

Description of the	Covid-19	Location:	Beal High School and BBIH Campus
task/activity:	September 2020 re-opening		
	Central Services and school based administrative and premises staff.		
	School visitors and contractors		
Name of person(s) completing assessment:	Trevor Button	Job title(s):	Principal for and on behalf of the Trust Executive
Local reference no:	n/a	Risk Register No:	n/a
Date of this assessment:	24 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	Date of signing:	24 <sup>th</sup> October 2020
Date of next Review:	Review required if there is a significant change or Government guidance changes.	Signed by (Department Manager):	(Settle

What is the hazard?	Who/what could be harmed and how?	Initial Risk Rating (H/W/L)	What effective control measures are currently in place?	Residual Risk Rating (H/W/	Are additional controls required (Yes/No)
Being infected by the Coronavirus	Staff and students travel to work  Risk from environmental exposure, exposure to persons, transmission from touching contaminated objects		Measures for arriving at and leaving school  Staff and students are advised to avoid public transport where possible, either by walking or cycling to work or using private vehicles. Letters will be sent to parents/carers regarding travel advice.	8	



	<ul> <li>Where the use of public transport is unavoidable the following control measures will be applicable:</li> <li>Session times for students are staggered and set so as to avoid peak travel times</li> <li>From 15<sup>th</sup> June anyone, except children under the age of 11, using public transport must wear a face mask</li> <li>TfL are extra buses to the network and prioritising some bus services for school travel and children will be asked to use these where provided to ensure spaces on other services</li> <li>We will check tfl.gov.uk/reopeningeducation for the latest information on services and safer travel guidance and share this with students and parents</li> <li>We suggest staff wear protective gloves when using public transport and remove them when they arrive in school. Staff should observe social distancing as much as is practicable.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>school. Staff should observe social distancing as much as is practicable.</li> <li>TfL have implemented their own protective measures including deep cleaning and disinfection of buses and tube trains</li> <li>Following gov.uk guidance parents will be asked to drop their children away from the school gates to minimise transmission risk. Gathering at the school</li> </ul>	
	gates or otherwise coming onto site without an appointment is not allowed.	



# Staff in public-facing roles Pupils on site

Risk from environmental exposure, exposure to persons, transmission from touching contaminated objects

#### **School workforce**

#### Staff who are clinically extremely vulnerable

All staff can continue to attend school at all Local COVID Alert levels. In the future, the government will only reintroduce formal restrictive shielding advice in specific local areas at very high alert level with exceptional circumstances where this has been advised by the Chief Medical officer, and only for a limited period of time. The government will write to individuals to inform them if they are advised to follow formal shielding and not attend the workplace. Further guidance to the clinically extremely vulnerable is available.

Staff who were considered to be extremely clinically vulnerable should maintain social distancing and adhere to the system of controls described in this risk assessment. They should follow the same advice as for the clinically vulnerable below and take particular care to practise frequent, thorough hand washing, and cleaning of frequently touched areas in their workspace.

#### Staff who are clinically vulnerable

Clinically vulnerable staff can attend school in the Autumn term. While in school they should follow the measures in this document to minimise the risks of transmission. This includes taking particular care to observe good hand and respiratory hygiene, minimising contact and maintaining social distancing. Ideally, adults should maintain 2 metre distance from others, and where this is not possible avoid close face to face contact and minimise time spent within 1 metre of others. While the risk of transmission between young children and adults is likely to be low, adults should continue to take care to socially



distance from other adults including older children/adolescents.

People who live with those who are clinically extremely vulnerable or clinically vulnerable can attend the workplace - unless advised otherwise by an individual letter from the NHS or a specialist doctor.

#### Staff who are pregnant

Pregnant women are in the 'clinically vulnerable' category, and are generally advised to follow the above advice, which applies to all staff in schools. Guidance and advice on coronavirus (COVID-19) and pregnancy is available from the Royal College of Gynaecologists. All pregnant women should take particular care to practise frequent, thorough hand washing, and cleaning of frequently touched areas in their home or workspace.

Our workplace risk assessment will already consider any risks to female employees of childbearing age and, in particular, risks to new and expectant mothers (for example, from working conditions, or the use of physical, chemical or biological agents). Any risks identified will be included and managed as part of the general workplace risk assessment.

If we are notified that an employee is pregnant, breastfeeding or has given birth within the last 6 months, we will check the workplace risk assessment to see if any new risks have arisen. If risks are identified during the pregnancy, in the first 6 months after birth or while the employee is still breastfeeding, we will take appropriate, sensible action to reduce, remove or control them.



