

COLDFALL PRIMARY - COVID GENERAL RISK ASSESSMENT

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No	Hazard Description	Potential injury/damage	Persons at risk	Current preventative and protective measures	Risk Level	Further action required	Residual Risk Level
NO	(i.e. potential			P	(See		
	causes of injury/damage)				method)		
1.	Education setti	ngs must be able to achiev	e the following contro	Is as defined by the Departme	nt of Educ	ation before opening the scho	ool to a wider
	population.						
	The Risk Asse	ssment must be reviewed b	y Head Teachers poi	nt by point and where actions a	are implen	nented, they must be reworde	ed to show
		ls have been applied.					
				they should be placed in the F		ons Required column with a t	time frame
				cific settings should be deleted			
				tates: From 16 August, you wil	I not be rea	quired to self-isolate if you are	e a close
		eone with COVID-19 and a	ny of the following ap	ply:			
	 you are fully 	vaccinated					
	 you are below 	w the age of 18 years 6 mo	nths				
	 you have tak 	en part in or are currently p	art of an approved C	OVID-19 vaccine trial			
	 you are not a 	able to get vaccinated for m	edical reasons				
			ly vaccinated and une	der 18s identified as close cont	acts of pos	sitive coronavirus cases are a	dvised to get
	a free PCR tes	t as soon as possible.					
				se contact with a positive ca			
				to attend work (e.g., they are			
	,			atic, they must stay at home a	nd arrange	for a PCR test immediately (regardless
	of having alrea	dy had a negative PCR tes	t result).				
				vith someone who has tested			
	arranging a PC	CR test also take an LFD test	st every day for 7 day	s while they continue to attend	school or	work – testing should start fro	om when the



first person in the home tests positive as household transmission is very likely to happen. If at any time the student or staff member becomes symptomatic, they must stay at home and arrange for a PCR test immediately (regardless of having already had a negative PCR test result).

Increasing lateral flow testing – NEW LOCAL GUIDANCE FOR PRIMARY

Lateral flow device (LFD) testing is now recommended to children under the age of 12 and should be used as a preventative measure in the outbreak management response for primary schools starting from reception age (4 years old). This means, if a school reaches the threshold for activating their outbreak management plan, or there has been two or more cases within the class, all children within the class (or consistent group) should be asked to take a LFD test as soon as it is possible to do so – and repeat the LFD test 3 days later. Families should still arrange for a PCR test.

If there has only been a single case within a class, and the school have identified very close contacts to the positive case (e.g., only a small number of students have been identified such as those sitting at the same table), the school should ask the very close contacts to take an LFD test as soon as it is possible to do so – and repeat the LFD test 3 days later. PCR testing for the very close contacts would also still be advised

Primary schools should encourage families to pick up a lateral flow testing kit from a local pharmacy or library but do also have the option of ordering additional lateral flow kits to the school. Some schools may wish to order additional testing kits to hand out to those families whom they think are less likely to collect one.

Increasing lateral flow testing – NEW LOCAL GUIDANCE FOR SECONDARY

Secondary students who are identified as close contacts to a positive case, should in addition to arranging a PCR test, take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days while they continue to attend school. If at any time the student becomes symptomatic, they must stay at home and arrange for a PCR test immediately (regardless of having already had a negative PCR test result).

Children aged under five years old are not required to take a test unless the positive case is within their household.

Fully vaccinated means that you have received your final dose of an MHRA- approved COVID-19 vaccine in the UK vaccination programme at least 14 days prior to contact with a positive case.

