

# **Risk Assessment Form (RA1)**

Department: Education	Service:	School: St Michael's C E Primary
Activity: Schools fully opening from September 2020	during COVID19	Site: St Michael's C E Primary Howling lane Alnwick NE66 1DJ
pandemic		
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updates; also recorded in Document History		
To be read in conjunction with NCC Health and Safety	Bulletin and	
Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance for schools and oth	<u>ner educational</u>	
settings.		
Guidance for full opening: schools		
People at Risk:		Additional Information: guidance on completion: risk assessment form
Staff, pupils, visitors, volunteers, parents, contractors		Existing service/task specific risk assessments and guidance provided by the
		government/Public Health England and internally at NCC.
This risk assessment <u>must</u> be amended to record t	<del>-</del>	
arrangements in place within your school. Acaden		Government/Public Health England Advice: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus">https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus</a> /
to use this risk assessment, however, references to		Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance for schools and other educational settings
arrangements/procedures may differ. The school s	-	HSE Advice: https://www.hse.gov.uk/news/coronavirus.htm
assessment should be kept under review. Schools		NCC Guidance: <a href="http://staff/Communications/Coronavirus-information.aspx">http://staff/Communications/Coronavirus-information.aspx</a>
copies of all previous versions of their risk assess	ment	Northumberland Education: <a href="http://northumberlandeducation.co.uk/coronavirus/">http://northumberlandeducation.co.uk/coronavirus/</a>
		DFE Advice: <u>DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk</u>
		NCC PPE Risk Assessment; NCC Staff Risk assessment
		NCC Health and Safety Team webpage
		Local Authority Scenario Guidance for Covid-19 Infection, Protection and Control
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		Public Health - Q&A for Teachers and Parents (current as of 30 June - further
		revision likely September 2020)
		NCC Corporate Health and Safety Advice - FAQs for School Head Teachers
		Vulnerable Staff - Risk assessments (including BAME)
		Corporate H&S Briefing Note - 10/7/2020

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Hazard	Risk	Initial Rating L, M, H	Existing Control Measures	Final Rating L, M, H	Additional Action Required (action by whom and completion date – use separate Action Plan if necessary)
School re-opening following partial or full closure and lack of statutory testing/maintenance  Inadequate testing/maintenance and fire safety arrangements during the covid19 pandemic	Equipment / system failure leading to enhanced physical or biological risks to people	M	. Schools are now fully open Statutory testing and maintenance, such as water hygiene testing/flushing, lifts, gas supply/safety, fire alarm system, emergency lighting, fixed electrical installation, play/sporting equipment have taken place and maintained as normal.  [Wall mounted fan convector coil heating systems - All schools have been contacted directly by the NCC Property Services team to identify buildings with this type of system - an inspection of these systems will be carried out to ascertain if further maintenance is needed. See FAQ for further details or contact Property Services or your heating maintenance company for further advice.]  Head/Cleaner in charge/SBM has ensured all necessary checks/paperwork/maintenance is up to date prior to school opening. Consideration given to; check of known asbestos sites for damage, potential pest/rodent activity, cleanliness/general safety of kitchen facilities, electrical equipment, site security measures, fire safety measures (extinguishers, door	L	Provision is in place to make adjustments and revisit fire drills  Fire risk assessment has been reviewed and the associated modifications / additional measures implemented to maintain an effective fire strategy (e.g. escape routes, doors held open etc). Any changes to the fire risk assessment have been communicated to all staff. During this period at a pre determined time the fire bell will be tested so pupils know the sound. Staff to warn children it will happen at a specific time/day It is usual to give three short rings so it differentiates an actual emergency.

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			mechanisms etc.) and general building(s) integrity and serviceability.  Fire evacuation procedures have been reviewed and a fire drill is planned [roll call lists updated/each class or cohorted group should stay together (where possible) and be assigned predetermined evacuation points which are sufficiently distanced from other groups - 'walk throughs' may be considered as an alternative so cohorted groups don't mix during evacuation but children must be familiar with sound of the evacuation alarm and be able to respond to it]. In an emergency situation, a full evacuation will take place as usual.		
Inadequate safety management documentation (policies, risk assessments etc)	Increased risk of contracting Coronavirus through lack of planning.	M	The arrangements in the Covid19 risk assessment are monitored and kept under review. Relevant policies, procedures and other risk assessments have been reviewed and updated where necessary and shared with staff. Arrangements are monitored and kept under review, with staff given the opportunity to comment and feedback on arrangements.  New procedures have been documented for:  Individuals becoming Covid symptomatic on site or the school becoming aware of someone symptomatic who has recently attended the school.  Responding to localised lock down and subsequent school closure e.g. arrangements for remote learning/working.	L	Advice will be provided directly from the local Health Protection Team. NCC public health team The County Council Outbreak Plan is also available on the County Council webpage. Take into consideration children in quarantine resulting from overseas holiday. Parents

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			Responding to an outbreak of Coronavirus - see section below.		
Contact with others who may have Coronavirus  Inadvertent transmission to others	Exposure to live virus resulting in contracting Coronavirus.  Exacerbation of existing medical conditions.	Н	Staff who are 'clinically vulnerable', pregnant or from a BAME background, are able to return to work and an individual risk assessment is in place for these individuals. Staff who are 'clinically extremely vulnerable (who were previously shielding) continue to work from home where this is possible e.g. some admin roles. PPA time etc Where this isn't possible, their job role and activities have been reviewed to ensure they can work remotely or are able to socially distance from others. An individual risk assessment is in place for each staff member recording the details of the medical condition and what reasonable adjustments have been made to their job role prior to the staff member returning to school. Advice is sought from the school's own HR/Occupational Health provider where necessary and always for staff who have previously been shielding. [schools in the HR SLA should forward these in the first instance to Schools.HR@northumberland.gov.uk]  Staffing levels are reviewed to ensure adequate levels are in place at all times.	M	See: COVID-19: guidance on shielding and protecting people defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable  See generic school risk assessments for clinically/clinically extremely vulnerable staff  BAME risk assessment  Head teachers/Senior managers are to ask staff to update them immediately if their situation changes.  The potential risks from COVID-19 to children and young people who have an EHCP/additional educational support needs must be assessed in light of individual circumstances including any underlying health conditions. This must be on an individual basis with advice from an appropriate health professional where required. Assessments are in writing and existing assessments may be updated. Staff to be