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While it is a legal obligation for employers to regularly review general workplace risks, there is not necessarily a requirement to conduct a specific, separate risk assessment for new and expectant mothers. However, an assessment will be undertaken to help identify any additional action that needs to be taken to mitigate risks.

# Staff who may otherwise be at increased risk from coronavirus (COVID-19)

Some people with particular characteristics may be at comparatively increased risk from coronavirus as set out in the COVID-19: review of disparities in risks and outcomes report which looked at different factors including age and sex, where people live, deprivation, ethnicity, people's occupation and care home residence. These staff can return to school in September. The reasons for the disparities are complex and there is ongoing research to understand and translate these findings for individuals in the future.

People who live with those who have comparatively increased risk from coronavirus (COVID-19) can attend the workplace.

#### Staff childcare issues

If staff are bringing their own children to work because child care for them may be unavailable then they must complete a separate risk assessment. admin@bbih.org should be contacted

#### PPE

PPE for staff and students See Section 2



PPE and medical care	
PPE will be required in the following cases:	
<ul> <li>children, young people and students whose care routinely already involves the use of PPE due to their intimate care needs should continue to receive their care in the same way</li> <li>if a child, young person or other learner becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus while in their setting and needs direct personal care until they can return home a face mask should be worn by the supervising adult if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained. If contact with the child or young person is necessary, then gloves, an apron and a face mask should be worn by the supervising adult. If a risk assessment determines that there is a risk of splashing to the eyes, for example from coughing, spitting, or vomiting, then eye protection should also be worn.</li> <li>PPE (masks, gowns, visors and gloves) are available on reception for first aid use. These are only required if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained with an individual who is</li> </ul>	
unwell with symptoms of COVID-19.	
Prevention	
We will minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus symptoms, or those who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school	



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Students, staff and other adults will be told and reminded regularly that they must not come into school if they have coronavirus symptoms or have tested positive in the last 10 days.	
If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they must be sent home and advised to follow 'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection', which sets out that they must self-isolate for at least 10 days and must arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19).	
If they have tested positive whilst not experiencing symptoms but develop symptoms during the isolation period, they should restart the 10-day isolation period from the day they develop symptoms. Other members of their household (including any siblings) should self-isolate for 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.	
Contactless thermometers will be available for any member of staff or student who feels unwell when in school and they will be isolated and sent home if showing a high temperature.	
Reception and medical staff will be trained on responding to a suspected case of COVID-19 and also how to use PPE if a distance of 2m cannot be maintained with an ill or injured adult or child.	



If a child is awaiting collection, they should be moved, if possible, to a room where they can be isolated behind a closed door, depending on the age and needs of the child, with appropriate adult supervision if required. Ideally, a window should be opened for ventilation. If it is not possible to isolate them, the child should be moved to an area which is at least 2 metres away from other people. Isolation areas have been designated.	
If they need to go to the bathroom while waiting to be collected, they should use a separate bathroom if possible. The bathroom must be cleaned and disinfected using standard cleaning products before being used by anyone else.	
Following any incident of which a member of staff or student becomes unwell the work area / isolation room will be cleaned after they have left to reduce the risk of passing the infection to other people. See the COVID-19: cleaning of non-healthcare settings guidance	
( <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings</a> ).	
Everyone must wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with soap and running water or use hand-sanitiser after any contact with someone who is unwell.	
PPE must be worn by staff caring for the child while they await collection if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained (such as for a very young child or a child with complex needs). More information on PPE use can be found in the safe working in	



education, childcare and children's social care settings, including the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) guidance. Any members of staff who have helped someone with symptoms and any pupils who have been in close contact with them do not need to go home to self-isolate unless they develop symptoms themselves (in which case they should arrange a test) or if the symptomatic person subsequently tests positive or they have been requested to do so by NHS Test and Trace. Students or staff reporting to the medical room with symptoms must have names and contact details recorded and a follow up contact made to confirm that the individual has booked a test and instructed not to attend school until the results of the test have been confirmed. Staff and parents will be told to inform the school immediately of the results of the test. Staff must book a test on the day on which symptoms are reported. Confirmation of this to be sent to Shelly Jackson. Failure to book a test on the day symptoms are reported may mean that absence is unpaid.

2. Use of face coverings in schools

to wear them, including in teaching spaces.

