

STROUD HIGH SCHOOL – COVID-19 Risk Assessment

<p>Location – Stroud High School location and site where activities take place</p> <p>Assessment Date – 01 September 2021</p> <p>Version 1.2 (previous GCC risk assessment March 21)</p>	<p>Control measures within this risk assessment apply to Stroud High School community (Staff AND Students) to minimise the ongoing risks of transmission of the virus following removal of Government restrictions in July 2021. This Risk Assessment should be used in conjunction with all other School and Department Risk Assessments and Policies, which still apply.</p> <p>Government guidance states that schools must adopt measures in a way that addresses the risks identified in their assessment, works for our school, and allows us to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum for our students, including full educational and care support for students with SEND. The school’s Risk Assessment has regard to government guidance, which in turn has regard to WHO guidance. The latter expressly considers the ages at which a child should wear a mask/face covering.</p> <p>Prevention:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Minimise contact with individuals who are required to self-isolate by ensuring they do not attend school. 2) Students to undergo return-to-school testing in asymptomatic testing centre, 2 tests 3-5 days apart with a staggered start in September. Students and staff to continue twice weekly self-test. 3) Advise to clean hands thoroughly more often than usual 4) Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ approach 5) Continue enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces using standard products such as detergents, bleach and proven sanitisers. 6) Maintain social distancing wherever possible 7) Keep occupied spaces well ventilated 8) Students and staff may continue to wear face covering, if wished, in areas where 2m distance cannot be maintained. <p>Response to any infection:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9) Engage with the NHS Test and Trace process as appropriate 10) Adopt Outbreak Management Measures 11) Following local health protection team advice <p>This Risk Assessment does not remove the element of general common sense or professional decision making. If you have any questions, please contact the school office</p>
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Hazard	Who might be harmed?	Controls	Further actions to control the risks	By who?	By when?	Complete
Getting or spreading coronavirus by coming into contact with someone at school who is displaying symptoms	Students Staff Visitors Contractors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff to maintain twice weekly self-testing, 3-5 days apart • Students to maintain twice weekly self-testing, 3-5 days apart • Staff and Students advised to remain at home if displaying symptoms • Staff and Students advised to get a PCR test if LFD test positive and/or displaying symptoms • Visitors and Contractors to be queried if taken LFD test and refused entry to site if test declared positive and/or displaying symptoms. • All Visitors and Contractors to scan in with QR code before entry. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students who start displaying symptoms during school day to isolate until collection by parent • Staff who start displaying symptoms to be removed from classroom and go home (if safe to do so) or be taken home. 	All staff All staff	Ongoing Ongoing	
Getting or spreading coronavirus by not washing hands	Students Staff Visitors Contractors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water, Soap and drying facilities throughout School • Information given on how to wash hands properly • Facilities = in all buildings • Hand sanitiser throughout School and at building entrances • Signs encouraging use of hand sanitiser 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signs to remind on importance of hand washing • Information provided on when and where to wash hands • LT to provide monitoring and supervision of controls • Students encouraged to use sanitiser on entering and leaving classrooms • Provide information on how and when to use hand sanitiser • Hand washing/ sanitising facilities to be monitored by Site and Cleaning teams and to be replenished at least twice a day. 	Site Site LT All Staff	Sept '21 Sept '21 Daily Sept '21 Sept '21 Daily	
Getting or spreading coronavirus by not washing hands	Students Staff Visitors Contractors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All adults may continue to maintain 2m social distance from students with other staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2m markers displayed where it may be difficult to maintain social distancing 	All Staff	Daily	

