Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy Sunderland

Infection Control COVID-19 General Risk Assessment Form – VERSION vii 20.10.2020.

All schools are advised to note the issues and suggested control measures in this document and then add detail specific to their school.

Risk assessment carried out by <i>Mrs. Monica Shepherd /Mrs F</i> <i>Collins/ Mrs S Ward</i>	Job titles: Headteacher /Senior Assistant Headteacher/ Leadership team member	Date of initial assessment: 05.20 Date of most recent assessment: 20.10.2020/ 21.11.2020
Review interval Fortnightly in the first instance then monthly.	Date full reviews are carried out : 17.06.20 (ii) 07.07.20 (iii) 15.07.20 (iv) 17.07.20 (v) and 21.0820 (v). 09.09.2020 and monthly thereafter	Following National Lockdown additional government guidance has been issued. Please see Term 2 Updated Risk Assessment (Jan 2021)

Staff covered by this assessment: all staff and pupils accessing the school site/building.	Activities involved: all classroom based teaching and learning following a full curriculum for all students with some "outdoor time" in a defined physically distanced "bubble"outdoor area.

RISK RATI	NG	Likelihood				
		Probable Occurs repeatedly, to be expected or could affect large number of people	Possible Could occur sometime or effect a few people	Remote Unlikely to occur or not many people to be affected		
Impact	Major Major injury, permanent disability or ill- health	High	High	Medium		
	Severe Injury requiring medical treatment	High	Medium	Low		
	Minor First aid treatment	Medium	Low	Low		

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The school was closed to all pupils (until 15th June 2020) with the exception of the children of keyworkers, pupils who have an EHCP and those deemed vulnerable through having support through Children's Services as outlined in the guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) and Public Health England (PHE). -<u>Critical Workers who can access schools occupational settings-Updated on the 5th May 2020.</u>

From the week commencing 1 June the school will welcome back Year 10 and 12 pupils for face to face educational support, alongside priority groups as identified by the <u>DfE Guidance Coronavirus (COVID-19)</u> Implementing protective measures in education and childcare settings-11th May 2020.

The school is also following the DfE guidance : Actions for schools during the coronavirus outbreak - 28th April 2020.

From 1st September 2020 the school will re-open to all pupils. This risk assessment has been updated accordingly at each point:

Stage 1 – covid-19 March 23rd -June 15th Stage 2 – covid-19 June 15th – September 1st Stage 3 – covid-19 September 1st onwards. Stage 4- from January 5th onwards (please see new RA).

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The school have adopted the guidance provided in the DfE and PHE Coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance for educational settings -Updated 7th April 2020.

The school have staff and pupils who have been identified as clinically extremely vulnerable and are following the guidance from the DfE and PHE: <u>Guidance on shielding and protecting people who are clinically extremely vulnerable from COVID-19.</u> -Updated on the 5th May 2020. Where need identified individual risk assessments have been completed for identified staff members. These staff return to work on August 1st. Risk assessments have been undertaken for any staff member in the "red" category prior to August 1st or any staff member living in the same household as anyone in the "red" category.

The school have also identified staff and pupils that are clinically vulnerable and are following the guidance from the Cabinet Office; <u>Staying at home</u> and away from others (social distancing) (Point 6), updated on the 1st May 2020.

The school has maintained a register of all clinically extremely vulnerable and clinically vulnerable staff and pupils and regular contact is undertaken to check on their wellbeing.

Staff, Parents and Carers who are in school are regularly reminded to stay at home if they are experiencing signs of illness out lined in the <u>guidance</u> <u>from the NHS</u>. The school are maintaining a register of all vulnerable staff and pupils and regular contact is undertaken.

Where need is identified for relevant pupils the school are following the DfE - Updated the 7th May 2020. Risk assessments have been undertaken for all children with special educational needs and disabilities by the SENDCo.

The school is all following all further DfE and PH guidance including:

COVID-19:Cleaning of non-healthcare settings www.gov.uk/government/publications/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-infection-prevention-and-

control/covid-19-personal-protective-equipment-ppe Opening schools for more children and young people :initial planning framework for

schools in England www.gov.uk/government/publications/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-infection-prevention-and-control_updated June 18th 2020

Guidance for Conducting a SEND risk assessment during the coronavirus outbreak https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-

schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools

Please also see the full academy, "September Plan" 15.07.20 for detail of all the measures in place to mitigate disease transmission.