Staff: Visors will be provided for all staff who may use their own personal discretion as to whether (and where) they wish



Students: Students will be advised to bring masks to wear in school in case they are required to wear them or personally feel safer wearing them in corridors and communal areas. Face coverings would have a negative impact on teaching and their use in the classroom should be avoided. However students will be allowed to wear masks in classrooms with parental permission.	
PPE for staff and students in high transmission areas	
In areas of national government intervention (local lockdown or restrictions) face coverings must be worn by staff and students when moving around the school, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing is difficult to maintain. Staff and students may wear masks in classrooms if they wish.	
Exemptions	
Some individuals are exempt from wearing face coverings. This applies to those who:	
<ul> <li>cannot put on, wear or remove a face covering because of a physical or mental illness or impairment or disability</li> <li>speak to or provide assistance to someone who relies on lip reading, clear sound or facial expression to communicate</li> </ul>	
Teachers and other staff should be sensitive to those needs.	



Access to face coverings	
Staff and students should provide their own face coverings (although visors will be provided for staff) however a small contingency supply will be available for those who are struggling to access a face covering, have forgotten it or where it has become soiled or unsafe. Students will not be excluded from education on the grounds they are not wearing a face covering.  Safe wearing and removal of face coverings	
https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-in-education/face-coverings-in-education	
Staff and students will be informed of the process for wearing and removing face coverings:	
<ul> <li>Clean hands before and after touching, including to remove them or put them on</li> <li>Safe storage of them in individual, sealable plastic bags between use</li> <li>Where a face covering becomes damp it should not be</li> </ul>	
worn and the face covering should be replaced carefully  Students must not touch the front of their face covering during use or when removing it and they must	
dispose of temporary face coverings in a waste bin (not a recycling bin) or place reusable face coverings in a plastic bag they can take home with them, and then wash their hands again	



	3. Clean hands thoroughly more often than usual	
	Parents will be informed that children must be provided with and arrive in school with hand sanitiser and mask. Students will receive a very short 'COVID safe briefing' at the start of each morning session, reminding them of the importance of hand hygiene.	
	Students and staff will be encouraged to regularly wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly or use alcohol hand rub or sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered.	
	Staff leading sessions will instruct students that they must clean their hands with hand sanitiser at the start of each session/lesson. This will ensure that hands are cleaned when arriving at school, after breaks, when changing rooms and before and after eating.	
	Hand sanitiser or skin friendly cleaning wipes will be available in each teaching space for those students who have forgotten to bring their own. Students will be reminded of expectations and parents contacted if students regularly arrive in school without hand sanitiser.	
	Note COSHH guidance below:  Soft Hand Gel sanitiser (isopropyl alcohol) contains propan-1-ol, propan-2-ol (alcohol) and glycerine Hazard: flammable/irritant (eyes)	



Safety measures:  • Keep away from sources of ignition  • Keep away from food and drink  • Wash hands before and after meals  • Avoid contact with eyes	
First aid measures:  Inhalation (intoxicating/irritant) – move away from source of exposure  Eye contact (severe irritation) – rinse immediately with plenty of water, provide immediate medical assistance  Ingestion (irritant) – if swallowed rinse mouth with water, immediately drink 1-2 glasses of water or milk – obtain medical attention	
4. Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it approach'	
Disposable tissues and bins will be available in each teaching space. The students briefing at the start of each day will remind students of the 'catch it, kill it, bin it approach'.	
5. Introduce enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces	
All surfaces likely to be touched multiple times to be treated with Zoono Microbe Shield Surface Sanitiser (as used by TfL). Application to door handles, desk surfaces, handrails, toilet flush handles etc. will form an antimicrobial coating that bonds	



	nces and keeps surfaces germ-free for up to 30 days. on't wash off during routine cleaning procedures.	
that all student differer will be l	anced cleaning schedule will be implemented to ensure surface likely to be touched in areas used by staff or its are cleaned with disinfectant daily and if used by int groups in between sessions. Rooms not being used locked where possible. Telephones and computer in use.	
	in use will be cleaned before, after and between s each day.	
items su	uce the risk of shared resources all food preparation uch as crockery, cutlery, glasses, containers etc. have moved from communal and departmental areas.	
contain	ual hot drink containers are provided for staff. Any ers left out for others to handle or use will be disposed eaning or premises staff.	
6.	Minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible	
Plan B 7 Staff ab	Timetable reflecting existing government guidance	



If we have an increase in staff absence we may need to condense groups and operate in the larger teaching spaces (such as the 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor) to operate the building safely.  Plan B measures	
A condensed substantive (Plan A) timetable will be delivered. There will be a 5 x 45 minute lesson per day in order to deliver the substantive timetable. Start and finish times will be amended so as to avoid peak travel times (9.15 to 14.45 for staff / 10.00 to 14.20 for students)	
From Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November food will be provided on site (see Serving Food section). There will be two breaks where student will be able to purchase food or eat the food brought from home. FSM students will be able to purchase food with their parent pay accounts.	
Canteens have been set up to maintain social distancing and minimise close contact by the use of barriers and a supervised queuing system. Cashless fingerprint scanners will be disinfected between each individual use.	
Breaks have been limited to twenty minutes to reduce the risk of proximity contacts (extended close contact within 1 to 2 metres for more than 15 minutes) outside of the classroom. This is so that all proximity contacts can be limited to the classroom and easily identified using classroom seating plans. Students will move at lesson changeover minimising the need for staff movement at peak times.	