Children in clinically vulnerable and clinically highly vulnerable health categories (as defined by PHE quidance)

Most pupils in the "Clinically Extremely Vulnerable" who have been shielding are now able to return to school (with a small number of exceptions identified by the child's consultant/GP) along with those children classed as "Clinically Vulnerable". For those pupils in the CEV category, an individual risk assessment has been carried out in consultation with the child's parents and the relevant healthcare professional(s). Advice from health professionals/GP involved in the child's care is essential in these circumstances. Individual Healthcare Plans for all pupils are checked to ensure they are up to date and include advice from the relevant health professional where appropriate. [see also model risk assessment for CV/CEV pupils.

### All Visitors/Contractors

These are limited to essential visits only during the school day, with contractor activities taking place outside of normal school hours. Contractors will not be allowed access without prior appointment-and only for essential activities.

Visitor contact information is retained for 21 days to support the NHS test and trace programme (<u>Visitor Audit/Questionnaire</u>). —This should include details of all visiting staff.

Visitors asked to wear masks and gloves.

consulted/trained on any resultant measures to be introduced.

Northumberland <u>EHCP planning Tool</u> and Risk Assessment

Where children have an Individual Healthcare Plan, arrangements must be made to ensure that any adults supervising the child understand and are familiar with the plan and have received any training that is indicated to care for the child. Supporting children and young people with SEND as schools and colleges prepare for wider opening

Where there are concerns about the health provision for a child or young person, urgent advice must be sought from a healthcare professional.

When making appointments, contractors/visitors are briefed on the requirements for social distancing and PPE and not to attend school if displaying symptoms of COVID19.

Notices and information displayed in school.

The location of items (e.g. signage, hand sanitiser stations, lidded bins in classrooms and in other key

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### General

General measures which have been applied within school

- grouping children together
- avoiding contact between groups
- arranging classrooms with forward facing desks
- staff maintaining distance from pupils and other staff as much as possible

Staff communicate to children regarding social distancing / personal hygiene etc. Government guidance on on <u>Guidance for full opening: schools</u> is followed. Key issues include:

Anyone displaying any symptoms of coronavirus are not permitted on the premises.

Social distancing of 2m is applied throughout the school <u>where possible</u> (specific school/task risk assessments should be amended as appropriate).

Seating/desk arrangements have been identified in offices, i.e workstations are socially distanced, & space has been allocated around equipment, such as printers.

Reception/waiting areas are marked to identify social distancing and a process is in place for handling essential visitors to the site, for example, visitor passes and electronic sign-in devices are wiped down with disinfectant.

locations) is reviewed and cited with regard to site specific circumstances to ensure ease of use.

Posters displayed around the school and tape used on pathways to guide parents {2m social distancing}

Soap, hand sanitiser, tissues, paper towels available in each classroom.

Classroom lidded bin provided in each class for the purpose of tissues, wipes and towels and gloves.

Flash Spray {COSHH sheet available in office} in each classroom for frequent cleaning. Stored out of reach of children.

Layout changed in each classroom. Soft toys and furnishing have been removed.

Items needed in classrooms include:

- soap
- sanitizer
- anti-bacterial wipes
- cleaning cloths
- cleaning spray
- paper towels
- PPE masks for staff

Unable to achieve	Contracting	Н	Pupils clean their hands regularly, including when they arrive at school, return from breaks, change rooms, before and after eating, after sneezing or coughing. Washing hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with soap and water and or use of alcohol hand rub or sanitiser.  Ensuring good respiratory hygiene - promote the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach. Disposable tissues are provided along with lidded bins for used tissues and other waste. This waste is double bagged and disposed of. Face coverings should not be worn in schools as a general rule. unless this has been risk assessed as being required [see separate model risk assessment on use of face coverings and add link to school specific assessment or record decision/arrangements here]. Arrangements have been put in place for safe disposal/storage of face coverings if worn Arrangements have been put in place should a pupil arrive wearing one - disposable masks to be put into a bin bag in a lidded bin, reusable covering to be placed by the pupil into a bag to take home.  Cleaning frequently touched surfaces often using standard products, such as detergents and bleach (if appropriate)  Minimising contact and mixing by altering, as much as possible, the environment (such as classroom layout) and timetables.  Cohort (bubble) Groups (see also H&S briefing for	L	Aprons Gloves Tissues Lidded bins  Review Guidance & Checklist:
social distancing - All teaching/classroom	coronavirus - staff and pupils, passing onto	, , ,	Heads) The school has cohorted groups so that staff and pupils generally only mix with others in a consistent	L	Guidance for full opening: schools  Access rooms directly from outside where possible.

