



Our Lady of Good Help

Catholic Primary School

Covid Risk Assessment 2nd December 2021

Risk Assessment

A	Date: 02/12/2021	School: Our Lady of Good Help Catholic Primary School	Team:	Location: South Drive, Liverpool
	Review Date: Bi-Weekly	Ref:	Assessor:	Head Teacher: Mark McQuiston

B	Assessment of Risk for: Protection from transmission of COVID-19 – Schools
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C	List Hazards Here	List Groups of People at Risk	List Existing Controls	Risk Level
Ser N° 1	COVID-19: General	Staff Pupils Visitors Contractors	<p>All staff are competent and instructed with regard to the procedures in place for the protection against infection from the virus.</p> <p>There is adequate supervision, where required, to ensure procedures are correctly adhered to.</p> <p>Reference School infection control risk assessment, as required:</p> <p>Pupils and staff who are symptomatic will be requested to isolate as per national guidance.</p> <p>Managers must also review all of the following applicable individual risk assessments where relevant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● New and expectant mothers ● Extended duty of care ● Stress ● Individual pupil assessments <p>Manager to regularly update and inform staff re government guidance regarding COVID-19 controls required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gov.uk www.gov.uk/government/collections/guidance-for-schools-coronavirus-covid-19 ● Gov.uk Public Health England https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england ● Health and Safety Executive https://www.hse.gov.uk/ 	Med

Referring to the following guidance and publications, as applicable:

- HSE COVID19 latest information and advice
- HSE Working safely during the coronavirus guide
- Government guidance COVID-19: guidance for schools COVID-19
- Government publication COVID-19: cleaning in non-healthcare settings
- Government publication Best Practice: how to hand wash
- Government guidance for food business on Coronavirus (COVID-19)
- Government guidance COVID-19: Safe working in education, childcare and children's social care settings, including the use of personal protective equipment (PPE)

Due to the changing advice on COVID-19, managers should ensure they review safe working procedures and protocols regularly, until such time when it is unnecessary.

Staff undertake twice weekly home tests (Sunday and Wednesday) whenever they are due on site until the end of September when advice will be reviewed.

There is an adequate supply of disposable PPE, as per specific task requirements, and all staff provided with instruction in the correct use and fitment:

- Public Health England and NHS YouTube video, COVID-19: putting on and removing personal protective equipment (PPE) – a guide for care homes

PPE provided, as required following specific current guidance for the protection of COVID-19 detail type and standard, as applicable:

- Disposable half face mask
- Disposable gloves
- Disposable aprons
- Where personal care is to be provided eye protection/surgical face mask
- *detail any other specific disposable PPE in use*

All used PPE should be double bagged and disposed of appropriately – store safely and securely for at least 72hrs before disposing via the normal waste stream.

All staff informed that hands should be washed regularly as per Government guidance.

Pupils regularly reminded, in age appropriate ways, that hands should be regularly washed as per Government guidance.

			<p>Signage around school encouraging staff and pupils to maintain good hand hygiene.</p> <p>School encourages good respiratory hygiene by promoting 'catch it, bin it, kill it'. Posters displayed in prominent areas and toilets.</p> <p>Staff kept informed via email, in-person meetings or online meetings when required.</p> <p>Post-incident debriefing carried out for anyone involved in an incident of suspected contamination, with the aim of providing support and preventing incident recurrence. Further support provided to all staff members affected by the incident.</p> <p>All incidents reported to the Health and Safety Unit as per the school accident and incident reporting procedure using the LCC online accident and incident report form.</p> <p>Reference made to HSE guidance for reporting under RIDDOR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● HSE RIDDOR reporting of COVID-19 	
2	COVID-19; General school environment	<p>Staff</p> <p>Pupils</p> <p>Visitors</p> <p>Contractors</p>	<p>School first aid risk assessment reviewed, as required: New training update - 5/1/2021.</p> <p>School access control system reviewed and appropriate steps taken - hand sanitizer located at entrance for staff/visitors to cleanse hands after use, wipes available to cleanse keypads and touchscreens.</p> <p>Hand sanitizer stations located at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Entrances to building ● Classrooms ● Corridors ● Staff rooms ● Toilets <p>Face masks to be worn in communal areas (corridors, staffroom & hall), poorly ventilated areas or areas where close contact with others is unavoidable.</p> <p>Signage installed to various areas of the building reminding people to wash hands regularly, in line with Government guidance.</p>	Med