	General Measures	
	Measures within the classroom	
	Staff should maintain distance from students, staying at the front of the class and away from their colleagues where possible. All teaching spaces will be marked up 2 metres from the whiteboard to show the designated teaching area. Students will not be allowed in this area except when entering or leaving the room. Adults should maintain a 2 metre distance from each other and children where circumstances allow. They should avoid close face to face contact and minimise time spent within 1 metre of anyone. Students will be briefed each day to maintain social distancing.	
	Where possible all rooms will be rearranged to seat all students side by side and facing forwards. All doors of rooms being used to be opened in the morning to minimise contact (e.g. lower contamination risk of too many people touching handles)	
	External and internal safety signage:	
	<ul> <li>Bollard covers – social distancing reminder</li> <li>Keep your distance floor covers</li> <li>Keep your distance floor mats at all receptions</li> <li>Sanitiser stations at all receptions</li> </ul>	



#### Keeping occupied spaces well ventilated

All windows that can be opened will be opened in any room that is being used and door wedges used to ensure doors, as long as they are not fire doors, are propped open to encourage circulation of air. Staff using rooms with doors wedged open to remove wedges in the event of a fire alarm.

In cooler weather windows should be opened just enough to provide constant background ventilation and opened more fully during breaks or when the room is empty to purge the air in the space.

- Open high level windows in preference to low level to reduce draughts
- Increase ventilation while spaces are unoccupied
- We will provide flexibility to allow additional, suitable clothing. Students and staff will be allowed to wear suitable additional clothing, including coats, within the classroom if temperatures demand it.

We can continue using most types of air conditioning systems as normal but, if there is a centralised ventilations system that removes and circulates air to different rooms then the user must turn off recirculation and use a fresh air supply. Mechanical ventilation systems will be adjusted to increase the ventilation rate where possible and adjusted to fresh air (or if not then operated as normal as long as they are within a single room and supplemented by an outdoor air supply.



Assemblies will not be held. Friday prayers will be allowed but 1m social distancing and a 15 minute time limit adhered to. **Physical Activity and PE** Only sports whose national governing bodies have developed guidance under the principles of the government's guidance on team sport and been approved by the government will be permitted. We will only provide team sports on the list available at return to recreational team sport framework. Students will be kept in consistent groups, sports equipment thoroughly cleaned between each use by different individual groups. Outdoor sport will be prioritised where possible and large indoor spaces used where it is not, maximising natural ventilation flow and distancing between students and paying scrupulous attention to cleaning and hygiene. The PE department will refer to the following guidance with regards to provision: • guidance on the phased return of sport and <u>recreation</u> and guidance from <u>Sport England</u> for grassroot sport advice from organisations such as the Association for Physical Education and the Youth Sport Trust



Activities such as active miles and encouraging active travel will help to enable students to be physically active while encouraging physical distancing.	
Behaviour	
If any face to face conversation becomes threatening, teachers should dynamically assess the risk and, if necessary walk away and contact 'on call'.	
Children not behaving in a safe manner will be sent home by SLT and parents contacted.	
The DfE will now allow the use of an additional reason for exclusion for the academic year 2020/2021. The exclusion code is: PH - Wilful and repeated transgression of protective measures in place to protect public health	
All EHCP students have individual risk assessments related to COVID-19.	
BCS students will be taught in their own autonomous bubble. A separate risk assessment is in place.	
Measures elsewhere	
Desks and all surfaces likely to be touched often in shared staff spaces will be treated with Zoono anti-microbial treatment and disinfected daily. Staff will be told that all desks and other	



surfaces likely to be touched must be cleared of all papers etc. at the end of each working day to enable them to be cleaned and disinfected.	
Staff meetings may be held but only where social distancing of 2 metres can be maintained.	
Staff using shared office space or staff rooms must ensure that they stay 2 metres apart and all doors and windows are kept open to enable good air circulation.	
Fridges must not be used and cutlery and crockery must not be shared.	
Use of books and resources	
Equipment and resources are integral to education in schools.	
<ul> <li>Individual and very frequently used equipment such as pencils and pens should not be shared</li> <li>Classroom based resources (including equipment and worksheets) can be used and shared within the class but sharing should be avoided wherever possible. If resources are being shared remind students of the importance of not touching their faces and cleaning hands thoroughly with soap and water or hand sanitiser at the end of the session, before and after breaks and before eating.</li> </ul>	