Anyone who tests positive following the PCR test will still be legally required to self-isolate, irrespective of their vaccination status or age in order to break onward chains of transmission. Meanwhile anyone who develops COVID-19 symptoms should self-isolate and get a PCR test and remain in isolation until the result comes back



	Self-isolation and shielding All clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) children and young people should attend their education setting unless they are one of the very small number of children and young people under paediatric or other specialist care who have been advised by their clinician or other specialist not to attend.						
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3.	Class or Group Size	 Possible transmission of the virus between staff and children, and into the wider community. People can catch the virus from others who are infected in the following ways: virus moves from person-to-person in droplets from the nose or mouth spread when a person with the virus coughs or exhales the virus can survive for up to 72 hours out of the body on surfaces which people have coughed on, etc people can pick up the virus by breathing in the droplets or by 	Staff, children, contractors, parents/guardians	Classrooms will accommodate a maximum of 30 children plus a teacher and possibly one other staff member. We have removed any excess furniture and other non-essential resources so that desks are spaced as far apart as possible. We have allowed enough space between desks for safe ease of movement within the classroom	Medium	Children in KS2 will be seated facing the front of the class to minimise the risk of face to face spreading of germs. Early years and KS1 may have different seating arrangements to ensure effective teaching. This will be reviewed if Govt's Tier level increases. Ensure groups or bubbles are kept apart from other groups, bubbles. Limit as far as possible interaction, sharing of rooms and social spaces between groups. Assemblies in Year Group 'bubbles with classes socially distant.	Low



		touching contaminated surfaces and then touching their eyes or mouth				After School Clubs to move to year Group bubbles. 3 each in main hall and lower hall segregated in distinct zones.	
4	Curriculum Practicalities or logistics of provision	Same as in Section 3	Staff, children, contractors, parents/guardians	 The school has planned which lessons or activities will be delivered. The School has plans for which lessons or classroom activities could take place outdoors and these have been discussed with the teaching staff. Staggered break times (including lunch), so that all children are not moving around the school at the same time Lunch will be in the hall but with year groups socially distant and sitting consistent tables. These 	Medium		Low



	will also be cleaned more	
	regularly.	
	Plan parents' drop-off and	
	pick-up protocols are that	
	there is a flow in through	
	pedestrian gates and	
	leaving through vehicle	
	gates.	
	Dogs will be no longer be	
	allowed to be brought to	
	the site and tied to the school gates.	
	School gales.	
	All large outdoor play	
	equipment has been	
	cordoned off.	
	We have removed any	
	unnecessary items from	
	classrooms and other	
	learning environments	
	where there is space to	
	store it elsewhere	



	We have removed soft furnishings, soft toys and toys that are hard to clean (such as those with intricate parts) Staggered drop off and pick up times have been established and circulated to parents and staff. Advice on recommended travel to school has been emailed in order to reduce any unnecessary travel on coaches, buses, or public transport where possible. Anyone (including staff, pupils over the age of 11, parents and carers) using public transport must wear a face covering. Hands should be washed after removing face covering.	
	Applying the <u>Coronavirus</u> <u>(COVID-19): safer travel</u> <u>guidance for passengers</u>	



School Trip and Workshops in School		Staff, children, contractors, parents/guardians	Some school day trips will be allowed in accordance with Government guidelines. Limit trips to the local area near the school only.		
PE and General Sporting activities Sports Day	As above As above	Staff, children, contractors, parents/guardians Staff, children, contractors,	Workshops in school will be considered. Suppliers, children and staff must follow the Government's and the School's Covid guidelines at all times. Competitive sorting activities between schools can resume and should be managed by the Government system of regulations.		
		parents/guardians	Parents will not be allowed to attend as we cannot guarantee to control the		



				movement and flow of people to stay within bubbles of 30 during large events such as this			
6	Maintaining infection control during the day.	Same as in Section 3	Staff, children, contractors, parents/guardians	 Ensure that children and young people are in the same class groups at all times each day, and different groups are not mixed during the day, or on subsequent days, except for Year group clubs. Ensure that the same teacher(s) and other staff are assigned to each group and, as far as possible, these stay the same during the day and on subsequent days, Ensure that wherever possible children and young people use the same classroom or area of a setting throughout the day, with a thorough cleaning of the rooms at the end of the day. Pupils will sit at the same desk each day. 	Medium	Remain in classes of maximum 30 children at all times. One or two adults will be allocated to each class The staff in each class will remain the same each day, other than covering for any staff sickness. The exception will be "float" teachers who will work across the school but retain a 2 metre distance from the children. Pupils will keep to the same seats each day. We will have a set seating plan.	Low



