure. • There will be no collective worship during the partial closure. • Limit circulation around the school to avoid contact with other pupils or staff by remaining in classrooms allocated for use. • PE equipment that is shared between groups will be thoroughly cleaned before and after use. • Shared art/ science and maths resources will be carefully planned for. Resources will be cleaned between uses and will be left for the recommended time of 48 hours (72 hours for plastics) before they are used with another group. These items are clearly labelled with the last date of use. 				

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resources including stationery items used on a regular basis will not be shared between pupils. These will be provided for each pupil attending school and will be stored in an individual pencil case that remains in school. Electronic devices such as Chromebooks, laptops or iPads will be allocated to individual pupils for use during the time of partial closure. • Items permitted into school from home will be limited to a drinking bottle, school bag, coat and PE kit. • All soft toys and soft furnishings will be removed from use as these are not easily cleaned on a regular basis. • All other toys and learning equipment that cannot be easily cleaned will be removed from use e.g. LEGO. • Staggered use of staff communal areas including toilets and staffroom will be aided by the staggering of break times and lunchtimes. This is the responsibility of staff to manage. The female toilet door will be propped open to allow for staff to see if there are other people using the facilities. The staffroom should be avoided if there is not an ability to remain socially distanced. This is also the responsibility of staff to manage. • Allocation of toilets to particular groups of children including at break times and lunchtime (Yr- YR toilets- 1 cubicle, Y1- YR toilets- 2 cubicles, Y2- Y2 toilets, Y3 – Y3 toilets, Y4 – main toilets, Y5 - twilight toilets, Y6- orchard room toilets). 				

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep the school site well ventilated. Prop doors open, where safe to do so (bearing in mind fire safety and safeguarding). This is to limit any risk of cross-contamination from using door handles and aid ventilation. Class teachers should air out classrooms during break times and lunchtimes by keeping doors and windows open. • Equipment that is used by several staff communally, such as kettles, photocopiers etc, must be wiped down with alcohol wipes before and after each use. Schools will need to arrange for wipes to be placed near to where communal items are stored. You should check that alcohol wipes can be used on each item, and if not, you should withdraw it from use. • The school will be closed to parents (apart from the YR parents who will have their allocated zone in the KS2 playground at 9:00am and 2:50pm). Contact with the school office will be via email or telephone. There will be availability for socially distanced contact (2 metres) at the main school doors daily between 8:50am and 9:10am daily. Teaching staff are available each day at the start and end of the day on their allocated entry/exit point if parents should need to talk to them. • Consistent staff will be allocated to each class. They should remain in their allocated classroom as much as possible. • Visitors from outside agencies will be discouraged and where possible meetings conducted by telephone or video calling. • There will be no peripatetic music lessons during the partial closure to limit the number of people in school at any one time. • School will be closed to governors for the time being and meetings will be carried out via Zoom. 				

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Poor management of infectious diseases		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff are vigilant and report concerns about a pupil's symptoms to the school office. • The school is consistent in its approach to the management of suspected and confirmed cases of coronavirus. • Social distancing measures are implemented as much as possible and PPE is worn where dealing with suspected cases of coronavirus. • The Headteacher monitors the cleaning standards of school cleaners and discusses any additional measures required with regards to managing the spread of coronavirus. 	Y	HT/ SLT	04.01.2021	L
Lack of communication		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school office and all staff report immediately to the headteacher about any cases of suspected coronavirus, even if they are unsure. • The headteacher contacts the local HPT immediately about any suspected cases of coronavirus, even if they are unsure, and discusses if any further action needs to be taken. • Schools put into place any actions or precautions advised by their local HPT. • Schools keep pupils and parents adequately updated about any changes to infection control procedures as necessary. 	Y	HT/ SLT	04.01.2021	M

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Emergencies		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All pupils' emergency contact details are up-to-date, including alternative emergency contact details, where required. • Pupils' parents are contacted as soon as practicable in the event of an emergency. • Pupils' alternative contacts are called where their primary emergency contact cannot be contacted. • The school has an up-to-date First Aid Policy in place which outlines the management of medical emergencies – medical emergencies are managed in line with this policy. 	Y	HT/ SLT/ Office Staff	04.01.2021	L