<ul> <li>Classroom based resources which will shared between classes such as sports, art, and science equipment should be cleaned meticulously at the end of each session. Teachers will be provided with disposable gloves and disinfectant wipes to clean resources which will be used within 48 hours (72 hours for plastics). If equipment is not to be used within these timeframes there is no need to disinfect them.</li> <li>Students will be told to limit the amount of equipment they bring into school each day to essentials such as drinks and snacks, hats, coats, books and stationery. Bags are allowed.</li> <li>Students will not be changing for PE sessions but will be asked to come to school in kit. PE sessions have been scheduled to incorporate this requirement.</li> <li>Marking work</li> </ul>	
Teachers should minimise the work that is collected in by continuing to encourage students to submit work electronically via Show My Homework and MyMaths.	
Students and teachers can take books and completed work home.	
Teachers can collect in books or other work to mark. Teachers should avoid touching their face during or after marking work and should clean their hands thoroughly or use hand sanitiser after marking work and before eating or drinking.	



Teachers may wish to consider quarantining books or other work for a period of 48 hours after collecting in and before marking. In this case the protocol in the statement above does not need to be followed.	
School visits	
Overnight and overseas educational visits will not be permitted.	
Any non-overnight domestic educational visits should be carried out in line with COVID-safe protective measures. These will be incorporated into the risk assessment to be completed for the visit.	
Outdoor spaces in the community can be used to support delivery of the curriculum. A risk assessment will be required at the planning stage for such use.	
7. Where necessary, wear appropriate PPE	
See page 5	
Response to any infection	
8. Engage with the NHS Test and Trace process	
Staff and parents/carers will be told that they must be ready and willing to:	



<ul> <li>book a test if they are displaying symptoms. Staff and pupils must not come into the school if they have symptoms, and must be sent home to self-isolate if they develop them in school. All children can be tested, including children under 5, but children aged 11 and under will need to be helped by their parents/carers if using a home testing kit</li> <li>provide details of anyone they have been in close contact with if they were to test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test &amp; Trace</li> <li>self-isolate if they have been in close contact with someone who develops coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)</li> </ul>	
Anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus can and should get a test. Tests can be booked online through the NHS testing and tracing for coronavirus website, or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet. Essential workers, which include anyone involved in education or childcare, have priority access to testing.	
If colleagues are finding it difficult to book a test the school will use the DHSC employer referral portal to identify colleagues for priority bookings Staff should attend the walk-through coronavirus testing station detailed below if closest to their location at the time symptoms appear. Staff must arrange a test immediately.	
Redbridge has opened three permanent walk-through coronavirus testing facilities in the borough to give local people	



quick and easy access to testing if they have any COVID-19 symptoms. The testing facility is free to use, open seven days a week and you can turn up without a pre-booked appointment – although booking is advisable.	
You can book a test through nhs.uk/coronavirus or by calling 119.	
Mildmay Road Car Park Please visit the Mildmay testing centre page for full information on getting tested.	
Gants Hill Library Car Park Please visit the Gants Hill Library testing centre page for full information on getting tested.	
Charteris Car Park Please visit the Charteris Car Park testing centre page for full information on getting tested.	
Sites are open 7 days a week from 8am – 8pm	
Staff and parents will be asked to inform the school immediately of the results of a test:	
If someone with symptoms tests negative for coronavirus (COVID-19), then they need to stay at	
home until they are recovered as usual from their illness but can safely return thereafter. The only exception to return following a negative test result is	
where an individual is separately identified as a close	



contact of a confirmed case, when they will need to self-isolate for 14 days from the date of that contact.	
• if someone tests positive, they should follow the 'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection' and must continue to self-isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than a cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. The 10-day period starts from the day when they first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days. PHE and LBR will be contacted for guidance.	
Manage confirmed cases of coronavirus	
The school will take swift action when we become aware that someone who has attended has tested positive for coronavirus.	
London Borough of Redbridge will be informed.	
The NHS Business Services Authority (delivered by NHS) will be contacted immediately if the school becomes aware that someone who has attended has tested positive for coronavirus:	