			<p>Staff verbally reinforce controls in corridors and walkways.</p> <p>Wipes and cleaning materials available in staff rooms for staff to clean regular contact points e.g. kettle, taps etc.</p> <p>Water fountains should only be used with refillable bottles.</p> <p>If a pupil/staff member uses their mouth to drink from the water fountain, the affected area should be thoroughly cleaned before being used again.</p>	
3	COVID-19: School reception and offices	<p>Pupils</p> <p>Visitors</p> <p>Contractors</p>	<p>Staff are requested to send information electronically to avoid the use of internal mail services.</p> <p>All returned visitor passes, keys or fobs are kept stored separately from other items and cleaned and sanitised before reissue.</p> <p>Windows will be opened where practical, to encourage as much natural ventilation as possible</p> <p>Staff to clean and sanitise their workstation (including chair arms) at the beginning and end of their daily shift. Additional cleaning stations are to be provided for staff to use and replenished as required.</p> <p>Telephones not to be shared. Staff should transfer calls rather than pass handsets to colleagues. Where this is not possible, callers are provided with an alternative number to call back.</p> <p>The use of copiers, printers and shredders is for essential school use only. Where it is essential to use such devices, they should be cleansed after each use. Appropriate signage is installed to advise users accordingly and cleaning materials are available.</p>	Med
4	COVID-19: Meetings	<p>Staff</p> <p>Pupils</p> <p>Visitors</p> <p>Contractors</p>	<p>Attendance at meetings is limited to those essential attendees only. Critical information is cascaded to other staff.</p> <p>Meeting rooms are adequately ventilated with external windows opened during meetings.</p> <p>Whole school meetings (e.g. inset day) to be held in the school hall to allow for adequate distancing of attendees:</p>	Med

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendees are encouraged to take the LFT test on the morning of the meeting prior to attending. If adequate spacing between attendees cannot be achieved, the wearing of face coverings is encouraged. <p>Meeting room users advised not to share equipment during meetings i.e. pens, stationery etc. Attendees to remove all items following the meeting.</p> <p>Meeting room users wipe down surfaces (including any buttons on IT equipment and remote controls) following meetings. Additional cleaning materials will be provided in all meeting rooms for use by staff and replenished as required.</p> <p>Meetings to take place promptly and conclude fully in the meeting room to avoid attendees congregating in adjoining areas prior to and following meetings.</p> <p>Meeting room should be aired thoroughly on completion of the meeting e.g. opening windows fully.</p> <p>Parent group meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent group meetings to be held in the school hall to allow for adequate distancing between attendees. If adequate spacing between attendees cannot be achieved, the wearing of face coverings is encouraged. School encourages the use of outdoor space for parent groups where appropriate. Indoor parent groups numbers are restricted appropriate to room size. <p>Attendees are actively encouraged to take the LFT test on the morning of the parent group prior to attending.</p>	
5	COVID-19: Classrooms	<p>Staff</p> <p>Pupils</p>	<p>For individual and very frequently used equipment, such as pencils and pens, staff and pupils have their own which are not shared.</p> <p>Cleaning of hands is encouraged at regular intervals throughout the day and after breaks and toileting..</p> <p>Classroom windows will be opened, where practical, to encourage as much natural ventilation as possible.</p> <p>Classrooms are aired thoroughly when empty e.g. opening windows fully.</p>	Med

6	COVID-19: Dining areas	<p>Staff</p> <p>Pupils</p>	<p>Dining room tables and chairs will be wiped down between sittings.</p> <p>Dining room windows will be opened to allow natural ventilation.</p>	Med
7	COVID-19; Cleaning	<p>Staff</p> <p>Pupils</p> <p>Visitors</p> <p>Contractors</p>	<p>All cleaning staff are experienced and have received appropriate training.</p> <p>Any new cleaning products brought on site in response to the current COVID-19 pandemic will have a COSHH risk assessment undertaken prior to use.</p> <p>Cleaners have appropriate PPE in line with COSHH risk assessments</p> <p>Classroom play equipment wiped down and cleansed at the end of the school day and between activities where possible.</p> <p>Cleaning undertaken in line with Government publication COVID-19: cleaning in non-healthcare settings.</p> <p>School will be fully cleaned at the finish of each school day.</p> <p>Staff are asked to wipe down frequently touched surfaces and door handles at intervals throughout the day.</p> <p>Classrooms where a pupil or staff member has become symptomatic during the school day will be deep cleaned along with other areas the person may have been.</p>	Med
8	COVID-19; Ventilation	<p>Staff</p> <p>Pupils</p> <p>Visitors</p> <p>Contractors</p>	<p>Staff are encouraged to open windows and doors (not fire doors) to encourage as much natural ventilation as possible.</p> <p>When leaving a classroom empty, windows should be opened fully to purge the room then left ajar when the room is re-occupied.</p> <p>Desk type fans can be used to promote fresh air flow from an open window.</p> <p>Fans should not be used in poorly ventilated areas.</p>	Med