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	We have implemented staggered lunch breaks at 30 minute intervals per year group lunch breaks - children and young people should clean their hands before lunch, as well as	be left outside of their classroom door entrance by a dedicated member of the catering staff. The lunches will be brought into the classroom by the class teacher and distributed by safe
	throughout the day: First thing in the morning; at break times; after using the toilets; before eating food and after using shared resources. Parents have been advised to ensure children wash their hands as they arrive home each evening.	distance to each child. Children choosing to bring in their own packed lunch should do so using containers that are easy to open by the children themselves
	each evening.	Children will be allocated specific toilet facilities to use, thereby limiting the number. Children will be reminded of social distancing re numbers using the facilities at any one time. SLT to be on duty to ensure social distancing. Toilet visits will be restricted to only two children at any one time.



	• Ensuring that toilets do not become crowded by limiting the number of children or young people who use the toilet facilities at one time. A maximum of two children at a time in the toilets.		
	 Use outside space: For exercise and breaks For outdoor education, where possible, as this can limit transmission and more easily allow for distance between children and staff. Stagger the use of staff rooms and offices to limit occupancy 	Teachers will use their discretion to take children outside as long as they stay in their class. Each class will remain separate from any other class at all times. Halls will be used by one bubble at a time with cleaning / sanitisation between uses.	



		We will use the lower hall for music lessons / singing in individual classes applying the social distancing rules at all times. The hall can accommodate 30 children
		socially distanced and side to side, or back to back. Instruments will be
		cleaned after each use. Doors, generally, will be
		propped allowing exceptions for fire door security where necessary.
	Reduce the use of shared resources:	PE lessons / activity will be ideally held outside in individual class groups applying the social
	 By seeking to prevent the sharing of stationery and other equipment where 	distancing rules at all times. Equipment will be particular to each
	possible. Shared materials and surfaces should be cleaned and disinfected more	class/bubble and will be cleaned after each use. The ICT suite will not be
	 Although practical lessons can go ahead if 	used.
	equipment can be cleaned thoroughly and the classroom or other	We will only allow a maximum of 8 staff at any one time in the staff room



	 learning environment is occupied by the same children or young people in one day, or properly cleaned between cohorts Adjust transport arrangements where necessary including: Encourage parents and children and young people to walk or cycle to their education setting where possible. 	to allow for social distancing. The 4 dining tables will be spaced out. All additional chairs will be removed. Individual staff offices (not main school office) will only have a maximum of two persons at any time. Our teacher planning room (PPA) will have a max of 4 persons. The main training room will have a max of 15 persons. Signage and guidance on doors and walls will reinforce this. Children will be asked to bring in their own pencil case and essential stationery. This will be personal to them and will remain in school at all times.
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		Children will be asked to bring in their own hand sanitiser and tissues. Where possible we have
		removed any small items such as toy lego pieces and have only kept larger toys.





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7.	Hygiene	Same as in section 3	Staff, children, contractors, parents/guardians	 Ensure that sufficient handwashing facilities are available. Where a sink is not nearby, provide hand sanitiser in classrooms and other learning environments Clean surfaces that children and young people are touching, such as toys, books, desks, chairs, doors, sinks, toilets, light switches, bannisters, more regularly than normal. Normal detergents will remove traces of the Covid-19 virus, it must be insured that there are sufficient supplies and cleaning staff are available are available to maintain good infection control. Ensure that all adults and children: Frequently wash their hands with soap and water for 20 seconds and dry thoroughly. Clean their hands upon arrival at the school, before and after eating, and after sneezing or coughing Are encouraged not to touch their mouth, eyes, and nose 	Medium	There are handwashing facilities in every classroom including a sink, soap, sanitiser, paper towels, hygiene posters and anti-bacterial spray and cloths. Most classrooms however only have cold water. After marking or touching childrens' exercise books teachers are advised to wash their hands and sanitise. Additional cleaning supplies will continue to be purchased. A regular and thorough new cleaning schedule has been devised for during the day, at the end of each day and with an extra deep clean each Friday afternoon. Frequent hand washing schedule and thorough washing will be instructed for all children. However, skin irritation and potential	Low