<ul> <li>DfE helpline 0800 046 8687 and select option 1 for reporting a positive case.</li> <li>The line will be open Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm and 10am to 4pm on Saturdays and Sundays.</li> </ul>	
A team of advisors who will inform the school of what action is needed based on the latest public health advice, and work through a risk assessment to identify close contacts.	
The London Coronavirus Response Cell will be contacted if the school becomes aware that someone who has attended has tested positive for coronavirus:	
London Coronavirus Response Cell (LCRC)  If your enquiry relates to coronavirus (COVID-19) contact London Coronavirus Response Centre (LCRC) on 0300 303 0450. Alternatively, you can email LCRC@phe.gov.uk	
Email necl.team@phe.gov.uk; phe.nenclhpt@nhs.net Telephone • 020 3837 7084 (option 1)	
<ul> <li>Out of hours advice</li> <li>020 3837 7084 (option 1)</li> <li>Out of hours advice</li> <li>020 7191 1860</li> </ul>	



The health protection team will contact schools directly if they become aware that someone who has tested positive for coronavirus attended the school – as identified by NHS Test and Trace
The health protection team will work with schools in this situation to guide them through the actions they need to take.
The health protection team will carry out a rapid risk assessment to confirm who has been in close contact with the person during the period that they were infectious, and ensure they are asked to self-isolate.
Based on the advice from the health protection team, schools must send home those people who have been in close contact with the person who has tested positive, advising them to self-isolate for 14 days since they were last in close contact with that person when they were infectious. Close contact means:
<ul> <li>direct close contacts - face to face contact with an infected individual for any length of time, within 1 metre, including being coughed on, a face to face conversation, or unprotected physical contact (skin-to-skin) proximity contacts - extended close contact (within 1 to 2 metres for more than 15 minutes) with an infected individual</li> <li>travelling in a small vehicle, like a car, with an infected person</li> </ul>



The health protection team will provide definitive advice on who must be sent home.	
To support the HPT the school will keep a record of pupils and staff in each teaching group/bubble and any close contact that takes place between children and staff in different groups.	
This will be a proportionate recording process. Schools do not need to ask pupils to record everyone they have spent time with each day or ask staff to keep definitive records in a way that is overly burdensome.	
A template letter will be provided to schools, on the advice of the health protection team, to send to parents and staff if needed. Schools must not share the names or details of people with coronavirus (COVID-19) unless essential to protect others.	
Household members of those contacts who are sent home do not need to self-isolate themselves unless the child, young person or staff member who is self-isolating subsequently develops symptoms.	
If someone in a class or group that has been asked to self-isolate develops symptoms themselves within their 14-day isolation period they should follow 'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection'. They should get a test, and	
if the test delivers a negative result, they must remain in isolation for the remainder of the 14-day isolation	



period. This is because they could still develop the coronavirus (COVID-19) within the remaining days.  • if someone who is self-isolating because they have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) starts to feel unwell and gets a test for coronavirus themselves, and the test delivers a negative result, they must remain in isolation for the remainder of the 14-day isolation period  • if the test result is positive, they should inform school immediately, and must isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms (which could mean the self-isolation ends before or after the original 14-day isolation period). Their household should self-isolate for at least 14 days from when the	
symptomatic person first had symptoms, following 'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection'  School will not request evidence of negative test results or other medical evidence before admitting children or welcoming them back after a period of self-isolation  In the event that a parent/carer of a child with symptoms insists a child attends school the school can make a decision to refuse if in our reasonable judgment it is necessary to protect students and staff from possible infection with coronavirus. Where a student is unable to attend school because they are complying with clinical and/or public health advice then remote education will be provided immediately.	



Contain any outbreak by following local health protection	
team advice	

If we have two or more confirmed cases within 14 days, or an overall rise in sickness absence where coronavirus (COVID-19) is suspected, we may have an outbreak and must continue to work with our local health protection team who will be able to advise if additional action is required.

The health protection team may recommend that a larger number of other students self-isolate, perhaps all students or individual year groups.

In consultation with the local Director of Public Health, where an outbreak in school is confirmed, a mobile testing unit may be dispatched to test others who may have been in contact with the person who has tested positive. Testing will first focus on the person's class, followed by their year group, then the whole school if necessary, in line with routine public health outbreak control practice.

#### **Contingency planning for outbreaks**

If the local area sees a spike in infection rates that is resulting in localised community spread, appropriate authorities will decide which measures to implement to help contain the spread. DfE will be involved in decisions at a local and national level affecting a geographical area, and will support the appropriate authorities and the school to follow the health advice.

For individual or groups of self-isolating students, remote education plans will be in place.