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	L	Staff working with children arrive on site prior to the start of the school day.	sympto school comple	oms will not until <u>10 da</u>	f displaying be permitted isolation is is carried out		L	Parents/ carers and staff- ongoing - ML and FC – ongoing.	
	L	Registers are taken each day of students present by form tutor (Y7 and 11) or subject teacher period 1 (other Year groups) to monitor all students on site.	repor	t to SLT	nd staff advis any sympton their househo	ns of	L	Head teacher on- going. JL to issue letter(s) –	
imiting the Spread of Coronavirus (COVID19) to the school community.	Μ	(Some concerns that a small minority of parents may not fully understand government guidance).	regula remin	arly underta ders for pai	rents who hav	re a	L	ongoing. All staff	
y.	L	Head teacher has reminded parents/carers and staff via letter etc. that where pupil or a member of their household displays symptoms of the coronavirus, they are to follow <u>the</u> <u>Guidance for households with possible</u> <u>coronavirus infection</u> Staff working in other services report to the relevant line manager.	The	Governing be informe Parent/C	lov. guidance body of the s ed of staff me Carers sur	school	L	working with HT- ongoing.	
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school building. Reception is closed to	Parents will be reminded regularly of the protocols surrounding collection of students during the school day. Pastoral staff will conduct necessary meetings by telephone.	weekly lin with Chai	ir of

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	M - L	Requests have been made to City of Sunderland LA by the trust CEO to liaise with transport providers to ensure social distancing takes place on transport vehicles, bus stops etc.	Students and parents/carers will be made aware of the advice regarding travelling to school (appendix 1).	L	Head teacher- letter to parents.
Transport to school.	L	Students have been advised to follow government advice regarding avoiding public transport and using face coverings and physical distancing if they do take public transport. Students have been encouraged to walk for all their journey (if possible) or part of their journey or to cycle).	Daily verbal reminders. We are able to offer advice but not control activity beyond the school gate. The vast majority of our students arrive and depart via Park Lane bus and metro terminal. This continues to be a concern.	L	Reminders through FT and Social media.
	L	Students continue to be supervised by staff members at the usual drop off/pick up point at the entrance to the academy, for students travelling by car, on Thornhill Terrace.	Students travelling by car will have low risk. Students walking to school will have low risk until they meet friends and if they then ignore advice than this could be an issue.		
		Parents have been requested not to drop off and collect students directly outside of school.	Reminders will be given to parents and students about protocols and safety around drop off and pick up. Community police to be asked to attend to support staff on duty.		

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Student or staff member living with a clinically vulnerable person.	L	If a pupil or staff member lives with someone who is clinically vulnerable including those who are pregnant, the DfE have advised that they can attend the school.			SLT – ongoing.
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Student/staff member living in a household with someone who is extremely clinically vulnerable.	M-L	If a pupil or staff member is living with someone who is extremely clinically vulnerable or is clinically vulnerable, it is advised by the DfE that they should return to their setting. When a student or staff member is unable to attend the setting because they are complying with clinical or public health advice the school will offer access to immediate remote education and monitor engagement (this absence will not be penalised). Staff in this position will be given tasks to complete from home where appropriate.	Staff will report any ongoing concerns to SLT and support will be offered as requested to facilitate the return to work for staff who are anxious or who have been shielding. Students will be supported to learn at home using pre-prepared resources on the virtual learning platform.	L	SLT-ongoing. Staff RA (all staff coded red, amber, green) – based on medical info. shared by colleagues.
		Staff to be familiar with the government guidance regarding extremely clinically vulnerable and vulnerable.	Staff need to be familiar with the clinically vulnerable and vulnerable categories.		All staff – available on DfE website.