	 Use a tissue or elbow to cough or sneeze and use bins for tissue waste ('catch it, bin it, kill it') Ensure that help is available for children and young people who have trouble cleaning their hands independently Encourage young children to learn and practise these habits through games, songs, and repetition Ensure that bins for tissues are emptied throughout the day Where possible, all spaces should be well ventilated using natural ventilation (opening windows) or ventilation units Prop doors open, where safe to do so (bearing in mind fire safety and safeguarding), to limit use of door handles and aid ventilation Ensure there are sufficient supplies of soap, anti-bacterial gel and cleaning products if needed before the school opens to a wider population. 	damage to childrens' hands may deter them from washing thoroughly. This is difficult to control for the younger children. Lidded bins have been supplied for all classrooms. Additional help and guidance on good effective handwashing and general hygiene guidance will be provided to all children, especially the younger ones.	Medium
		Staff will regularly be reminded to open doors	



8	Exposure to Corona Virus - Use of PPE	Same as in Section 3	Staff, children, contractors, parents/guardians	 The majority of staff in education settings will not require PPE beyond what they would normally need for their work, even if they are not always able to maintain an appropriate social distance from others. PPE is only needed in a very small number of cases including: Children, young people, and students whose care routinely already involves the use of PPE due to their intimate care needs should continue to receive their care in the same way 	Medium	and windows for ventilation. The School already has a small supply of PPE for this purpose. We have face masks, gloves, goggles and aprons. We have also ordered 125 visors for staff if required. If staff choose to use these, they will then be soaked in anti-bacterial cleanser at the end of each day.	Low
9	If staff or a child becomes unwell with Covid symptoms	Same as in section 3	Staff, children, contractors, parents/guardians	If a child, young person, or staff member develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus, they should be sent home and advised to request an immediate test. If the test is positive they should remain at home in	Medium	If a child or staff member develops symptoms, they will be immediately moved to our special isolation room, in the interim period before being collected / taken	Low



	 isolation for a minimum of 5 days or until they have no more symptoms, whichever is the longer. A lateral flow test should be taken on day 4 and day 5. If the result is negative on both days and they are showing no symptoms they can return to work/school. A PCR test will only be required if asked to do so directly by the NHS Instead of self-isolating, those who are fully vaccinated and under 18s identified as close contacts of positive coronavirus cases are advised to take an Lateral Flow test every day for 7 days if they continue to attend work. Those who are aged 4 or younger are not required to take a test unless the positive case is within their household. Where the child, young person, or staff member tests negative, they can return to the school. . 	 home. Staff looking after a child in this room must wear PPE. Parent/carer to be advised to collect child ASAP. The door to the isolation room should be closed but a window should be opened. If they need to use the bathroom, this should be closed off after use, and only re-opened after it has been properly cleaned using anti- bacterial / viral cleaning procedure. Children or staff will only be allowed to return to work if the test proves negative. Parents to be advised to inform the School immediately if their child develops symptoms. The child will not be allowed into School until they have been tested OK.
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As part of the national test and trace program. if other cases are detected within the cohort or in the wider setting. Public Health investigation and will advise the school and other settings on the most appropriate action to take. In some cases, a larger number of other children, young people may be asked to self-isolate at home as a precutionary measure – perhaps the whole class, site or year group. Where settings are observing guidance on infection prevention and control, which will reduce risk of transmission, closure of the whole setting will not generally be necessary.If any staff or children test positive, the School will engage immediately with the NHS 'Test and Trace' system. We will liaise with Public Health. Home as a precutionary measure – perhaps the whole class, site or year group. Where settings are observing guidance on infection prevention and control, which will reduce risk of transmission, closure of the whole setting will not generally be necessary.If any staff or children test positive, the School will protection test whole settings are observing guidance with 14 days, or an overall rise in schora at healt protection team who will be able to advise if additional action is required.The Class teacher and the School office will keep a record of pupils and staff in each group.If we have two or more confirmed cases we will work with the local health protection team who will be able to advise if additional action is required.We have developed contingency plans should a class, group or small number of pupils need to self-isolate