activities; early group and keep away from other people/groups as vulnerable years, primary and much as possible. Contact with other groups is brief No sharing of stationery etc. persons and transitory only. Group sizes are kept as small as secondary possible, taking into account delivery of the curriculum, (see also section on 'Shared Learning and are detailed below (enter school specific detail; the Spaces/practical following is given as guidance): Note: teaching below) Government guidance states that schools should not put rotas in place. o EYFS: Setting should still consider how they can minimise mixing between groups, According to age - pupils have been however they can return to normal group given own tray of stationery. Desk are 2m apart sizes. Key Stage 1 & 2 - Full class sized Desks have been assigned to pupils. cohorts (if possible) Key Stage 3 - Full class sized cohorts (if Staff have been assigned to same possible) class each day. o Key Stage 4 & 5 - May require year group sized cohorts to deliver full curriculum. (Larger year group bubbles may be required in addition to KS4/5 mentioned above - Middle Schools may need these to accommodate setting arrangements). Where larger bubble groups are required, 'class groups' are kept in the same room with the same 'class group' as much as possible. Mixing of 'class groups' is minimised as much as possible. (A record is kept of staff/pupils within each group and any close contact between different groups in the event of an outbreak of Covid19). Social Distancing

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As the school is fully open to all year groups, it is accepted that social distancing cannot always be achieved (especially for younger children). However, it should be applied wherever possible. For older children and staff this is more achievable and should be more robustly implemented. The general arrangements below have been put in place to mitigate the risk where distancing cannot always be achieved.

## General arrangements

- Pupils taught to adopt good hand and respiratory hygiene, to maintain suitable distancing (where possible) and to report if they are unwell.
- Staff explicitly supervise health and hand hygiene arrangements for younger children and those with additional needs. Measures are in place to ensure more independent older pupils are following good hygiene practices.
- Staff informally monitor for presence of symptoms.
- Regular cleaning initiated (see below).
- Where possible the same teaching staff work with the same groups
- Where possible, the same groups are taught in the same classrooms or where this isn't possible, larger bubble groups are assigned 'zones' within the building. This limits the amount of movement around the school and potential contact with other groups.
- Where possible the same desks are used by the same pupils each day and desks are front facing, with pupils sat side by side rather than face to face. Circular tables have been taken out of use.

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<ul> <li>Timetabling has been reviewed to stagger school activities (PE, Outdoor Learning, assemblies, break times, lunch, pick up/drop off) to reduce movements and incidence of group mixing, including parents.</li> <li>Equipment use has been revised and measures to</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Equipment use has been revised and measures to prevent simultaneous (as well as cleaning, below) use and reduce consecutive use have been introduced.</li> <li>Where possible areas will be well ventilated, doors propped open (where safe to do so, taking into account fire safety and safeguarding) to limit use of door handles.</li> </ul>	

Use of shared learning spaces by different cohort (bubble) groups and teaching of practical activities	Contracting coronavirus - staff, pupils, public	H	In addition to the arrangements above, the following measures are in place for use of shared learning spaces/teaching of practical subjects:  • Activities undertaken are reviewed to allow teaching to take place in usual/assigned class space wherever possible.  • Where this isn't possible and practical activities are required to take place in classrooms shared between bubble groups (e.g. D&T, Science, Domestic Science etc), frequently touched areas, desks, chairs etc and any shared equipment are cleaned between bubble group use (or left for 48 hours, 72 hours for plastics).  • Those teaching practical subjects to a range of groups maintain social distancing and remain at the front of the class where possible.  Staff have reviewed lesson plans and risk assessments are in place for use of practical areas and for activities taking place e.g. PE, music, domestic science, art etc [signpost or link to specific risk assessments]	L	PE activities are carried out in line with Guidance for full opening: schools (which signposts to all relevant other publications).  Schools must only provide team sports on the list available at return to recreational team sport framework.  Music - activities are undertaken in line with Guidance for full opening: schools and working safely during coronavirus (COVID-19): performing arts. A separate risk assessment is in place.  Science - practical work is in line with CLEAPPS Guide to doing practical work during the COVID-19 pandemic. Risk assessments are in place.
Use of communal areas - toilets, corridors, sports halls, dining hall, outdoor spaces, staff room, offices	Contracting coronavirus - staff pupils, visitors, parents/carers	Н	Class changeover/break times are staggered to reduce the level of circulation throughout school. (One-way circulation routes should be considered, or place a divider down the middle of the corridor if the width allows).	М	When reviewing areas/spaces consider:  Widening routes where possible. Removing unnecessary obstacles. Signing and communications:

Halls, dining areas and internal and external sports facilities can be shared as long as different cohorted groups do not mix (and especially do not play sports or games together) and adequate cleaning between group use takes place.

Assemblies are arranged to take place with individual groups in their allocated classroom spaces rather than bringing all children from different classes together into one hall or large space.

Lunch breaks are staggered. Children clean their hands before entering in their cohorted groups (younger children are assisted with this). Different cohort groups are kept apart and tables cleaned between each cohort group. If such measures are not possible, children should be brought their lunch in their classrooms.

Table seating plans for those in the same class/cohort group are arranged so children are seated as far apart as possible or where this isn't possible are seated side by side. [it is accepted that this won't always be possible and schools should balance this against the practicality of completing lunch sittings within a reasonable timescale].

Arrangements are in place to ensure that toilets do not become crowded by limiting the number of children or young people who use the toilet facilities at one time

- markings/signage at entrances
- movement intersections.
- encouraging people to wait and allow others to pass One-way movement. Separate entry and exit routes. Enlarge access and exits. Accommodate extended queuing:
- Defined queue areas
- "Do not join the queue" when capacity reached signs

### Deliveries.

People with additional needs. Use of stewards.

