



Midsomer Norton
Schools Partnership

Shoscombe Primary School

RISK ASSESSMENT FOR SCHOOL OPERATION FROM SEPTEMBER 2021

This risk assessment is based on Guidance for Full Opening: [Guidance Schools COVID-19 operational guidance Updated 27 August 2021](#)

Date of Risk Assessment: **1st September 2021**

Signed (head teacher): *RENoall*

Signed (Chair of governors): *Anna Holbrook*

Covid-19 is an illness that can affect your lungs and airways. Symptoms can be mild, moderate, severe or fatal. This risk assessment is for pupils, teaching and support staff and should be adapted by each of MNSP schools. The document must be adapted to reflect the unique circumstances in your school. You need to add any additional controls and indicate who is responsible, by when and indicate when in place (ie you must complete the last 3 columns) There is an expectation that staff will work at a distance from each other and from pupils as much as possible. If staff are working totally alone in the school, please ensure that a lone-working assessment has been undertaken and safeguards put in place for that person. You will need to review other risk assessments you have in place, for example use of equipment and practical lessons.

HAZARD: Spread of Covid-19 Coronavirus

Who Might be harmed:

- Staff
- Pupils
- Visitors to your premises
- Contractors
- Vulnerable groups – Elderly, Pregnant workers, those with existing underlying health conditions
- Anyone else who physically comes in contact with another person

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.nursingtimes.net/news/research-and-innovation/paper-towels-much-more-effective-at-removing-viruses-than-hand-dryers-17-04-2020/ • Gel (alcohol-based) sanitisers will be available in any area where washing facilities are not readily available including in classrooms, reception, staff rooms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A poster and reminder is being sent to every parent at the start of term • Pupils must wash their hands on arrival, before and after break and having lunch, after sneezing/using tissue. • There will be support for pupils who have trouble washing their hands independently • We will encourage young children to learn and practise these habits through games, songs and repetition. This will be incorporated in the morning routines in EYFS and Y1 			
<p><u>Cleaning</u></p> <p>We will follow the COVID-19: cleaning of non-healthcare settings guidance COVID-19: cleaning of non-healthcare settings guidance</p> <p>There will be frequent cleaning and disinfecting of objects and surfaces that are touched regularly particularly in areas of high use such as door handles, light switches, reception area using appropriate cleaning products and methods.</p> <p>Also requiring more regular cleaning will be toys, books, desks, sinks, toilets and handrails.</p> <p>Doors can be left open to prevent the more frequent use of handles provided these are not fire doors.</p>	<p>Headteacher/senior leader to check that cleaners are aware of guidance and have an appropriate regime</p> <p>Where possible, Headteachers will organise cleaning through the school day so that regularly touched surfaces can be wiped down regularly and bins emptied more frequently.</p> <p>Every classroom to be issued with a cleaning 'bucket' , kept stocked up with all supplies needed for regular cleaning of surfaces</p> <p>At key points in the day classroom staff must wipe down all surfaces</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • break time • lunch time • end of the day 	<p>RN, TR & SK</p> <p>RN, TR & SK</p> <p>SK</p> <p>All class based staff</p>	<p>6th Sept</p> <p>6th Sept</p> <p>6th Sept</p> <p>6th Sept</p>	

	<p>Office staff must wipe down keyboards, phones, headsets, light switches, entry buttons at key points in the day also</p> <p>Classroom based staff teams to be responsible for frequent wiping down in own classrooms Office staff to be responsible for office areas, resources room, shared corridors</p> <p>Each school will prepare a checklist which can be ticked and monitored by the senior leader responsible. SK to prepare laminated tick sheet for each zone and staff areas</p>	<p>All class based staff</p> <p>SK</p>	<p>6th Sept</p> <p>6th Sept</p>	
<p><u>Use of toilets</u> Different groups do not need to be allocated their own toilet blocks, but toilets will need to be cleaned regularly and pupils must be encouraged to clean their hands thoroughly after using the toilet</p>	<p>Staff should pay particular attention to handwashing before and after supporting children who need help with toileting (or eating), as well as avoiding touching their own face whilst at work.</p>	<p>All staff</p>	<p>6th Sept</p>	
<p><u>Use of outdoor space</u> When possible, we will use outdoor space as this can limit transmission and allow distance between children Outdoor equipment will be regularly cleaned and not used by multiple groups at the same time. Outdoor equipment should not be used unless the school can clean appropriately between groups of children and multiple groups do not use it simultaneously.</p>	<p>Classroom doors and windows to be open for ventilation and classes encouraged to use outdoor spaces .</p> <p>When considering team sports the following govt guidance will be consulted. Guidance on coronavirus (COVID-19) measures for grassroots sport participants, providers and facility operators - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p>	<p>RN/TR</p> <p>Sport lead</p>	<p>6th Sept</p> <p>As required</p>	