Getting or spreading coronavirus in high traffic areas eg. Dining Hall, Toilets, Entry/Exit points, Communal areas	Students Staff Visitors Contractors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All encouraged to maintain social distancing where possible • Students may continue to wear a face covering on school and public transport • Staff to devise and adhere to classroom seating plan (may be required for Stage 3) • Areas of high traffic identified. • Staggered lunch for students • Students encouraged to go straight to their classroom on arrival. • Regular cleaning regimes during school day and after school. • Sanitiser stations around school to minimise queuing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff to report where difficulties in following controls are found. • Perspex barriers available for meetings • Keep doors open to increase ventilation and minimise touch contact • Staff and Students advised to continue to wear face coverings in areas where social distancing is not possible, such as corridors and communal areas. (Stage 1) • Risk Assessments required for after school and lunchtime activities. 	All Staff	As required Sept '21 Sept '21 Daily As required	
Getting or spreading coronavirus by not cleaning surfaces, equipment and workstations	Students Staff Visitors Contractors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students encouraged to sanitise surfaces at the end of every lesson • Seating plans to be maintained consistently in similar classes to facilitate track and trace (Stage 3). • Increased cleaning staff numbers during school day (where possible) • Caretakers to be assigned cleaning duties during the school day (where possible) • Whole school to be cleaned at end of school day • Teachers to be given equipment to clean workstation before and after use. Provide information on best use. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleaning products to be monitored and replenished when necessary • Surface sanitiser and cloths/paper towels available in every classroom • Share documents electronically if possible • Keep surfaces clear to assist in efficacy of cleaning • Empty bins daily or more regularly 	Site All Staff Site Site Site Site	Daily Daily As required Daily Daily	
Mental health and wellbeing affected through isolation or anxiety about coronavirus	Students Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All members of school community to monitor each other for signs of ill health and report to line managers (staff), tutors (students) Identify and communicate system for raising concerns for both staff and students • Keep everyone updated so they feel reassured and involved 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share information on mental health and well being • Consider occupational health referrals if anxiety or stress is identified Awareness. Consider individual needs and circumstances. Risk assess individuals if they display signs of anxiousness 	Staff LT	Sept '21 As required Sept' 21	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure staff are taking their break times and not working long hours • Pastoral staff available for distressed students 				
Getting or spreading coronavirus via Catering staff	Staff Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aspens staff to be self-test twice weekly • Deliveries to be pre-arranged, access only via Beards Lane gate when no students are in yard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biometrics to be sanitised regularly • Dining Hall surfaces to be sanitised regularly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aspens staff to follow Stroud High School risk controls 	Aspens staff	Ongoing	
Poor ventilation leading to risks of coronavirus spreading	Students Staff Visitors Contractors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Windows and doors to be held open 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signs to remind staff to keep doors and windows open 	Site	Sept '21	
Increased risk of infection and complications for vulnerable people	Students Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain records of staff and students falling into categories identified: Clinically extremely vulnerable People self-isolating People with symptoms of coronavirus Groups who may be at higher risk of poorer outcomes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor Government guidance and act swiftly to inform those in categories should local lockdown occur. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air ventilation to be reinforced during new variant higher transmission 	LT All staff	ongoing	
Exposure to coronavirus due to not wearing PPE	Students Staff Visitors Contracts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPE available for all staff • Full PPE available for First Aiders • The wearing of face coverings is acceptable if wished by individual. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To monitor face covering and PPE usage 	LT	Ongoing	
Exposure to coronavirus following external trips		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All trips only to be approved • Following full risk assessment by trip leader including review of insurance protection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All trip proposals to go through Leadership and Trips Co-Ordinator 	LT/LP	Ongoing	
Exposure to coronavirus following school clubs and societies	Students Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All clubs to be risk assessed and approved by CTL's • Staff and Students to sanitise hands and surfaces on entry and exit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider numbers taking part if clubs run across year groups 	Staff leading club	Ongoing	

Outbreak Management Plan

In the event of a localised outbreak and following advice for the local health protection team, the following measures may be temporarily re-introduced at any time.

Face Covering (Stage 1)	Face covering (masks) may be re-introduced in the event of a localised outbreak. This may be in all areas, or in areas where social distancing is not possible, such as corridors and communal areas. Students may be asked to wear face masks on school and public transport. Face masks will be made available from school stocks if guidance is introduced at short notice.
Re-enforcement of “rules”	<p>Over time, staff and students may relax their attention to the measures that reduce the transmission of the virus. The measures may be re-enforced in the event of a local outbreak to include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Catch it, bin it, kill it” • Regular hand washing • Sanitising hands on entry and exit of a classroom • Cleaning down surfaces following each classroom use • Staff strict 2m rule • Ventilation – doors and windows open • Classrooms rearranged to face forwards • Re-check Seating plans for every classroom <p>In addition, the following measures may also be temporarily re-introduced;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Postponement of assemblies, events and larger gatherings • Postponement of trips and visits • Staggered start and finish times, and lunch times • Restriction of visitors to the school
Face Coverings in the classroom (Stage 2)	Face covering (masks) may be introduced in all classroom areas to support the risk of spread.
Track & Trace within Groups (Stage 3)	Seating plans introduced to support Track and Trace with the possibility of isolated groups being asked to work from home with a full online learning provision given
Student Bubbles (Stage 4)	In the event of a local outbreak, it may be necessary to re-introduce student year group bubbles in order to minimise transmission between year groups. This will inevitably impact on education and is not a decision that will be taken lightly. Pre-September protocols may apply – refer to GCC risk assessment March 2021.
Lockdown	A lockdown measure, in which all learning converts to remote online learning, will only be taken if required by the local health protection team or central government. In the event of lockdown the school will be open for the children of key workers and vulnerable children as before.