



## Covid-19 Operational Risk Assessment for School September 2021

This risk assessment and its measures will be effective as of Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September in response to the Governments move to Covid alert level 2 on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

It is undertaken in conjunction with the guidance on school opening issued by the Department for Education:

Schools Covid-19 Operational Guidance – Updated 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Special schools and other specialist settings: coronavirus (COVID-19) – Updated 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Actions for early years and childcare providers during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak

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<b>How Children are Grouped</b>		
We will operate a loose bubble system so that staff can support across bubbles if necessary. Pupils will generally remain within their own bubble of Senior or Primary. Assemblies and Lunch will be grouped in senior and primary and the playground will be used only by either group at any one time.		
<b>Beginning and end of school day</b>		
The various entrances around the school will continue to be used at the beginning and end of the school day. Staggered starts and finishes will continue. School transport is at 8.50am and 3pm, Parent/carer transport is at 9am and 3.10pm except Beachcombers which is 9.10am and 3.10pm. Late arrivals need to come to the school office in order to be signed in.		
<b>Face Coverings</b>		
There is no longer a requirement for any staff or visitor to school to wear a face covering. However we will ask external visitors to school to wear a face covering when on the school site. Any staff or pupil who wishes to wear a face covering will be supported with this decision.		
<b>Shared Areas</b>		
Shared areas can be used by all pupils as per class or room timetables. Staff are responsible for cleaning down the area after they have used it prior to the next class.		
<b>Educational Visits and School Events</b>		
Educational visits will resume with risk assessments ascertaining the risk in each case. School events will resume with consideration to numbers in a room and ventilation.		
<b>Visitors and Meetings in School</b>		
Meetings can be held on site as necessary and visits can resume. An option will be given to hold annual reviews via telephone conference if this is the preferred choice of the parents/carers. Termly parents meetings will continue to be held via zoom. Open afternoons will resume.		
<b>Staffroom</b>		

As there are no longer any restriction on social distancing the staffroom can be accessed by all staff. An alternative room is available at break and lunch for those who would feel more comfortable to access this.  
Staff will have the same break and lunch time all week in order to limit the number of contacts in a week.

#### **Ventilation**

Ensure where possible that classroom windows are open to ensure that rooms are ventilated.

#### **Universal Precautions**

Monitoring arrangements are in place to ensure that supplies of soap, hand towels and sanitiser are maintained throughout the day.

Staff training includes the need to remind pupils of the need and to help them to wash their hands regularly and frequently.

Posters reinforce the need to wash hands regularly and frequently.

Staff monitor the extent to which handwashing is taking place on a regular and frequent basis.

Emphasis on the “catch it, bin it, kill it” guidance

#### **Wellbeing of Pupils and Staff**

Pupils access lessons around understanding emotions and well-being. Teachers continuously assess and support pupil’s individual well-being.

Class staff are available to support pupils with mental health issues and there is access to designated staff for all pupils who wish to talk to someone about wellbeing/mental health.

The wellbeing of staff is considered in all decision making.

Various actions continue to be in place to help with staff well-being.

Staff have been signposted to useful websites and resources and have access to counselling via referral system as required.