Staff use of communal areas/working with different groups.  Use of supply teachers and temporary workers	Contracting coronavirus - staff pupils, visitors, parents/carers	H	Staff breaks are staggered to avoid congestion in staff rooms. Shared crockery/cutlery to be sanitised in the dishwasher or staff use their own equipment.  Measures are applied within shared offices and staff room(s) to implement social distancing.  Clear use and cleaning guidance for staff toilets are in place to ensure they are kept clean and social distancing is achieved as much as possible.  Staff maintain 2m distance from pupils where possible (especially between adults and with older children). Face to face contact within 1m of anyone is minimised.  Supply staff and other temporary workers can move between schools, but school leaders are to consider how to minimise the number of visitors to the school where possible.  Temporary staff and visiting staff will be expected to comply with the school's arrangements for managing and minimising risk, including taking particular care to maintain distance from other staff and pupils.  Review and implementation of longer term staff contracts/arrangements across a broader time period to minimise numbers of contacts.	L	Review and apply the guidance for working safely in offices if applicable (e.g receptions and shared offices)  Offices and contact centres - Working safely during coronavirus (COVID-19) - Guidance
Outdoor education on-site and off-site visits	Contracting coronavirus - staff, pupils, public	Н	General control measures listed by this risk assessment are implemented as far as they are able to ensure that the risk of virus spread for both staff and children is as low as possible.	L	On site activities: Submission of an Evolve form is not required, however where risks are significant or are not already covered with another risk assessment the activity must be subject to a written risk assessment.

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			The NCC Guidance for Outdoor Education - Schools & Establishments during COVID-19 for Planning Safe Activities is followed. Located within the Resources Section on the Evolve system under "Guidance".  Educational Visit Coordinator & Heads receive policy guidance updates and actively check for updates on the Evolve system.		Off site activities: Submission of an <u>Evolve</u> form is required for all Off site visits. Note <u>DfE</u> and <u>FCO</u> advice and <u>OEAP National Guidance</u> .
Play activities	Contracting coronavirus - staff and pupils	Н	Existing school play risk assessment has been reviewed against government advice and shared with staff.	L	
			Break times are staggered (including lunch), so that children are not moving around the school at the same time.		
			Multiple cohorted groups do not use play equipment simultaneously. It is only used by separate groups, more frequently cleaned and checked between use of groups. For larger pieces of play equipment, where it is not possible to adequately clean this, this has been taken out of use.		
			Soft furnishings, soft toys and toys that are hard to clean have been removed from classrooms.		
Provision of school meals service	Contracting coronavirus - staff, pupils		The school kitchen will be fully open from the start of the autumn term and normal legal requirements will apply. Kitchen operations comply with the <u>quidance</u> for food businesses on coronavirus (COVID-19).	_	Risk assessments have been reviewed and updated where required (both for catering activities and dining hall arrangements, including additional cleaning,
			Catering staff are aware of the content of this risk assessment and the measures required for use of communal staff areas have been implemented e.g for		placement of tables, bubble group use etc)

			toilets/staff room/changing rooms. [see also section on use of communal areas for seating plans etc]		
Parents/carers picking up/collecting pupils from school	Contracting coronavirus - staff, pupils, public	Н	Routes, layouts and congregation points have been reviewed and measures introduced to aid circulation so social distancing may be maintained. Queuing system and greeting process determined as appropriate to the setting and facilitates immediate hand wash on arrival.  Drop off/collection times are staggered. (enter specific arrangements as to how this will be achieved).  Staff briefed on the arrangements to be applied. Children, young people, parents/carers are advised:  Not to enter the building if displaying any symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19).  Only to attend one at a time  Of the designated pick up and drop off protocols (time, location, process) to minimise contact.  Not to gather at entrances, gates or doors unless have pre-arranged appointments. School digital communications channels used to engage and advise parents on protective steps being taken and associated requirements.	L	
Use of School Transport (external provision only)	Contracting coronavirus - staff, pupils, transport provider	Н	Steps taken to ensure anyone who becomes symptomatic does not use School Transport.  Areas under lockdown are avoided unless travel into/out of that area is essential.  The school encourages pupils to walk or cycle to school where possible. For some families, driving	М	Note 1: Children who are allocated to a specific cohort/bubble in school are not required to utilise school transport in those cohorts only. Children from different cohorts may share the same transport providingstated control measures are put in place.

children to school may be a preferable option and will be accommodated where safe to do so.

The degree of public transport use by pupils is quantified so; a) arrival and departure times are staggered to minimise and reduce intensity of use of public transport and, b) to support the Local Authority in identifying where it may need to provide additional dedicated school transport services to depress demand for public transport and to increase capacity in the system.

Providers have taken steps to adapt vehicle use in accordance with NCC School Transport Risk Assessment for Coronavirus to facilitate use of hand sanitiser, social distancing and use of face coverings.

A review has been undertaken by the school of dedicated transport use and consideration has been given to;

- grouping school based cohorts together on designated school transport where possible,or within the same constant group.
- use of hand sanitiser upon boarding and disembarking

 advising children and young people aged 11 and over to wear a face covering when travelling

- implementing organised queuing and boarding where possible support social distancing in vehicles where it is possible
- supporting use of face coverings for children over the age of 11 on transport where they are likely to

Note 2:Children under the age of 3 should not wear face coverings. Children aged from 3-10 can wear face coverings, but they are not required to.

Stated measures to be reviewed upon publication of new guidance to local authorities on providing dedicated school transport that will build upon existing government guidance.

			come into contact with people outside of their group or who they do not normally meet  The school has consulted the Local Authority School Transport team to support their implementation of transport arrangements and to plan the staggering of start and finishing times. Where applicable, consideration has been given to pupils using public transport to help them to avoid peak travel times and keep this to an absolute minimum. Arrangements for staggering times have been communicated to parents in advance.  Where staff are required to assist with accessing transport and fitting of seat belts/restraints only those within the child's cohorted group will provide such support.		
Staff travelling to and from work.	Contracting coronavirus, spread of virus	Н	Only use public transport if you have to; use alternative methods of transport where possible - car, bicycle, walking - maintaining social distancing where possible.  Those using public transport are identified and encouraged to refer to governments safer travel guidance for passengers.  When travelling by public transport:  Wear a face covering when using public transport if you can (not for use whilst in school) - surgical masks not required.  avoid rush hours and busy times if you can cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the bin	М	Review Guidance:  How to wear and make a cloth face covering  Coronavirus (COVID-19): UK transport and travel advice