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		several different entrance gates are used to allow students access to the	Staff will be present at the start and end of each day to ensure smooth entrance and exit to the buildings and site and to ensure that students do not congregate at the school gates.	L	Headteacher, SLT and staff - on going.
Entrance to the school site and buildings.	M	Sixth Form students who have an academic lesson period 1 will have staggered start times (8.30-9.00am). Parents have been advised via school			SLT and staff – on-going.

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Entrance to buildings and site (cont).		 Pupils, parents/carers advised to maintain social distancing when approaching the school site. The start of the school day has been staggered to allow controlled access into the school building by students. Parents not permitted to enter the school building unless there is an emergency. Students are supervised at the identified entrances for their year group class by staff members. Sixth Form students who have a study period at the start of the day have been instructed to come in for the start of their first lesson to reduce numbers arriving on site at the same time. In Gabriel House an additional entrance has been created with extra handwashing facilities and a one-way system implemented. Students and staff will wash/sanitise their hands at the start of the school day. Students that may need support to 	Staggered start times have been introduced to deal with the number of students accessing the school. Start times communicated to parents via school communication links and updates provided if need is identified. School entrances and site are secured at the start of the school day. There is a gate duty rota of Senior Staff to ensure safe exit from site Further reminders will be sent out to students and parents via Twitter, school coms and letter		All staff – ongoing. In place with relevant PPE ongoing.

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wash/sanitise their hands will be supported by a member of staff. Staff and students presenting with symptoms at the start of the school day will be isolated in the isolation room and next of kin/parents contacted.		

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Maintaining infection control /hygiene standards within the school building and school site.	M	NHS Guidance has been followed for the cleaning of non- health care settings and all cleaning team have received training in enhanced cleaning procedures from professional cleaning company. Cleaning rotas have been redone and extra staff deployed to ensure regular cleaning of touch points. Staff, parents and students have been asked to ensure that clothing is washed regularly.	employed by NHS trusts for hospital cleaning – NTH have been employed to carry out regular	L	All staff ongoing. Clear information to students and parents in writing as well as verbal reminders – HT - ongoing.
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Cleaning products readily available in the immediate area of the classroom/toilet areas for spot cleaning.	Maintaining Infection Control. (cont)	H	classroom/toilet areas for spot	be present during the school day to carry out spot cleaning, refresh of items and removal of waste from the school site, where need identified. Cleaning checklist will be in place for the school using advice from trust external advisors working with senior staff and cleaning team. Staff will take responsibility for their own personal hygiene throughout the school day. Tissues will be made available in each classroom. Students taught to follow the guidance 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it', and avoid touching their faces, noses etc. whilst at school. Consideration will given to ensure that hands are dried thoroughly. Waste bins will be emptied throughout the school day and waste placed in the external bin store	,
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school day to socially distance themselves from staff and other pupils wherever possible. Hard surfaces and key touch point areas, such as doors, door furniture, light switches and handrails are disinfected rather than simply cleaned on a frequent basis. Communal fridge doors, kettles, toasters and microwave doors, basins etc and water cooler handles are included in the daily routine. Cleaning carried out by identified day cleaning staff.	All staff – ongoing. PH/DC – daily. PH/DC – daily. KVG and team – daily ongoing. KVG and team – daily ongoing. KVG and team – daily ongoing. KVG and team daily – ongoing. KVG, PH/DC and team daily – ongoing. S and folders on desks and areas. KVG, PH/DC and team daily – ongoing. As above. DC/PH and all staff – throughout the day.
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	Staff are aware of the symptoms of corona virus ie. covid-19. Student /staff health needs are monitored and concerns appropriately managed by staff at all levels.	Continue to promote awareness and share updates and messages as required. Ensure that the school holds a stock of disposable gloves/aprons and face masks. Contact your usually PPE supplier any concerns are to be raised with the trust Health and Safety Team.	Μ	ML and FC – on- going – working with HT and trust.

