

Risk Assessment: Living with Covid (Covid-19)



Central Street Infant School

May 2022

Documents and advice that support this risk assessment:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-safely-with-respiratory-infections-including-covid-19>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ventilation-to-reduce-the-spread-of-respiratory-infections-including-covid-19#:~:text=The%20Health%20and%20Safety%20Executive,recirculating%20indoor%20air%2C%20where%20possible.>

[https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/health-and-social-care/health/living-covid#:~:text=Avoid%20having%20visitors%20in%20your,the%20virus%20\(see%20above\).](https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/health-and-social-care/health/living-covid#:~:text=Avoid%20having%20visitors%20in%20your,the%20virus%20(see%20above).)

Our school website has a page dedicated to COVID – 19 where this risk assessment, updates, information and resources are available for all stakeholders.

<https://www.stubbingsinfantschool.co.uk/our-school-1/coronavirus-covid-19>

 HOW YOU CAN CONTINUE TO KEEP YOURSELF AND YOUR LOVED ONES SAFE	 VACCINES Get vaccinated to reduce your risk of catching Covid-19 and becoming seriously ill, and to reduce the risk of spreading the virus to others.	 FRESH AIR Letting fresh air in if meeting indoors, or meeting outside to disperse Covid-19 particles and reduce the risk of spreading the virus.
 FACE COVERING Consider wearing a face covering in crowded, enclosed spaces.	 STAY AT HOME IF UNWELL Try to stay at home if you are unwell.	 HAND WASHING Wash your hands regularly to limit the spread of Covid-19.

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Hazard / Risk	Who will be harmed & how	Existing Controls	Risk Rating (H/M/L)	Additional Controls	Risk Rating (H/M/L)
Positive COVID-19 Test	Pupils Staff Families Visitors / contractors	For individuals with a positive COVID-19 test, they are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days and for children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days .	M	Only return if feeling well and symptom free	M
COVID-19 Tests	Pupils Staff Families Visitors / contractors	As of 1 April, free COVID-19 tests will continue to be available, after the universal testing ends on 1 April, for specific groups including eligible patients, NHS staff and care staff. This does not apply to education settings, other than for individuals who are at risk of serious illness from COVID-19 and eligible for treatments. Staff must not ask admin staff for LFTs from school.	M	School will keep LFT incase of an outbreak (DfE guidance)	M
Regular Asymptomatic Testing	Pupils Staff Families Visitors / contractors	Regular asymptomatic testing will no longer be recommended within education or childcare settings, including in SEND. Staff are not expected to test as before.	M		M
Vaccination	Pupils Staff Families Visitors / contractors	The government recommends that all staff take up the offer of vaccination. Staff are advised to inform school if they are unvaccinated.	M		M
Face Coverings	Pupils Staff Families	Face coverings are no longer advised to be worn by staff and visitors in communal areas. Staff and Pupils should follow wider advice on face coverings outside of the school setting, including on transport to and from school.	M		M

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	Visitors / contractors				
Local Outbreaks	Pupils Staff Families Visitors / contractors	School has an outbreak management plan in place outlining how we would operate if the number of positive cases substantially increases our schools, or in the local area. Central government may also offer local areas of particular concern an enhanced response package to help limit increases in transmission. The implementation of the outbreak management plan would take place alongside advice and support from local PHE	M		M
Remote education if pupils cannot attend school	Pupils Staff Families	All state-funded schools must provide remote education for school-aged children who are unable to attend school due to following government guidance or law relating to COVID-19 (<i>for example if they are self-isolating, or if they have tested positive but are well enough to learn from home</i>). Schools should provide remote education equivalent in length to the core teaching your child would usually get in school.	M		M
Maintaining enhanced cleaning	Pupils Staff Families Visitors / contractors	Each room to have cleaning equipment: Cleaning spray and cloths Paper towels Cleaning wipes <input type="checkbox"/> Toilets cleaned daily. <input type="checkbox"/> High frequency touch points such as door handles and handrails cleaned daily <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning of all work stations and IT equipment to be done by classroom staff Regular cleaning of surfaces will reduce the risk of spreading the virus.	L		L
Hand hygiene	Pupils Staff Families Visitors /	Frequent and thorough hand cleaning should now be regular practice. Schools should continue to ensure that pupils clean their hands regularly. This can be done with soap and water or hand sanitiser.	L	Staff will ensure that children to wash hands on arrival and when coming back into school after being outside.	L

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	contractors				
Respiratory hygiene	Pupils Staff Families Visitors / contractors	The 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach continues to be very important and Schools should continue to encourage this with pupils.	L	Lidded bins in place Signage checked	L
Ventilation on site	Pupils Staff Families Visitors / contractors	When the school setting is in operation, it is important to ensure it is well ventilated and that a comfortable environment is maintained. <input type="checkbox"/> Where it is safe to do so, opening external windows can improve natural ventilation and, in addition, opening internal doors, can also assist with creating a through flow of air. <input type="checkbox"/> If necessary, external opening doors may also be used (if they are not fire doors and where safe to do so). <input type="checkbox"/> The School should balance the need for increased ventilation while maintaining a comfortable temperature. <input type="checkbox"/> The Health and Safety Executive guidance on ventilation and air conditioning during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and the Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers' coronavirus (COVID-19) advice provide more information. <input type="checkbox"/> CO2 monitors have been provided to the School, so staff can quickly identify where ventilation needs to be improved.	M		L
Attendance	Pupils Staff Families	School attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age and it is a priority to ensure that as many children as possible regularly attend school.	L	Admin to check register codes and report weekly using DfE format	
Awareness of policies / procedures /	Pupils Staff Families Visitors / contractors	All staff, pupils and volunteers are aware of all relevant policies and procedures including, but not limited to, the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and Safety Policy • Behaviour Policy • Safeguarding policy and associated updates 	M		

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		<p>All staff can access the following information on-line for up to date information on COVID-19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Health England • Gov.co.uk • NHS • DfE • Department for Health and Social Care • Staff are made aware of the school's response to coronavirus. They contact the school as soon as possible if they believe they have symptoms or have been exposed to anyone with COVID-19. • Parents are made aware of the school's response to coronavirus. They contact the school as soon as possible if they believe that their child has symptoms or have been exposed to anyone with COVID-19. 			
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