			<ul> <li>follow advice on social distancing</li> <li>wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds</li> <li>if soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser</li> </ul>		
Children who are non-compliant / displaying challenging behaviour	Contracting coronavirus - staff, pupils,	M	Children who are symptomatic do not attend school. Effective infection control strategies are in place including measures to minimise contact with those who become symptomatic whilst at school.  Current school arrangements including behaviour policy, availability of trained staff and preventative approaches are reviewed/updated taking account of suggested school rules within Government Guidance. Policy communicated to staff, children/pupils and parents/carers.  Those with challenging behaviour only remain in School where measures (e.g. behaviour management plan, workable de-escalation techniques, trained staff) are in place and there is certainty that they will be effective.  All schools have access to NCC SEN Support Services to accommodate and support learners with SEND who are attending. Provision includes support in reviewing and determining reasonable adjustments within plans for EHCP learners.	L	For further information visit: NCC Local SEND Offering 0-25 yrs.  All risk assessments, behaviour crisis plans and EHCPs are updated (as applicable) in line with the current COVID-19 situation. Where these are absent a person specific risk assessment is undertaken of those who pose a risk to others by virtue of known behaviours. Reviews relate to specific support staff and take steps to avoid conflict and situations known to increase anxiety and defensive behaviours. Individual risk assessments  Advice given on the use of restrictive physical interventions by front line staff (available from Inclusive Education Services).
Personal care activities	Contracting coronavirus or passing onto	Н	Social distancing is implemented where possible.  In addition to standard infection prevention and control measures, staff undertaking personal care within 2m of	L	PPE requests/shortages in PPE are raised with the Schools Organisation and Resources Team.

	vulnerable or shielded children		a child also apply the general principles contained in table 4 of the COVID-19: infection prevention and		No additional PPE is generally needed other than that already
			control (IPC). Children who normally receive support from the special school nurse or children's community		identified via risk assessment.
			nurse will require an individual risk assessment. This assessment should include input from the parents/carers and healthcare professionals. Reference to any care tasks and specific PPE requirements for these tasks should be recorded and implemented.		Specific PPE/training is required for staff providing personal care involving an aerosol generating procedure - advice is provided by the school nurse and risk assessment produced
			Any queries are directed to the school nurse.		
			Staff know how to safely put on and take off PPE. PHE guidance on <u>Putting on PPE</u> ; and <u>Taking off PPE</u> is followed by all staff undertaking personal care.		
Use of hand sanitiser	Ingestion of hand sanitiser.  Alcohol vapours ignited resulting in burns to hands	М	Always wash hands with soap and hot/warm water wherever possible.  Where hand sanitizer is used, it contains a minimum of 60% alcohol. It is kept out of the reach of children and used with staff supervision due to the risk of ingestion. A safety data sheet and COSHH risk assessment are in place for its use.	L	Bulk supplies of alcohol gel are stored appropriately as flammable substances and the fire risk assessment has been updated accordingly.
			When using alcohol based hand sanitisers make sure all liquid is evaporated before smoking, touching any electrical equipment or metal surfaces which may result in a static shock, or any other source of ignition.  Skin friendly skin cleaning wipes can be used as an alternative [these should still contain alcohol to be		

Insufficient	Contracting	Н	Increased cleaning to take place using standard	L	A supply of antibacterial
cleaning/exposure	coronavirus		cleaning products; additional cleaning hours/resources		wipes/alcohol gel is made available
to virus on			have been arranged with the priority being for		in school (including classrooms) to
objects/surfaces			frequently touched areas/communal areas and shared		encourage staff/pupils to help
			teaching spaces. Cleaning staff are briefed on the		maintain cleanliness in personal work
			amended cleaning schedule, and records kept of		areas.
			cleaning undertaken.		Clashing products used in tacabing
			In particular, objects and surfaces that are touched regularly are frequently cleaned and disinfected. This		Cleaning products used in teaching areas etc are those normally used by
			will include toys, books, desks, chairs, doors, sinks,		cleaning staff - a safety data sheet
			toilets, light switches, bannisters, play equipment etc.		and COSHH risk assessment are in
			tolicis, light switches, barrinsters, play equipment etc.		place for each product.
			Steps are taken to limit resources that are taken home		place for each product.
			by staff and pupils bags. Marking policies have been		PPE requests/shortages in PPE are
			reviewed with emphasis on the use of visualisers, self-		raised with the Schools Organisation
			marking and verbal feedback. Staff wash hands if		and Resources Team.
			handling pupils homework/books.		
			A review has been undertaken to remove soft		
			furnishings, soft toys and toys/equipment that are hard		
			to clean (such as those with intricate parts).		
			Classrooms are cleaned daily. Where classrooms are		Bleach should be avoided and a
			shared (practical lessons), the room and equipment is		suitable alternative product(s) used.
			cleaned between different group use. Bins for tissues		If schools are advised to use a
			are emptied throughout the day. Rooms are well		bleach based product, only bleach
			ventilated with windows being kept open where		sprays should be used. Its use must
			possible. Where doors are propped open to aid		be strictly controlled and it must not
			ventilation, these are in line with fire safety and		be mixed with other cleaning products due to the risk of chlorine
			safeguarding requirements.		gas being liberated. The safety data
			Where there is a suspected or confirmed case of		sheet and COSHH risk assessment
			COVID-19 within the school, the school procedure for		chest and section man decement