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Maintaining Infection Control.	н	Isolation rooms have been set aside to isolate Staff/students (Medical Room in Westburn). The isolation rooms allow Staff/students to be monitored from a 2 metre distance.	Student remains in the isolation room until they can be collected. Whilst in isolation if staff/pupils need to use welfare facilities these need to be taken out of use and cleaned before they can be used by the school community.	М	Head teacher and MMcD immediate. Head teacher immediate.
	Н	Parents/Carers informed via the school's communication links of their student's /family member's health and the need to collect asap from the designated point at Westburn Pedestrian Gate. Parents to contact reception on arrival and wait outside to collect child.	Isolation room to be deep cleaned once the staff/pupil has left the area. Cleaning staff to wear PPE appropriate to the cleaning substances they are using to clean any area in line with product specific risk assessments which are in place.	М	JL has circulated testing information from the LA to all staff. All
	н	Where staff/students start showing signs of symptoms they are transferred to the isolation room by the rota staff member (KRD) and a member of the SLT informed.	Staff and parents to be encouraged to access testing facilities available where symptoms are displayed. Students and staff displaying symptoms will not be permitted into school until <u>10 day isolation</u> <u>completed.</u> Where Staff/students test positive SLT are to be contacted for advice and support.	М	staff immediate. Written information to students and staff from HT. Head teacher and
		A face mask need only be worn by a member of staff supporting the symptomatic pupil, if 2 metres cannot be maintained. If staff wish to wear face masks/visors at other times that	The Governing body of the school are to be informed of Staff members and Parent/Carers concerns.		SLT Immediate – and weekly summary.

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		is their choice. If contact with the student is necessary, then gloves, apron and a face mask and visor should always be worn by the member of staff. Parents/carers and staff members next of kin contacted by Reception/SLT. In medical emergency the emergency services are to be contacted. Infection control risk assessment in place to manage all other biological hazards that may affect staff/students.			
Maintaining Infection Control.	Η	The wearing of facemasks is compulsory in all communal indoor areas of the school where social distancing is not possible (except for those who are medically exempt from wearing them). Advice has been given on mask usage and parents have been given full information before the start of term. (see Trust documentation on the wearing of face coverings).	Masks to be provided for those students who are unable to provide their own mask. Ongoing reminders to students, staff and parents about the correct and appropriate usage of masks.	Μ	

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	H Students to be taught in normal timetables in classes. Classroom areas in use have items that are none essential removed to allow a larger floor space to help promote social distancing and facilitate cleaning.	nembers and MMcD and DC and PH.
Maintaining infection control in the classrooms and communal areas.		oms. weekly to available on ilding and at
	Cleaning products readily available in the immediate area ie. cleaning cupboard of the classroom/toilet areas for spot cleaning.	lies KVG and team.

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	Rota in place for lunchtime and break time. Students taught in Year group bubbles to reduce the need for pupils	period both inside and outside the school.		MMcD and SLT.
	to move about the building. Where classrooms and halls are occupied doors can be propped open to allow natural ventilation.	Students to use their own stationery items to minimise sharing. Any communal equipment will be cleaned as required e.g lesson		PH/DC – ongoing.
	Where classrooms/halls are unoccupied doors are to be closed. Waste bins located in classroom/corridor areas.	changes		PH/DC – ongoing.
		Lidded waste bins are available in all classroom and corridor areas.		

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	M	Clear direction given to parents via the school's communication links for the start and end of the school day.	Movement about the building monitored throughout the school day by pastoral leaders.	Head teacher on going in written form to
		Rota in place for break times and the lunchtime periods to reduce the flow of pupils in the corridor areas. Students will eat their lunch in their	Routines and rotas to be adapted by SLT where a need is identified.	parents and students – on-going.
Moving about the buildings and the school site.		bubbles at their dedicated times. One- way systems where possible put in place on stairways.	Information/ training session for all staff at the statt of the term.	All staff – ongoing. All staff –
		Signage in place reminding pupils to follow one-way system.		ongoing. MMcD – in
		Pupils and students to keep to the lefthand side of lobby/other areas where one-way Students are always supervised when moving within the building.		place. All staff – on-

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Lifts.	M	Lift to be operational only where necessary i.e. medical need for staff and students. Maximum occupancy to one person. The lift is included in the cleaning regime.	No change to practice other than one person only allowed in the lift. The lift is never used, in normal circumstance, by anyone other than those staff and students who have been given a key because of medical issues	L	MS/RR ongoing.
	Μ	transport providers to ensure social distancing takes place on transport	Students and parents/carers will be made aware of the instructions to follow via the school's communication links.	L	SLT/ parents/ carers-on going.
Off-site transport and		Many students will arrive by car or via Park Lane transport terminal.	2		
arrival at school.		Students will be met by staff members at the usual entry point on the school site.			In place daily.
		There are no transport vehicles operational on-site.			