				Self Test Kits in School.		or if there is a local lockdown requiring pupils to remain at home. A full remote learning package is available for all isolating cases. The school has a regular supply of Rapid Lateral Flow Test kits and staff are encouraged to self test twice a week. Results are reported to the school and to the NHS website	
10	Lack of adequate communication	Infection control procedures and protocols are not observed.	Staff, children, contractors, parents/guardians	 We have issued guidance to parents and staff as below: Tell children, young people, parents, carers or any visitors, such as suppliers, not to enter the education or childcare setting if they are displaying any symptoms of coronavirus (following the COVID-19: 	Medium	 Also, if required, we may engage parents and children in education resources such as e-bug and PHE schools resources Parents must inform the School immediately if any member of their 	Low



 guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection) We have informed parents and carers via email, website and Head Teacher newsletter that if their child needs to be accompanied to the education or childcare setting, only one parent should accompany the child. Tell parents and young people their allocated drop off and collection times and the process for doing so, including protocols for minimising adult to adult contact (for example, which entrance to use) Make clear to parents that they cannot gather at entrance gates or doors, or enter the site (unless they have a prearranged appointment, which should be conducted safely). Parents of Year 1 to Year 6 children are not required to accompany children beyond the school gates as the routines and procedures are now well established. 	household develops symptoms.No one with any noticeable symptoms will be allowed to enter the site.Clear protocols of drop-off and collection times have been devised and will be cascaded to parents to minimise contact time.Parents will be asked to adhere to the allocated times and the necessary social distancing requirements. They will be instructed not to gather near the school entrances.All parents and staff should wear face masks at drop off and collection times.We have allocated designated entrances for



			different year groups in order to reduce congestion.	
			A two meter separation grid has been painted near school gates and main entrance doors so children can keep their distance.	
		• Communicate early with contractors and suppliers that will need to prepare to support our plans for opening for example, cleaning, catering, food supplies, hygiene suppliers	Staff will be provided with clear information around safety measures and other logistics around running the school during these times which will also be used to inform external contractors needing to visit the school.	
		• Discuss with cleaning contractors or staff the additional cleaning requirements and agree additional hours to allow for this	All staff and visitors should wear a face mask inside the school building in all communal areas except when teaching a class. In house and agency cleaners have been and will continue to be briefed by school management on additional requirements and procedures.	



						The School will obtain contact information on any third party contractors or visitors invited onto the School grounds, in order to engage with them if necessary as part of the Test and Trace requirements.	
11	School Meals	Provision of School Meals for staff and children	Staff and children	Due to the space issues in our current kitchen we cannot provide hot meals for all the children attending school from September 2020. The kitchen is too small and the current design with its "fixed" island of equipment such as ovens, fryers etc makes it impossible to maintain a safe distance in the kitchen or servery area.	Medium	Staff in the kitchen should where possible keep a 2 metre distance. We will ask staff to prepare a nutritious "packed" lunch daily for all pupils by utilising the main hall adjacent to the kitchen. Each staff member will work at their own catering table at least 2m apart from each other.	Low
						The food will be served as individual packed lunches in paper bags. (Meat or veggie option) and delivered by trolley to each of the classrooms	



						by a member of the catering team, as described earlier	
12 Fire Safety	Fire Safety	Fire Safety	Staff, children, contractors, parents/guardians	All the usual Fire safety tests will continue to apply: Fire drills, Fire Extinguisher tests, Fire Alarm tests, Fire blanket checks,	Medium	Fire drills / emergency evacuations cannot be carried out effectively, speedily and in a safe organised manner if we had to adopt social distancing measures and congregate at particular muster points.	Medium
						Social distancing measures cannot fully apply in these circumstances although staff will apply social distancing measures at the assembly point if it is safe to do so.	
13	First Aid Provision	First Aid Provision.	Staff, children, contractors, parents/guardians	General first aid provision will be available with first aid qualified staff present	Medium	The School has a small supply of PPE which can be used when necessary. Most of the time PPE will not be required except for specific incidents or for any children which require very close attention such as vulnerable or SEN children	Low