			dealing with this scenario is implemented, which incorporates the PHE guidance on 'cleaning and waste' (ensure cleaning products used comply with this guidance). Staff wear disposable gloves and aprons as a minimum. Hands are washed with soap and water for 20 seconds when all PPE is removed. NCC PPE Risk Assessment  Staff know how to put on and take off PPE correctly: PHE - Putting on PPE; PHE - Taking off PPE  See also sections on Pupils and staff displaying symptoms of coronavirus whilst at school.		must be in place prior to use and shared with staff. See sample COSHH risk assessment
Staff displaying symptoms of coronavirus whilst at school	Others contracting virus.	Н	Schools follow the process detailed in the NCC flowchart "Managing Covid-19 in Northumberland Schools and settings" and complete the report form in relation to the symptomatic person (both for staff and pupils). Once test result is known the form should be updated with this information. Head Teacher / School Lead is notified immediately and the staff member is sent home. PHE guidance on self-isolation is followed - Stay at Home. If they are seriously ill contact 999.  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 (see below) or they have been requested to do so by NHS Test & Trace.  Cleaning the affected area with disinfectant after someone with symptoms has left will reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people.	M	Ensure home and emergency contacts are up to date.  A protocol is in place to cover this eventuality and has been shared with all staff who are clear on what action to take.  Staff requested to urgently access the national test and trace programme which is now operational and will involve direct discussion with those in close contact with a person who tests positive for Covid19. The school has a small supply of home test kits which can be used in very exceptional cases (Coronavirus

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Staff should inform the school as soon as they receive their test result (positive or negative).

Where the staff member tests negative, they can return to their setting when they are medically fit to do so following discussion with line manager and appropriate local risk assessment. Fellow household members can end their self-isolation. PHE staff return to work criteria must be applied. Advice can be taken from the local Health Protection Team (HPT) regarding any further requirements for the broader educational setting. The HPT can be contacted via Public Health England on 0300 303 8596 (select option to be transferred to the HPT).

Where the staff member tests positive, based on advice from the NCC Public Health Team, the rest of their class should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days from the date the staff member became symptomatic. The other household members of that wider class or group do not need to self-isolate unless the child, young person or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms. If a close contact in a class or group that has been asked to self-isolate develops symptoms themselves within their 14-day isolation period they should follow quidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection. Confirmed cases of Covid-19 should be recorded via ANVIL, as they may be RIDDOR reportable. You should seek further advice via NCC's Corporate Health and Safety team.

<u>PHE guidance</u> on action to be taken in these circumstances is adhered, along with the PHE guidance on 'cleaning and waste'.

<u>Letter from PHE and NHS Test and</u> Trace to school and college leaders

Pupils displaying	Others	Н	Schools follow the process detailed in the NCC	М	Ensure emergency contacts are up
symptoms of	contracting virus.		flowchart "Managing Covid-19 in Northumberland		to date.
coronavirus whilst at			Schools and settings" and complete the <u>report</u>		
school			form in relation to the symptomatic person (both		A protocol is in place to cover this
			for staff and pupils). Once test result is known the		eventuality and has been shared with
			form should be updated with this information		all staff who are clear on what action to take.
			Head Teacher / School Lead and parent/ carer is		
			notified immediately and the pupil is sent home. School		Parent/carer is requested to urgently
			Transport is avoided. PHE guidance on self isolation is		arrange a test for their child via the
			followed - <u>Stay at Home</u> . If they are seriously ill		national test and trace programme
			contact 999.		which is now operational and will
			If a child is awaiting collection, they should be moved,		involve direct discussion with those
			if possible, to a room where they can be isolated		in close contact with a person who
			behind a closed door, depending on the age of the		tests positive for Covid19 The
			child and with appropriate adult supervision if required.		school has a small supply of home
			Ideally, a window should be opened for ventilation. If it		test kits which can be used in very
			is not possible to isolate them, move them to an area		exceptional cases
			which is at least 2 metres away from other people.		(CoronavirusProtection Team (HPT) who will offer further advice and
			PPE should be worn by staff caring for the child while		support, however, parents/carers
			they await collection if a distance of 2 metres cannot		should be asked to notify the school
			be maintained		as soon as they receive the test
			Any members of staff who have helped someone with		result (positive or negative). The
			symptoms and any pupils who have been in close		school will be notified of the test
			contact with them do not need to go home to self-isolate		result by the NCC public health team,
			unless they develop symptoms themselves (in which		however
			case, they should arrange a test) or if the symptomatic		
			person subsequently tests positive (see below) or they		(see <u>briefing</u> document for further
			have been requested to do so by NHS Test & Trace.		information on how the test and trace
			have been requested to do so by twile rest & trace.		system will operate)
			They should wash their hands thoroughly for 20		
			seconds after any contact with someone who is unwell.		
			coons and any contact that comodite who is unwell.		

		Cleaning the affected area with disinfectant after someone with symptoms has left will reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people.		Letter from PHE and NHS Test and Trace to school and college leaders
		Where the pupil tests negative, they can return to their setting and the fellow household members can end their self-isolation.		
		Where the pupil tests positive, the rest of their class should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days from the date the child became symptomatic. The other household members of that wider class or group do not need to self-isolate unless the child, young person or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.  PHE quidance on action to be taken in these circumstances is adhered, along with the PHE guidance on 'cleaning and waste'.		Symptomatic children action list for schools (important - please note that in Northumberland support to schools is being provide by the NCC public health team rather than Public Health England/Health Protection Team)
Outbreak of Covid-19 in local area or school resulting in partial of full closure of school/resumption of lock down	Н	The Northumberland outbreak plan will be instigated by the Director or Public Health. The Headteacher will fully cooperate with the process and follow advice from the local Health Protection team. NCC public health team/health protection team.	L	The school have a plan in place to deal with partial or full closure of the school. (add link to school specific plan)