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	Μ	Toilet facilities cleaned at regular intervals throughout the school day (door handles, toilet cubicle locking mechanisms and flushers).	Business Manager and cleaning staff to change their rotas to enable cleaning support throughout the day.	JL and KVG – on-going. MMcD, ML
Welfare facilities.		Designated staff room areas, which will be limited to a maximum occupancy.	Deputy HT and Senior AHT to create staffing rota's linked to staff breaks.	and FC – ongoing.
		Windows are opened in any room when it is occupied by staff members.	Caretakers to ensure windows are opened and closed throughout the	PH and DC – daily.
		Position of furniture within staff room areas reviewed to ensure social distancing.	day dependent upon weather. Maximum capacity signs to be put on doors of all staff areas.	MmcD – in place

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Personal protective	M	Tasks have been identified within the school that would require staff wearing PPE; First aid, supporting pupils with personal care, cleaning activities where need is identified and potentially when a staff member/student is symptomatic of covid-19.	The school is to hold a supply of PPE disposable gloves, aprons and face masks on the school site for use in these identified tasks. All staff who may be officially required to use PPE have been trained in Donning and Doffing.	L	All staff – in place. FC – in place.
equipment (PPE).		Staff follow government recommended hand <u>washing practice</u> .			All staff – regular written and verbal instruction.

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Challenging behaviours by students.	Μ	 Students with challenging behaviours identified and monitored by Pastoral team. The on-call member of the leadership team can be contacted via reception to support. Risk assessments are in place for pupils who demonstrate challenging behaviours. Relevant staff are Team Teach Trained. Where need identified Team Teach techniques are applied, including restraint. Academy Behaviour policy has been updated and communicated with staff and parents. 	Rota of on-call Leadership Team has been updated to distribute to all staff. Staff and pupils to wash their hands when safe to do so after a physical restraint has been carried out. Where restraint has had to be carried out review the risk assessment in place. Review whether PPE is required when managing challenging behaviours. Where need identified review the Behaviour Policy.	L	Policies have been covid modified. Pastoral team are all "team teach" trained. This scenario is a last resort.
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	Μ	A team of staff are first aid trained. Fully stocked first aid boxes located around the school site and in the vicinity of classrooms in use. Staff to wash their hands prior to administering first aid	Gloves and first aid items used to be double bagged and placed in the waste bin.	L	FC and First Aid staff working with SLT.
First-aid provision and support with medication.		Staff to wear disposable gloves when providing first aid support. Staff to wash their hands after providing first aid support. Medication policy in place.	Waste bins emptied throughout the school day for First Aid provision and support with medication. Double bagging.	L	PH/DC – ongoing throughout day. Policy in place – and covid – modified –
		Staff to wash their hands prior to support with medication and after support.	Ensure that a stock of disposable gloves are available for staff use.		ML and AP. FC – in place.

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Emergency situations.	Η	 There is an automatic fire detection system fitted at the school which is tested and inspected on at least an annual basis. In the event of the fire alarm sounding staff are to direct pupils to evacuate the building. Staff are to monitor the flow of traffic in the corridor areas when evacuating to reduce the contact that pupils have with other age groups /staff members. Staff and pupils are to maintain social distancing where possible when evacuating the building. 	tests and inspects your schools fire alarm system. The	L	Policy has been modified. Fire detection system in place and tested weekly and inspected annually – PH/DC and FC.
		distancing when registers are being taken at the assembly point.			Limited numbers in school enable

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	Staff and Pupils re-entry to the building will be staggered. Staff and pupils are to wash their hands when they re-enter the building.	Bubble washing, sanitising facilities.	L	physical distancing to occur in evacuation area (Thornhill Terrace) – MS/FC – ongoing.