	If the school closes temporarily to help control transmission we will remain open for vulnerable children and the children of critical workers and provide remote education for all other students.		
Staff with sanitation duties Cleaning staff and caretakers  Risk from environmental exposure, exposure to persons, transmission from touching contaminated objects  Risk from spilled fluids	The minimum PPE should be worn when cleaning an area where a person with possible or confirmed coronavirus has been following the cleaning in non-health care settings guidance.  Staff should wash their hands with warm soapy water for a minimum of 20 seconds. On arrival at work after each cleaning operation and disposal of materials and again prior to leaving work.  Staff should avoid touching their face, nose and eyes.  Where contractors maybe visiting school premises such operations will be assessed in advance by the headteacher or a member of the Senior Management Team to determine whether such work is essential. In cases where work is essential a separate risk assessment will be conducted and communicated for each such operation.  Staff should clean regularly touched surfaces, such as door handles and railings, regularly with disinfectant wipes, or a disposable cloth and warm soapy water or normal disinfectant products (e.g. Dettol spray).  Apply 2 metre social distancing and all other PHE precautions (this includes inside vehicles)	8	Needed for environmental exposure: Ready supply of suitable wipes, safe method of disposing of used wipes, regular hand washing, i.e. before and after tasks



	_	https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health- england		
		Staff should wear appropriate PPE and use wipes, etc.		
		Where staff are cleaning an area with potential contamination from an individual with suspected COVID-19, disposable gloves and disposable apron should be worn. Where there is visible contamination from body fluids, disposable masks should be worn.		
		Staff are briefed, given information and trained where needed on use of the PPE. Records to be kept of this.		
		Ready supply of suitable wipes, safe method of disposing of used wipes, regular hand washing, i.e. before and after tasks		
		Refuse containers have now been fenced in to prevent access and contain waste		
Failure to maintain social distancing requirement.	Staff/ children  Proximity - A person catches  CV19 due to working closely with an infected person.	A <i>Social Distancing</i> policy has been implemented. All work areas and activities have been evaluated against the possibility to implement social distancing (no handshaking, 2m rule, deferring large meetings etc.)	8	
		SLT are familiar with the <u>guidance</u> on implementing protective measures in educational and childcare settings.		



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	Children should be reminded to respect social distancing. Teachers and all staff should model social distancing and teach children to give a sense of space.  In particular:  Children should sit at their own desk; Children should have their own stationary and be encouraged to not share equipment or if they do to wipe it between uses; Where children need to queue up they should be approximately 2 metres apart; Play equipment used outside – children should wipe any equipment they use at the end of a session;  If any face to face conversation becomes threatening, dynamically assess the risk and, if necessary walk away and contact 'on call'.  Children not behaving in a safe manner will be sent home by SLT and parents contacted.  The DfE will now allow the use of an additional reason for exclusion for the academic year 2020/2021. The exclusion code	
	exclusion for the academic year 2020/2021. The exclusion code is: PH - Wilful and repeated transgression of protective measures in place to protect public health.	
Staff taking leave	The government has set a requirement for people returning from some countries to quarantine for 14 days on their return.  The latest guidance on quarantine can be accessed at coronavirus (COVID-19): how to self-isolate when you travel to the UK.	



	As would usually be the case, staff will need to be available to work in school during term time.		
	There is a risk that where staff travel abroad, their return travel arrangements could be disrupted due to factors arising beyond their control in relation to coronavirus (COVID-19), such as the potential for reinstatement of lockdown measures in the place they are visiting.		
	Depending on the circumstances any period of self-isolation due to quarantine or lockdown measures in places visited may be unpaid		
Working from home  Upper limb disorders, tired	All staff working from home need to ensure that they have assessed their home environment to ensure that it is as safe and suitable for work as possible.	6	
eyes, headaches, stress	Staff should take regular breaks away from their computer/laptop. (E.g. every hour) They should get up walk around and stretch.		
	They should ensure that their computer screen/laptop screen is at a comfortable height and distance to avoid neck and eye strain.		
	Staff temporarily working from home because of Coronavirus do not need to complete a display screen equipment workstation assessment.		



Staff and Student	All staff workload	Regular information sharing and communication	6	
Wellbeing	Impacts of the developing pandemic and organisations response  Stress and anxiety arising through uncertainty and lack of control  Vulnerable children and young people  Physical activity	Ensure all staff stay connected to team communications to avoid risks of isolation  Shared distribution of workload regardless of roles to adapt to changing demands in line with BMAT job descriptions 'The above mentioned duties are neither exclusive nor exhaustive, duties and responsibilities of the post may change as requirements and circumstances change. The post holder may be required to carry out such other duties as requested by management that are broadly within the level of the post.'  Implementation of BMAT safeguarding addendum.  Ensure EHCP is reviewed by senior management team.  Adhere to social distancing (at least 2 metres) where possible.  Outdoor sports will be prioritised where possible. Activities such as the active mile and encouraging		
	Caretakers/ Maintenance and external visits  Risk from environmental exposure, exposure to persons, transmission from touching contaminated objects	Adhere to social distancing (at least 2 metres), to not pass keys or any documents etc.  All routine maintenance visits and statutory inspections should continue as far as practically possible wherever this can be achieved whilst adhering to all current social distancing guidelines. If works cannot be carried out safely then they should be suspended other than in an emergency. Any repairs	8	