<p>Play time will take place in discrete groups. Where necessary the playground will be marked out into designated areas</p>				
<p><u>Daily school life</u></p> <p>Mixing and becoming close contacts: You can be a 'contact' with someone with COVID-19 any time from 2 days before they take a positive test or develop symptoms, until 10 days afterwards. You are a 'close contact' if you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Are living in the same household as someone with symptoms or who has tested positive for COVID-19 ● Have had the following types of contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Face-to-face contact, including being coughed on or a face-to-face conversation within 1 metre ○ Being within 1 metre for 1 minute or longer without face-to-face contact ○ Being within 2 metres for more than 15 minutes (either as a one-off contact or added up together over one day) ○ Travelling in the same vehicle or a plane 	<p>There is no restriction on movement around school. There will be no bubbles. Assemblies will resume. Performances will resume, but will be thoroughly risk assessed first. Educational visits will resume, but will be thoroughly risk assessed first. Wrap around care will continue without the need for bubbles, but parents will be asked to ensure we have the most up-to-date details on record.</p> <p>Families will be asked to work with Test and Trace and to engage in accessing a PCR test if a child shows symptoms. School will send home any child with symptoms, however mild.</p> <p>Parents will be reminded in a letter at the start of term of the symptoms, how we are mitigating the spread of the virus and when they should book a PCR test. We will also inform parents of who should self-isolate when they become a close contact.</p> <p>Close contacts or household members of a positive case don't need to self-isolate if any of the following applies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● They're fully vaccinated 	<p>RN/TR</p>	<p>6th Sept</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● They're below the age of 18 years and 6 months ● They've taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial ● They're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons <p>Instead, they'll be advised by NHS Test and Trace to take a PCR test.</p> <p>If 5 or more (or 10% of the school population) test positive in a 10-day period we will follow our Outbreak Management Plan.</p> <p>This may involve the reintroduction of measures such as bubbles, wearing of face coverings or, possible return to remote learning. PHE and BAENS Public Health team would advise the school in such circumstances.</p>			
<p><u>PPE: gloves</u></p> <p>When possible, spillages etc. should be cleared by the cleaning staff. If these staff are not available, then disposable gloves must be worn. Staff will be instructed on how to remove gloves carefully to reduce contamination and how to dispose of them safely.</p> <p>Gloves will be worn for the administration of all First Aid and for support children with toileting, nappy changing etc</p> <p><u>PPE: Face masks</u></p>	<p>Staff to be reminded that wearing of gloves is not a substitute for good hand washing and that gloves can also spread the virus. These will be available in all first aid kits and at the first aid stations</p> <p>Face masks will be available in every classroom, from the school office and at the first aid station. Face coverings are 'expected and recommended' in enclosed and crowded spaces where people may come into contact with others they don't normally meet, such as on public or dedicated school transport</p>			

<p>In non-health care settings there is currently no requirement or guidance for face masks. However, the schools will have disposable masks available for use should the guidance change and for situations where an urgent requirement to break the social distancing guidelines is required (in early years or primary setting or during first aid need for example). Those staff who wish to wear a face mask may request one.</p> <p>Staff should remember that current guidance emphasises good ventilation handwashing behaviours above all else.</p>	<p>this means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Staff will no longer wear face masks during school hours, unless advised to do so by Public Health officials, for instance in response to a substantial increase in the number of positive cases in our school ● Visitors to site for meetings will be asked to wear face coverings unless the meeting can be held outside ● Parents and staff are advised to consider continue wearing face coverings during school pick-up and drop-off times where the playground can become crowded with people with whom you do not normally mix ● Parents and visitors will be asked to wear masks at events where groups of visitors are in school together, for instance a sharing assembly. <p>Frequent reminders in briefings, staff meetings and newsletter</p>			
<p><u>Symptoms of Covid-19 – staff</u></p> <p>If anyone becomes unwell with a new continuous cough or a high temperature in the workplace they will be sent home and advised to follow the stay at home guidance and get tested.</p> <p>Tests can be booked online through the NHS testing and tracing for coronavirus website, or ordered by</p>	<p>Line managers will offer support to staff who are affected by Coronavirus or has a family member affected. We will do this through line management support and the use of our Employee Assistance Programme.</p>	<p>RN, TR</p> <p>SK</p>	<p>6th Sept</p> <p>6th Sept</p>	