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	Μ	Water bottles and lunch bottles taken home from school each day. Only one Parent/Carer permitted to collect a child from the school site in a medical emergency. Child will be accompanied by a member of staff to an outdoor collection point (Westburn pedestrian gate)	L Parents/Carers advised to ensure that pupils wash their hands when they arrive home from school. Parents/Carers advised that water bottles are to be thoroughly washed and lunch boxes wiped when they arrive home.	Mobile washing facilities at exit – PH/DC. Clear instructions to parents and staff re. bottled water
End of the school day.		Parents/carers to ensure that they follow social distancing. Year groups will be dismissed by a member of the leadership team at staggered departure times. Staff control the flow of pupils leaving the school building to encourage social distancing.	No parent on site except in exceptional/emergency circumstances, and with an appointment with SLT.	– HT. Clear in information to parents – HT.
		Gates are secured to the school site. Gates and entrance doors are included in the cleaning regime at the school.		KVG and team and PH/DC – ongoing.

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Staff who are pregnant.	H	Any staff who are pregnant are to inform the Head Teacher. Pregnant staff consult with GP and midwife for individual advice and guidance. New and expectant mums complete the COVID-19 Risk Assessment (provided by Durham LA).	government. Staff members to inform the Head teacher at the earliest convenience if they are pregnant. Guidance to be followed from		Staff/ Head teacher-on going

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Office areas.	M	The maximum occupancy of the office areas have been calculated to ensure social distancing. Where possible desks have been placed side by side View panels located in office doors so that the number of staff located in office spaces can clearly be identified. The doors of Offices in use can be wedged open when occupied. Where available, windows are opened whilst the office area is in use. Staff leave their desks as clear as possible so that it can be easily cleaned. Waste bins are lined with a black bag and where possible have a lid. Waste bins are emptied at the end of the school day. Staff undertake other activities that allow them to leave the office area over the course of the school day. Mobile partitions used where possible to separate large office areas. Antibacterial wipes are provided to be used by staff when using communal equipment e.g. photocopiers and printers.	 Physical distancing to be used in all office areas. The school benefits from a number of single use offices for admin. staff or small offices, where social distancing is possible, as the number of occupants is 2 in the large office. Other staff have their own office. Staff other than office staff are not to enter office areas. Communication should be by e-mail or telephone. Reception is not "open" to visitors. 	L	JL, CD and all staff – ongoing. PH and DC – on-going.
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Visitors to school.	Μ	Where possible visitors to the school site be limited to deliveries and staff undertaking key works with SLT permission. There is one contract on -going which will be physically separate from the school. Any visitors to be directed to wash their	Visitor protocol introduced by the trust w/b 13.07.20.	L	All staff – ongoing.
		hands/apply alcohol gel on their arrival to the school site. Visitors are always supervised whilst on the school site. Social distancing maintained. Absorbent material has been removed form lanyards and badges and these are stored for 72 hours and then disinfected before use.			
Hazards / issue	Risk rating H/M/L (before)	Controls already in place	Further Action required	Risk Rating H/M/L (after)	By Whom & When

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Deliveries to the school.	Μ	Only essential items are ordered by the school. Identified staff take responsibility for deliveries made to the school. Staff members wash their hands before and after decanting orders and storing them away. Kitchen deliveries are made directly to the kitchen area. On decanting products after 72 hours, products are to be stored away. If refrigeration is required they should be wiped down before storage. Packaging to be placed in the external bin store.		L	FF and team – on-going.
Staff well- being and the risk of staff or students showing signs of covid- 19.		Staff have been provided with the link to Public Health England <u>Guidance for the</u> public on the mental health and wellbeing aspects of coronavirus (COVID-19). link. Staff receive sufficient breaks during the	the SLT Where need identified staff are to be referred to Occupational Health. Staff to be reminded of the counselling services available. Staff have access to a Chaplain.	L	All staffongoing.
Deep Cleaning.		A further deep clean of all areas of the school to be carried out during the October break. The deep clean is to include desks, chairs, doors, sinks, toilets, light switches, bannisters and carpeted areas and fogging.	cleaning team who are employed by NHS in hospital cleaning. This is	L	KVG and cleaning team and NTH (external advisors)

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