

REDDISH VALE HIGH SCHOOL

COVID-19 - RISK ASSESSMENT

Full School Re-opening September 2021



What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	Current Control Measures?	Further Measures required?	Action by whom?	Action by When	Complete
<p>Exposure to COVID 19</p>	<p>Pupils/staff/parents/visitors coming onto site may be carrying COVID-19 virus which could be spread to other pupils or staff</p>	<p>Following current advice https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/</p> <p>Staff encouraged to complete twice weekly Lateral Flow tests at home – tests kits supplied to staff</p> <p>All pupils offered two Lateral Flow tests in school within the first week of return – test kits supplied to consenting parents.</p> <p>Parents encouraged to complete twice weekly Lateral Flow tests on pupils</p> <p>Notices displayed on entry to school and around building.</p> <p>Pupils/parents/staff/visitors regularly briefed regarding symptoms and action to be taken</p> <p>Children, young people, parents, carers or any visitors, such as suppliers, advised not to enter the school premises if they are displaying any symptoms of coronavirus (following the COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection).</p>	<p>Vigilant monitoring of staff/pupils who are symptomatic: A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature) A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)</p> <p>If a pupil is awaiting collection, they should be left in a room on their own if possible and safe to do so. A window should be opened for fresh air ventilation if possible. Appropriate PPE should also be used if close contact is necessary. Further information on this can be found in the use of PPE in education, childcare and children's social care settings guidance. Any rooms they use should be cleaned after they have left.</p> <p>If they need to go to the bathroom while waiting to be collected, they should use a separate bathroom if possible. The bathroom should be</p>	<p>All staff/ pupils/ parents/ visitors</p> <p>All staff</p> <p>All Staff</p> <p>All Staff</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p><i>Ongoing</i></p>

			<p>isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case.</p> <p>Contacts from the school setting will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case specifically identifies the individual as being a close contact. This is likely to be a small number of individuals who would be most at risk of contracting COVID-19 due to the nature of the close contact.</p>			
Mixing and 'Bubbles'	Staff and pupils working together could increase the risk of spreading the virus	As from the 19 th July Schools COVID-19 Operational Guidance update, it is recommended that it is no longer necessary to keep children in consistent groups ('bubbles').	The school outbreak management plans cover the possibility that it may become necessary to reintroduce consistent groups	All staff/ pupils	Ongoing	<i>Ongoing</i>

			<p>('bubbles') for a temporary period, to reduce mixing between groups.</p> <p>Regular monitoring of COVID cases in school to inform future decision making regarding bubbles and mixing of pupils.</p> <p>Regular liaison and contact with PHE and LA</p> <p>Respond to Government and local guidance as issued</p>			
Hygiene	Staff and pupils working together could increase the risk of spreading the virus	<p>Hand Hygiene Frequent and thorough hand cleaning is regular practice. This can be done with soap and water or hand sanitiser.</p> <p>Respiratory Hygiene The 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach continues to be very important.</p>	<p>Reinforce good hand washing routines. As a minimum: All staff and pupils will wash their hands when they arrive at school in the morning. All staff and pupils will wash their hands after break and lunch before returning to the classroom.</p> <p>Hand Sanitiser and Anti-Bacterial wipes available to all staff, pupils and visitors.</p> <p>Hand sanitiser given at all entry points in to school.</p> <p>Notices displayed on entry to school and around building.</p> <p>Regular briefings to staff/pupils and visitors regarding expectations and encouraging regular hand hygiene</p>	All staff/ pupils	Ongoing	<i>Ongoing</i>

			<p>Continue to maintain high standards of cleanliness around school</p> <p>The e-Bug COVID-19 website contains free resources for and materials to encourage good hand and respiratory hygiene.</p>			
Ventilation	Poor ventilation could spread COVID-19	<p>When the school is in operation, it is important to ensure it is well ventilated and that a comfortable teaching environment can be maintained.</p> <p>Identify any poorly ventilated spaces as part of risk assessment and take steps to improve fresh air flow in these areas.</p>	<p>Mechanical ventilation systems should be maintained in accordance with the manufacturers' recommendations.</p> <p>Opening external windows can improve natural ventilation, and in addition, opening internal doors can also assist with creating a throughput of air.</p> <p>If necessary, external opening doors may also be used (if they are not fire doors and where safe to do so).</p> <p>Balance the need for increased ventilation while maintaining a comfortable temperature.</p> <p>The Health and Safety Executive guidance on air conditioning and ventilation during the COVID-19 pandemic and CIBSE COVID-19 advice provides more information.</p>	All staff/ pupils/ parents/ Visitors	Ongoing	<i>Ongoing</i>
Cleaning	Pupils/staff coming onto site may be carrying COVID-19 virus which could be spread to other pupils or staff	<p>Maintain normal cleaning routines. Additional deep cleaning will be taking place during this period.</p> <p>Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to be used by staff as normally required for their role.</p>	<p>Cleaning staff will wear disposable gloves and wash their hands after removing the gloves.</p> <p>Maintain high standards of cleanliness around school.</p>	Site Manager and cleaning team		

			<p>All surfaces in areas of use will be disinfected daily with the cleaning products normally used. Paying particular attention to frequently touched areas and surfaces, such as toilets and washrooms, desks, grab-rails in corridors, stairwells and door handles.</p> <p>PHE has published guidance on the cleaning of non-healthcare settings.</p> <p>Most staff in schools will not require PPE beyond what they would normally need for their work. The guidance on the use of PPE in education, childcare and children's social care settings provides more information on the use of PPE for COVID-19.</p>			
Face Coverings	General note and if circumstances change	<p>Face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors either in classrooms or in communal areas.</p> <p>The government has 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 schools.</p>	<p>If there is an outbreak in school, Public Health may advise that face coverings should temporarily be worn in communal areas or classrooms (by pupils, staff and visitors, unless exempt).</p> <p>School will follow Government guidance as updated and any local guidance from the LA/PHE in the event of a local or national outbreak.</p> <p>Face coverings (whether transparent or cloth) should fit securely around the face to cover the nose and mouth and be made with a breathable material capable of filtering airborne particles.</p>	All staff/ pupils		

<p>Risk assessment</p> <p>We will comply with health and safety law and put in place proportionate control measures. We will regularly review and update our risk assessments - treating them as 'living documents', as the circumstances in school and/or the Public Health advice changes. This includes having active arrangements in place to monitor whether the controls are effective and working as planned. For more information on what is required of school leaders in relation to health and safety risk assessments and managing risk, see the health and safety advice for schools.</p> <p>Further Information and Government Advice – https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/schools-covid-19-operational-guidance https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/</p>						

You should review your risk assessment if you think it might no longer be valid, e.g. following an accident in the workplace, or if there are any significant changes to the hazards in your workplace, such as new equipment or work activities.

REVIEW DATE	OFFICER REVIEWING
Following any new/revised guidance	J.BARKER