

Risk Assessment - Fritwell C of E Primary School - October 2021

The government continues to manage the risk of serious illness from the spread of the virus. We have moved away from stringent restrictions on everyone's day-to-day lives, towards advising people on how to protect themselves and others, alongside targeted interventions to reduce risk. As COVID-19 becomes a virus that we learn to live with, there is now an imperative to reduce the disruption to children and young people's education - particularly given that the direct clinical risks to children are extremely low, every adult has been offered the opportunity for 2 doses of the vaccine, and all children aged 12 and over are now eligible for vaccination. However, as set out in the autumn and winter plan, the government will remain vigilant and take action where necessary to support and protect the NHS.

Our priority is for you to deliver face-to-face, high-quality education to all pupils. The evidence is clear that being out of education causes significant harm to educational attainment, life chances, mental and physical health.

We have worked closely with the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) to revise this guidance.

This RA is a live working document and will be reviewed weekly. The hazards listed are in no order of importance.

The school will revert to a contingency plan if directed by the Government or UKHSA.

Hazard	Actions	By Whom?	Estimated Level of risk
Accessing and leaving school site	<p>Designated entry and exit points for classes</p> <p>Entry time – 8.40 – parents to drop at designated gate to staff members</p> <p>Staff car park – Tiddlers, Minnows and Sticklebacks (parents to wait with children)</p> <p>Main Gate – Seahorses, Stingrays and Sharks (parents to wait with children)</p> <p>Exit time – 3.15 (gates open at 3.10)</p> <p>Parents of Tiddlers, Minnows and Sticklebacks wait in car park at pick up from designated gate</p> <p>Parents of Seahorses, Stingrays and Sharks to wait on lower playground to collect children from cloakroom doors</p> <p>Children in Year 5 and 6 may walk to school unaccompanied (provided a parent or carer has confirmed this in writing) but they must follow the above procedure to enter/exit the school grounds</p> <p>Signage displayed</p> <p>Staff to supervise entry/exit points</p>	All	L
Classrooms	<p>Classrooms to allow as much space as possible for children and staff to circulate</p> <p>Appropriate classroom resources accessible and available</p> <p>Ensure good natural ventilation in each classroom all day – opening of windows and doors</p> <p>Hand hygiene - Frequent and thorough hand cleaning is a regular practice</p> <p>Respiratory hygiene - The ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ approach to be followed</p> <p>Children to use dedicated toilets throughout the day</p> <p>Use e-Bug COVID-19 website materials to encourage good hand and respiratory hygiene</p>	All teaching staff and children	L
Lunch time service	<p>Tiddlers and Minnows at 11.45</p> <p>Sticklebacks and Seahorses at 12.15</p> <p>Stingrays and Sharks at 12.30</p> <p>Tiddlers, Sticklebacks and Seahorses to be served dinners</p> <p>Stingrays and Sharks to line up in small groups to get served</p>	All teaching staff and children	L

	Children to line up to access hall through double doors and exit through designated exit point Cleaning in line with Fresh Start procedures		
Break time	Sticklebacks and Seahorses at 10.30 Stingrays and Sharks at 10.45	All teaching staff and children	L
Lunch break time	Stingrays and Sharks to have short break at 12.15 before going in to the hall at 12.30 When children have finished lunch they can go out to play – use as much space as possible (playground, muga and field) Lunchtime play equipment to be used	All teaching staff and children	L
Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19	<p>When an individual develops COVID-19 symptoms or has a positive test Pupils, staff and other adults should follow UK Health Security Agency on when to self-isolate and what to do. They should not come into school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test result or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19 (for example, they are required to quarantine). If anyone in your school develops COVID-19 symptoms, however mild, we should send them home and they should follow public health advice. Children will be collected by a member of their household after being contacted by a member of the SLT. When a pupil is awaiting collection, they should wait outside if possible and if not then in the medical room. 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. The area should be cleaned after pupil has left. The household (including any siblings) should follow the UKHSA stay at home guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection.</p> <p>Asymptomatic testing Staff should undertake twice weekly home tests whenever they are on site until the end of September, when this will be reviewed</p>	All	L

	<p>Confirmatory PCR tests Staff with a positive LFD test result should self-isolate in line with the stay at home guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection. They will also need to get a free PCR test to check if they have COVID-19. Whilst awaiting the PCR result, the individual should continue to self-isolate. If the PCR test is taken within 2 days of the positive lateral flow test, and is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD test and they can return to school, as long as the individual doesn't have COVID-19 symptoms. Children with symptoms should take a PCR test. Additional information on PCR test kits for schools and further education providers is available.</p> <p>Admitting children into school A pupil with symptoms should not attend the school, given the potential risk to others. Where symptomatic parents should follow UKSHA guidance.</p> <p>Further support DfE helpline (0800 046 8687, option 1)</p>		
Attendance	<p>School attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age Where a child is required to self-isolate or quarantine because of COVID-19 in accordance with relevant legislation or guidance published by UKHSA or the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) they should be recorded as code X (not attending in circumstances related to coronavirus). Where they are unable to attend because they have a confirmed case of COVID-19 they should be recorded as code I (illness)</p>	All	L
School Bus service	<p>School service have own RA and procedures in place Arriving – children go to their line up areas End of day - children will meet in music room Children aged 11 must wear face coverings on school transport</p>	All teaching staff and children	L
Remote education	<p>Children self-isolating will be provided remote learning</p>	All	L

Risk of infection due to lack of cleaning	<p>All surfaces, handles, toilets and shared equipment will be cleaned each day using an appropriate cleaning fluid</p> <p>Anti – viral spray available to wipe tables before and after snacks and lunch together with blue disposable paper</p> <p>Anti-bacterial wipes also available in every classroom, toilet, office and staffroom</p> <p>Daily cleaning MUST include all surfaces (tables, chairs, tops of drawer units, door handles, coat pegs etc), toilets and carpets.</p>	Cleaning staff	L
Risk of illness of vulnerable staff and family members	<p>Those who are clinically extremely vulnerable or living with those that are clinically extremely vulnerable to complete personal risk assessment – based on staff risk assessment. These staff to keep strict social distancing from other adults and as much social distancing from children as possible.</p> <p>Agree if staff are allowed to wear PPE when in school if they wish</p> <p>Issuing of all relevant risk assessments to staff concerning returning to work – and allow them to comment and contribute</p>	All Staff	L
Visitors on site – professionals and peripatetic teachers	<p>Visitors must ensure they have booked a time to attend</p> <p>Visitors must ensure they have no Covid 19 symptoms on the day of the visit</p> <p>Visitors must wear face coverings when entering the office and adhere to social distancing measures of 2m from other adults</p> <p>Visitors must sanitise hands on entry and exit</p> <p>Visitors must sign in and be prepared to follow guidance on test and trace</p> <p>Room visitor will use to be cleaned before and after use</p> <p>Professional to collect child and return child to bubble adhering to social distancing measures</p>	Adults and children	L
Contractors on site	<p>Contractors book time to work on site – preferably out of school hours</p> <p>Contractors must ensure they have no Covid 19 symptoms on the day of the visit</p> <p>Contractors must wear face coverings when entering the office and adhere to social distancing measures of 2m from other adults</p>	Adults	L

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Asymptomatic testing of staff	See separate risk assessment	Staff	L