Inadequate first aid	Serious injury or	Н	A review of the first aid needs assessment has taken	L	Where First Aid at Work and
provision	death		place to decide if sufficient appropriate cover can be		Emergency First Aid at Work
			provided for the activities which are being undertaken.		certificates expired on or after 16
	First aider		First aiders rendering treatment continue to keep		March 2020 and staff cannot access
	contracting		accurate records of who they have treated, bearing in		requalification training because of
	coronavirus or		mind the requirement to retain visitor contact		coronavirus, staff may qualify for an
	spreading virus to		information		extension up until 30 September
	others.				2020. Staff must be able to explain
			First aiders assist at a safe distance from the casualty		why they haven't been able to
			where possible and minimise the time they share a		requalify and demonstrate what
			breathing zone. Where the casualty is able to, they		steps they have taken to access the
			are directed to undertake specific treatments		training, if asked to do so. See HSE
			themselves (age dependent) e.g. applying a plaster,		guidance
			running a burn under cold water.		https://www.hse.gov.uk/news/first-aid
			Where available, fluid resistant face mask, gloves,		-certificate-coronavirus.htm
			disposable plastic apron and disposable eye		   Schools with early years and nursery
			protection is used which should be kept in or next to		facilities should apply the
			first aid kits. (see <u>FAQ document</u> on dealing with minor		Government guidance in relation to
			accidents)[this is in line with HSE guidance]		paediatric first aid cover:
			CPR		https://www.gov.uk/government/publi
					cations/early-years-foundation-stage-
			In respect of more serious cases where CPR may be		framework2/early-years-foundation-
			required, the specific advice contained in the		stage-coronavirus-disapplications
			Resuscitation Council UK guidance should be followed		
			particularly in relation to rescue breaths.		
			As chest compressions could produce aerosol spray,		
			appropriate PPE should be worn i.e. fluid resistant		
			surgical mask, gloves and eye protection (goggles or		
			visor). If PPE is not available, use a towel or cloth		
			such as the sling from the first aid kit to cover the		
			person's nose and mouth while performing chest		
			compressions		

			A first aider should conduct a dynamic risk assessment of the situation they are faced with and apply appropriate precautions for infection control.  Further information is also contained in the Government publication: Guidance for first responders and others in close contact with symptomatic people with potential COVID-19		
Lack of communication with staff/parents/others	Confusion/mis-inf ormation resulting in breakdown of arrangements.	Н	Staff have been involved in the planning process for return for a wider school re-opening, including risk assessments, procedure if someone becomes symptomatic in school, policy reviews etc. These arrangements are to be kept under constant review, with staff invited to provide feedback.  Regular information sharing and communication with staff. Use of IT software for virtual meetings, e.g. Google Hangouts.  Parents are kept informed of changes in timings to the school day and the arrangements put in place by the school to comply with the government guidance to keep children safe. [reopening information already on school website and has been sent out via email]  The arrangements in place for children are shared with them in an age appropriate way.	L	Parents have access to the Covid19 Quick Guide checker - this is available on the school's webpage and has been brought to the attention of parents.
Increased staff home working & use of Display Screen Equipment (DSE)	Musculoskeletal problems arising from incorrect postures	М	NCC <u>bulletin</u> on homeworking and DSE use is made available to staff. This follows HSE <u>guidance on homeworking</u> , including the principles of good DSE use is followed.  NCC <u>DSE policy</u> is available to staff.	L	

Uncertainty due to the unprecedented nature of the pandemic Maintaining staff wellbeing and mental health	Stress and anxiety arising through uncertainty, lack of control and reduced contact	М	Regular information sharing and communication. Use of IT software for virtual meetings, e.g. Google Hangouts.  Shared distribution of workload, e.g. rota for staff in school and those homeworking.  Regular communications are in place between staff and Managers. Staff also have access to all shared information/documentation. Governing Body are involved with decision making in relation to measures in place where appropriate.	L	Stress risk assessment reviewed.  Supporting Emotional and Mental Health - Information for Schools.  Telephone support & counselling  Wellbeing guide for staff working in schools and trusts  Resources for school employees - wellbeing.docx
Pupil uncertainty surrounding attendance/return to school	Stress and anxiety impacting themselves and staff	M	Good communication of Covid19 controls measures/arrangements to parents and pupils provides reassurance on attendance or return to school. [consider publishing risk assessment on school webpage]. Parents have the opportunity to discuss concerns with school staff.  Provision of pastoral and extra-curricular activities available to all pupils designed to:  support the rebuilding of friendships and social engagement address and equip pupils to respond to issues linked to coronavirus (COVID-19) support pupils with approaches to improving their physical and mental wellbeing  [see government guidance for further information and apply as appropriate - record details here].	L	Supporting Emotional and Mental Health - Information for Schools.

## **Useful Links:**

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- Government/Public Health England Advice: https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus / Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance for schools and other educational settings
- HSE Advice: https://www.hse.gov.uk/news/coronavirus.htm
- NCC Guidance: http://staff/Communications/Coronavirus-information.aspx
- Northumberland Education: http://northumberlandeducation.co.uk/coronavirus/
- DFE Advice: <u>DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk</u>
- NCC PPE Risk Assessment, NCC Staff Risk assessment
- NCC Health and Safety Team webpage
- Local Authority Scenario Guidance for Covid-19 Infection, Protection and Control
- NCC Control of Infection Policy
- Public Health Q&A for Teachers and Parents
- NCC Corporate Health and Safety Advice FAQs for School Head Teachers
- Corporate H&S Briefing Note 10/7/2020
- Northumberland Covid19 Dashboard