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14	Vulnerable Staff And Children and Expectant Mothers	Risk of illness of vulnerable staff, children and family members, expectant mothers.	Staff, children, contractors, parents/guardians	In accordance with Government guidance all staff and children should be able to return to school from 8 th March 2021 unless they have a letter from their clinician stating otherwise. Social distant rules apply at all times. We have carried out general and individual risk assessments where appropriate in order to minimise the risk as far as possible, as per Government health and safety information. Clinically extremely vulnerable staff can still attend work.	Medium	We have taken individual consideration for any particularly vulnerable children and / or staff. We have relocated the desk for one of our staff who is in the extremely vulnerable category to further minimise contact with others. We have also ordered a Perspex screen for the staff member's desk. If we are provided with a clinician's report that a child or staff member remains at risk, the School will carry out an individual risk assessment.	Low
15.	Singing and Dancing	Infection Control Procedures. (same as section 3) Teacher working with several classes.	Staff, children, contractors, parents/guardians	Children will be working within their class to minimise risk of infection. All control measures around social distancing, cleanliness and hygiene will be administered at all times as per the control measures listed in all relevant sections above.	Medium	Staff and children to follow all the measures identified at all times. Staff and children to ensure adequate hand washing before and after each session.	Low



						All musical instruments used will be cleaned thoroughly after each use. Staff member to keep to social distancing rules at all times especially as working with different groups of children.	
16.	Lettings	Safe use of premises	Hirer, adults and / or children attending, staff	The School will allow the hire of its halls or external grounds to external clubs, associations or for private parties for children. The School will follow all of the guidelines about social distancing in these circumstances and will insist on seeing a suitable risk assessment from the proposed hirer. The RA will be examined and approved by the School before any agreement to allow use of the premises. The hirer must also agree to abide by any rules and regulations concerning the hire as advised by the school and included in our premises hire terms and conditions, available on the school website.	Medium	The school will insist on the hirer ensuring all of its members adhere to the strict hygiene regime promoted on posters throughout the school and beside all the toilet and sink areas. Hirers will only have access to the toilets and communal areas relevant or closest to their hire space. The hirer must insist on all of its members bringing in and taking away their own resources and equipment. School site staff will ensure thorough cleaning of toilets and communal areas in between and at the end of each hire.	Low



			Cleaning/infection control advice and guidance will be issue to site staff by the	
			School's cleaning supervisor.	



Risk Assessment Method

In order to assess a risk associated to a hazard, two factors need to be considered:-

i - the possible severity of the outcome

Realistically, what is the worst likely outcome? This method defines four categories of severity:-

Fatality or permanent disability	
Major injury or long-term absence	
3-day injury or temporary disability	
Minor injury	

ii - <u>the likelihood of the outcome to occur</u>

How likely is it that the severe outcome will occur? Five categories are defined:-

Likely	A repetitive occurrence should be expected
Probable	Foreseeable
Possible	Could occur sometime
Remote	Unlikely, though conceivable
Improbable	Almost negligible

Once those two factors are assessed, the matrix on the next page can be used to determine the level of risk. This information was then used to prioritise any control measures necessary to eliminate or reduce the risk to an acceptable level.



Risk Assessment Method (continuing).

Matrix

	Likely	Probable	Possible	Remote	Improbable
Fatality or permanent disability	VERY HIGH	VERY HIGH	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW
Major injury or long- term absence	VERY HIGH	VERY HIGH	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW
3-day injury or temporary disability	HIGH	HIGH	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	LOW
Minor injury	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	LOW	LOW	VERY LOW

Action Level

VERY HIGH	Unacceptable risk - immediate action required	
HIGH Risk reduction required - high priority		
MEDIUM Medium risk - action required so far as is reasonably practicable		
LOW Low priority - further risk reduction may not be feasible or cost effective		
VERY LOW	Low risk - no further action required	