<p>telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet. Staff in schools have priority access to testing.</p> <p>If a test is negative, if they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating.</p> <p>If a test is positive they should follow the advice from test and trace</p>	<p>Lateral flow testing made available to primary staff through The Trust.</p> <p>For individual cases the person who has tested positive must self-isolate for 10 days.</p> <p>Close contacts or household members of a positive case don't need to self-isolate if any of the following applies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● They're fully vaccinated ● They're below the age of 18 years and 6 months ● They've taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial ● They're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons <p>Instead, they'll be advised by NHS Test and Trace to take a PCR test.</p> <p>If 5 or more (or 10% of the school population) test positive in a 10-day period we will follow our Outbreak Management Plan.</p> <p>This may involve the reintroduction of measures such as bubbles, wearing of face coverings or, possible return to remote learning. PHE and BAENS Public Health team would advise the school in such circumstances.</p>	<p>TR/RN</p> <p>RN/TR</p> <p>RN/TR</p> <p>RN/TR</p>	<p>6th Sept</p> <p>6th Sept</p> <p>6th Sept</p> <p>6th Sept</p>	
<p><u>Symptoms of Covid-19 – pupils</u></p>	<p>The upstairs intervention room may be used.</p>	<p>RN, TR. SK</p>	<p>6th Sept</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school will designate (if possible) a specific identified room (or area) to isolate someone who shows symptoms of Covid-19 • Any pupil who displays signs of being unwell will be moved to the isolation room whilst awaiting collection (whilst still ensuring pupil is safe). • Areas used by unwell pupils who need to go home will be thoroughly cleaned once vacated. • Unwell pupils waiting to go home, should use different toilets (if possible) to the rest of the school to minimise the spread of infection. These facilities should then be cleaned prior to use by others 	<p>An adult will need to ensure the child is safe whilst maintaining a distance outside the room.</p> <p>Separate toilets are not available however any toilet used by an unwell child will be cleaned after use.</p> <p>The child who has shown symptoms and tests positive will need to self-isolate for 10 days.</p> <p>Test and Trace are responsible for contacting all close contacts.</p> <p>Close contacts or household members of a positive case don't need to self-isolate if any of the following applies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They're fully vaccinated • They're below the age of 18 years and 6 months • They've taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial • They're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons <p>Instead, they'll be advised by NHS Test and Trace to take a PCR test.</p> <p>If any child is required to stay at home due to having COVID-19, we will provide remote education, in line with the new remote education</p>	<p>RN,/TR</p>	<p>6th Sept</p>	
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	<p>temporary continuity direction for academic year 2021/22, which places the same requirements on schools as the direction from last academic year 2020/21. Schools affected by the temporary continuity direction must provide remote education for state-funded, school-aged pupils whose attendance would be contrary to local public health advice or UK central government guidance or law relating to COVID-19. Schools must also have regard to the expectations for remote education, which remain the same as last academic year.</p>			
<p><u>Confirmed Covid-19 and Riddor reporting</u> There may be a requirement for RIDDOR (The Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013) if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An incident at work has led to possible or actual exposure to Covid-19 • A member of staff has Covid-19 caused by exposure at work 	<p>Headteachers or senior leaders will seek advice prior to making Riddor reports. This will be through Services Director. If reports are needed these will be made on our behalf through B&NES</p>	RN, TR, SK	6th Sept	
<p><u>Transport arrangements</u> We will encourage parents and children to walk or cycle where possible and will signpost to government guidance.</p> <p>We will make any necessary arrangements and communications in relation to start and finish times</p>	<p>Masks may be advised for those pupils or staff arriving by public transport. We will ensure parents know this at the start of term letter. Start and finish times for the school day will resume normal times and we will not operate a one-way system.</p>	TR	6th Sept	

<p>The MAT senior leadership will engage with transport providers in relation to the appropriate steps they will take to mitigate risk.</p>	<p>This will be done in communications from Trust CEO to parents. Trust CEO and senior leaders will liaise with local authority regarding transport arrangements.</p>	<p>SK</p>	<p>6th Sept</p>	
<p><u>Communications</u> The Trust will communicate with staff and parents to make it clear that those who have coronavirus symptoms or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school.</p> <p>The school will effectively communicate local arrangements for school.</p> <p>We will communicate with contractors coming to site so they are aware of appropriate arrival times, entrances/exits to use and procedures that are in place.</p>	<p>Trust CEO communicates regularly with parents and staff</p> <p>Letter to parents</p> <p>KE to communicate to contractors including refuse collection, school meals delivery, site maintenance teams</p>	<p>SK</p> <p>RN/TR</p> <p>SK</p>	<p>6th Sept</p> <p>6th Sept</p> <p>6th Sept</p>	
<p><u>Environmental issues</u> Schools with air conditioning will keep this turned off as much as possible to avoid the recirculation of air. Natural ventilation is encouraged and windows should be opened where it is safe and appropriate.</p> <p>Where lights need to be turned on, these should be left on (frequent touching of switches to be avoided)</p>	<p>Applies to hall only – to be kept switched off</p> <p>All classes to ventilate throughout the day with open windows and doors. Light switches to be wiped at key points in the day</p>	<p>SK</p> <p>class staff</p>	<p>6th Sept</p> <p>6th Sept</p>	
<p><u>Mental Health</u> Management will promote mental health and wellbeing awareness to staff during the Coronavirus</p>		<p>RN, SK</p>	<p>6th Sept</p>	