		to the outside of the building can proceed after they have been risk assessed.		
		Deliveries and contractors (working outside or socially distanced) all pre booked and report to reception only. All external works will have to adhere to social distancing guidelines. Any internal works required will be done away from wider opening areas or undertaken out of working hours  Vital H&S testing is still ongoing e.g. Legionella and PAT testing.  As normal, the school will engage with local immunisation providers to provide immunisation programmes on site and		
		will ensure these will be delivered in keeping with the school's control measures.  All other visitors are pre-booked, including new staff with ID for pre-employment checks. No ad hoc visitors allowed in – receptions are staffed on all BMAT sites with clear signage and instructions.		
Serving food	Food preparation  Risk of transmission through food or food packing	Although it is very unlikely that COVID-19 is transmitted through food or food packaging, as a matter of good hygiene practice students should wash their hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. This should be done routinely, including:  • before and after handling food • before handling clean cutlery, dishes, glasses, or other items to be used by the customer	3	



	<ul> <li>after handling dirty or used items, such as collecting used dishes from customer tables</li> <li>after handling money</li> <li>after touching high-contact surfaces, such as door handles</li> <li>when moving between different areas of the workplace</li> <li>after being in a public place</li> <li>after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing. Coughs and sneezes should be caught in a tissue or the crook of your elbow</li> <li>Food packaging should be handled in line with usual food safety practices and staff should continue to follow existing risk assessments and safe systems of working.</li> </ul>	
Food service	Hand washing facilities or hand sanitiser must be available at the entrance to canteens and their use should be supervised.  Queue points on the floor should be clearly marked to ensure social distancing is possible. Minimise self-serving options for food and drink. As far as possible, food served and/or displayed should be individually wrapped to minimise contact and avoid spread of infection.  Increase the frequency of cleaning, especially hand touch surfaces, such as table tops, drinks levers, keypads, grab-rails, elevator buttons, light switches, door handles, and any surface	



		or item which is designed to be, or has a high likelihood of being touched.	
		Plates, cutlery and glasses should be handwashed in hot soapy water or washed with detergent in a dishwasher rated for disinfection.	
		Canteens and restaurants should be thoroughly cleaned after each group uses them. All doors and windows should remain open wherever possible to allow greater ventilation and prevent touching of window handles (subject to appropriate fly screening).	
Clean	aning and waste disposal	Employers should ensure that objects and surfaces that are touched regularly are cleaned and disinfected using standard cleaning products.  Guidance on cleaning and waste disposal to help businesses reduce the spread of coronavirus government is available from FSA guidance and PHE guidance.	



Risk	Rating Matrix	_		Impact			
			1. Very Low	2. Low	3. Moderate	4. High	5. Very High
	E .	5. Almost Certain	5	10	15	20	25
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	o poo	3. Possible	3	6	Ø	12	15
	Likelihood of Harm	2. Unlikely	2	4	6	ω	10
	7	1. Rare	1	2	3	4	5

Matrix to calculate the likelihood and impact should the hazard be realised.

#### Note:

Inform the Risk and Insurance Manager of all Medium and High tasks (residual) Inform Strategic Health and Safety Board of all High rated tasks (>12 (residual))

#### **RAG Rating Matrix**

Risk Rating	Possible Action to be Taken
LOW	Department manager may accept risk
(<4)	Manage by routine processes
	Any costs to be funded within Directorate
	Hazard to be reviewed and updated at least annually.
MEDIUM (5.10)	Management action required to control risk as soon as reasonably practicable
(5-10)	Monitor any action taken to ensure it has been effective in reducing the risk to an acceptable level
	Reviewed and updated at least every 6 months to ensure controls remain effective
	May necessitate bids for central funding.
HIGH	Immediate senior management action required to further control risk
(>12)	May halt work/task while additional controls are applied
	Copy of the risk assessment sent to Risk and Insurance Manager for inclusion on to the Corporate Risk Register
	Responsible Director to give priority for action/funding
	Monitor any action taken to ensure it has been effective in reducing the risk to an acceptable level
	To be reviewed and updated at least every month to ensure controls remain effective.