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## **Document History**

Item	Nature of change	Date of Update
General	Some re-ordering of hazards (rows) to achieve better flow.	30/07/2020
Additional information	New/updated additional documentation	30/07/2020
School re-opening following partial or full closure and lack of statutory testing/maintenance	Minor wording changes. Review fire risk assessment.	30/07/2020
Inadequate safety management documentation (policies, risk assessments etc)	New section.	30/07/2020
Contact with others who may have Coronavirus	Staff/children living with someone who is shielding can now return. Updated guidance for Clinically Extremely vulnerable children and staff - mostly able to return to school. Model school specific risk assessment template for vulnerable/extremely vulnerable staff returning will be available early August. Visitor information to be retained and kept for 21 days. Specific guidance on hand washing requirements for children. Information on face coverings.	30/07/2020
All teaching/classroom activities; early years, primary and secondary	Amended wording in hazard column. Updated guidance on cohort/bubble group sizes,social distancing, classroom arrangements, including layout. Some text moved to new section below.	30/07/2020
Use of shared learning spaces by different cohort (bubble) groups and teaching of practical activities	New section - some control measures moved from previous section.	30/07/2020
Use of communal areas - toilets, corridors, sports halls, dining hall, outdoor spaces	Minor changes. Use of staff areas moved into separate section.  Reference to practical lessons moved into separate section.	30/07/2020

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	Additional text added for use of dining hall (see also new section on provision of school meals)	
Staff use of communal areas/working with different groups and Use of supply teachers	New section pulling together measures for staff areas and to record arrangements for temporary and visiting staff.	30/07/2020
Outdoor education on-site and off-site visits	Updated to illustrate requirement for EVCs and Heads to monitor Evolve for policy and guidance updates.	30/07/2020
Provision of school meals service	New section. Ensure arrangements in place are applied to kitchen facilities.	30/07/2020
Use of School Transport (external provision only)	Updated arrangements regarding more children accessing transport.	30/07/2020
Staff travelling to and from work	Minor amendment and link to government guidance	30/07/2020
Personal care activities	Reference to care activities involving aerosol generating procedures and clarification that no additional PPE generally needed other than that normally identified via risk assessment.	30/07/2020
Use of hand sanitizer	Reference to skin friendly skin wipes (confirmed with NCC public health that these should contain alcohol to be as effective as sanitiser). Bulk storage arrangements for hand sanitiser (updated fire risk assessment).	30/07/2020
Insufficient cleaning/exposure to virus on objects/surfaces	Updated government guidance on cleaning and waste (15 July). Ensure cleaning schedule is in place which cleaners are briefed on and records are kept of cleaning undertaken.	30/07/2020
Staff displaying symptoms of coronavirus whilst at school	Clarification on isolation of bubble groups. Requirement to notify NCC public health team of all <u>symptomatic</u> persons. Removal of specific self isolation periods as this is liable to change (currently	30/07/2020

	changed from 7 to 10 days) - schools should keep up to date with the latest requirement.	
Pupils displaying symptoms of coronavirus whilst at school	As above.	30/07/2020
Outbreak of Covid-19 in local area or school resulting in partial of full closure of school/resumption of lock down	New section.	30/07/2020
Inadequate first aid provision	Updated guidance based on HSE advice. Government advice for schools is that no PPE is needed, however, based on HSE advice if PPE is available it should be used.	30/07/2020
Pupil uncertainty surrounding attendance/return to school	New section.	30/07/2020
Activity and People at Risk	Information of how updates have been incorporated and updated link to all school related government guidance added. Amended text regarding need to review risk assessment.	05/06/2020
Additional Information Section	Amendment.  NCC Corporate Health and Safety Advice - FAQs for School Head  Teachers, link to vulnerable staff risk assessments (including  BAME) and Public Health Q&A for Teachers and Parents	05/06/2020
School re-opening following partial or full closure and lack of statutory testing/maintenance	Amendment. Update to explain in more detail the required checks/testing. Note regarding cleaning. Additional information on fire evacuation procedures/fire drills.	05/06/2020
Contact with others who may have Coronavirus. Inadvertent transmission to others	Amendment Para on staffing levels. Link to BAME risk assessment added. Revision to wording in "Children" section (no change to	05/06/2020

	arrangements). Shielding households - slight amendment to wording. Link to updated SEND guidance. Recommendation to provide lidded bins/tissues. Social distancing advice in offices/reception. Hot/warm water required for hand washing (see H&S FAQ). Reinforcement that only essential visitors are permitted access to school.	
Unable to achieve social distancing	Amendment. Staff role in health/hand hygiene arrangements. Changes to early years spaces requirements and group sizes. Secondary Schools are only permitted to have ¼ of yr. 10 and yr. 12 cohort in school at any one time. Rotas permissible in secondary schools. Some other minor textual changes.	05/06/2020
Use of communal areas	Amendment. Update regarding assemblies. Updated guidance on PE activities from AfPE.	05/06/2020
Parents/carers picking up/collecting pupils from school	Amendment Queuing system/greeting process for parents. New links to government guidance added.	05/06/2020
School Transport	New section	05/06/2020
Staff travelling to and from work.	New section	05/06/2020
Children who are non-compliant / displaying challenging behaviour	New section	05/06/2020
Use of hand sanitiser	Clarification on use of alcohol based hand sanitiser and need to have safety data sheet and COSHH risk assessment in place. (See also Health and Safety FAQ document for further information)	05/06/2020

Insufficient cleaning/exposure to virus on objects/surfaces	Amendment. Update regarding taking resources home and marking homework.	05/06/2020
Staff displaying symptoms of coronavirus whilst at school	Amendment. Requirement to have protocol in place for those who become symptomatic on premises. Update on test and trace procedure and process for staff who test negative for Covid-19. Public Health cleaning posters have been withdrawn	05/06/2020
Pupils displaying symptoms of coronavirus whilst at school	Amendment.  Note regarding avoidance of School Transport added.  Requirement to have protocol in place for those who become symptomatic on premises.  Public Health cleaning posters have been withdrawn.	05/06/2020
Inadequate first aid provision	Removal of appointed person as minimum - trained first aider recommended due to increase in numbers. Link to FAQs added.	05/06/2020
Lack of communication with staff/parents/others	New section	05/06/2020