			<p>Steps taken to improve ventilation or reduce occupancy/use of the area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Staff room will have windows open at all times. Restricted to 5 people at a time. ● Main school office - maximum of 4 persons in the room at once, window and door to remain open ● Meeting room - window and door to remain open at all times even during intervention times ● Sensory room - window and door to remain open. Equipment that is shared to be cleaned after use ● Headteacher's office limited to 5 people at any time with windows and external door open when possible 	
9	COVID-19; Pupils and staff who become symptomatic during the school day	<p>Staff</p> <p>Pupils</p> <p>Visitors</p> <p>Contractors</p>	<p>Pupils and Staff who become symptomatic during the school day will be isolated from the rest of the pupil group and their parents (pupils) will be called to come and collect them. Staff will be sent home to self-isolate/follow public health advice.</p> <p>If a symptomatic pupil is awaiting collection, appropriate PPE should be used if close contact is necessary.</p> <p>Any areas, items and surfaces the symptomatic person has come into contact with will be thoroughly cleaned as soon as possible.</p> <p>Symptomatic pupils and staff are advised to engage with NHS Test and Trace and get tested and to follow the current advice.</p> <p>Staff and pupils with a positive LFT test result should self-isolate in line with COVID-19 guidance for household with possible coronavirus infection. A PCR test will be required to check the LFT test result.</p> <p>If PCR test is taken within 2 days of the positive LFT test, and is negative, it overrides the LFT test and they can return to school, as long as they are not symptomatic.</p> <p>School will complete online MDS form if there is a confirmed case associated with their setting https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/covid-19-schools/</p>	Med

10	COVID-19; Outbreaks	Staff	<p>OLGH has an outbreak management plan covering the possibility that bubbles and all previous social distancing controls may be reintroduced locally due to an raised COVID cases locally.</p> <p>School should complete online MDS form if there is a confirmed case associated with their setting https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/covid-19-schools/</p> <p>School will be contacted by the local authority SPOC team if they have 4 positive cases. They will liaise with the local health protection team where necessary and advise if any additional action is required, such as implementing elements of your outbreak management plan. Further advice is available through the DfE helpline on 0800 046 8687 and selecting option 1 for advice on the action to take in response.</p>	Med
		Pupils		
		Visitors		
		Contractors		

Risk Level:

High:

Accident likely with possibility of serious injury or loss

Medium:

Possibility of accident occurring causing minor injury or loss

Low:

Accident unlikely with control measures in place

D	Controls (Ser N° to correspond with Hazard Ser N°)	E To be completed by the Manager			
Ser N°	Additional Controls Required	Action to be Taken	By Whom	Target Completion Date	Task Completed (Signed & Dated)
1	Maintaining Social Distancing	All staff to keep a 2m distance from one another	All staff	Ongoing	Ongoing
2	Face Coverings in Corridors	All staff to wear face coverings where space is limited	All staff	Ongoing	Ongoing
3	Additional Cleaning of Frequently Touched Surfaces	All staff to help in the frequent wiping of touched surfaces	All staff	Ongoing	Ongoing
4	Regular LFT testing (twice weekly)	All staff to test and record results regularly (twice a week) via school Google Form	All staff	Ongoing	Ongoing
5	Ventilation	All classrooms and workspaces to remain well ventilated if and when possible, esp when empty	All staff	Ongoing	Ongoing

F	<p>Once additional controls are implemented, what will the overall risk level be:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> High Medium Low </p>	<p>Risk assessment signed off by: Mark McQuiston</p> <p>Signature: M. McQuiston</p> <p>Date: 02.12.2021</p> <p><i>Please note an electronic signature will suffice.</i></p>
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Covid Measures Update 2/12/21 (staff communication)

All staff should:

- Maintain social distancing of 2m to avoid being a close contact
- Wear a face covering in corridors and in the staffroom, if not eating
- Wear a face covering at the end of the day when dismissing from classroom doors and at the school gates/ playground at home time (not during break times)
- Test using an LFT and record the result on the staff LFT results Google Form
- Make sure all children wash their hands at regular & planned intervals

Procedures that should be consistently applied:

- Handwashing - first thing, after breaks and at hometime
- Ventilation of all rooms, including hall, staffroom, offices and sensory room
- Wiping down of equipment and frequently touched surfaces with hand wipes

Additional Measures:

- Staff room is limited to 5 people at a time - please space out
- If having an essential meeting with a parent, face coverings should be worn
- Face-to-face meetings to be limited to **essential only**
- Limit class mixing to outside
- Limiting staff meeting contact
- Parents are asked to wear face coverings at drop-off and pick-up times

Omicron Variant:

- **50% of PCRs are being sent for sequencing to see if it is the omicron variant**
- **If a positive case is identified as omicron, they must isolate along with any identified close contacts, regardless of vaccination status or age, for 10 days**
- **Track and Trace are still in charge of contact tracing**
- **Face coverings do not prevent close contacts from having to isolate**

Nativities:

- At the moment, the performances are still in-person
- Parents will have to wear face coverings and take LFTs before entry
- We will explore the possibility of providing the option of a live stream for those who don't wish to attend in person
- 68 out of 80 schools who responded to a questionnaire are going purely online; 10 schools are still in-person; 2 are having a mix of online/ in-person

Further possible measures:

- Closure of classes - close contacts of omicron variant
- Remote Education via Google Classroom
- 4 or more connected positive cases - additional measures from the local authority
- Cancellation of nativity performances