COVID-19 risk assessment – School operation from September 2021						
Site / school name:	Vaughan Primary School					
Name(s) of person(s) covered by this assessment:	 Students Staff: Classroom based staff Office / administrative staff Premises / site staff Cleaning staff Catering staff SMSAs Contractors Visitors School's operation from September 2021 					
Tasks and activities covered by this risk assessment:	 School's operation from September 2021 Cleaning and sanitisation 					
Equipment and materials used:	 General class and teaching materials Practical equipment and materials Sports and PE equipment Cleaning materials and equipment 					
Location(s) covered by this risk assessment:	 All school premises and grounds 					
Name of person completing this risk assessment:	Kirsten Beaven Date of completion: 21st July 2021		21 st July 2021			
Risk assessment approved by:	Karen Jones	Date of approval:	21 st July 2021			
Date risk assessment to be reviewed by:	28 February 2022	Risk assessment no:	Version 1.4 – 21 January 2022			



	Record of risk assessment reviews						
Date of review:	31 st August 2021	Reviewed by:	Kirsten Beaven	Comments / date of next review:	Changes made to reflect updated DfE Schools COVID-19 Operational Guidance dated 17 August 2021. Main changes include: Updated to clarify that government has removed the requirement to wear face coverings in law but expects and recommends that they are worn in enclosed and crowded spaces where you may come into contact with people you don't normally meet. Update to make clear who is no longer required to isolate if identified as a close contact Added additional detail on what close contacts should do whilst awaiting their PCR test results Updated information on boarding school pupils attending from abroad, as quarantine rules have changed Updated information on contingency planning in schools References removed to step 4 All changes have been highlighted in yellow in the body of risk assessment		
Date of review:	18 th October 2021	Reviewed by:	Kirsten Beaven	Comments / date of next review:	Changes made to reflect updated DfE Schools COVID-19 Operational Guidance dated 27 September 2021. Main changes include: Included information on CO2 monitors being provided by government to state funded schools from September. Updated information in relation to ongoing asymptomatic testing and removed references to summer and start of term. Updated information on CEV pupils. Updated information on CEV staff including reference to HSE guidance. All changes have been highlighted in yellow in the body of risk assessment All changes have been highlighted in blue in the body of risk assessment		
Date of review:	2 nd January 2022	Reviewed by:	Kirsten Beaven	Comments / date of next review:	Changes made to reflect updated DfE schools COVID-19 Operational Guidance published 2 nd January 2022. Main changes include:		





		 Temporary introduction of new measures as a result of the Omicron variant and on 8 December than Plan B, as set out in the Autumn & Winter plan 2021 was being enacted Updated control measures to reflect developments on ventilation Updated advice on tracing close contacts and isolation to reflect changes to isolation rules Updated asymptomatic testing reflecting you should encourage visitors to test before coming to school All changes have been highlighted in pink in the body of the risk assessment
21 st January 2022	Kirsten Beaven	Changes made to reflect latest announcement from the DfE on the 19th January on the ending of Plan B measures in schools, we have considered what this means for risk assessments etc. Key changes highlighted in green to the risk assessment include: Children under 5 years who are identified as close contacts are exempt from self-isolation and do not need to take part in daily testing of close contacts. They are advised to take a PCR test if the positive case is in their household. From 20 January, face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors in classrooms. From 27 January, face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors in communal areas. From 27 January, staff and pupils should follow wider advice on face coverings outside of school, including on transport to and from school. School leaders are best placed to determine the workforce required to meet the needs of their pupils. The government is no longer advising people to work from home if they can.

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Key changes in approach

Mixing and bubbles

- At Step 4 we will no longer recommend that it is necessary to keep children in consistent groups ('bubbles'). This means that bubbles will not need to be used for any summer provision (for example, summer schools) or in schools from the autumn term.
- As well as enabling flexibility in curriculum delivery, this means that assemblies can resume, and you no longer need to make alternative arrangements to avoid mixing at lunch.
- Contingency plans to manage potential outbreaks where threshold level of confirmed cases have been met, would deem it necessary to reintroduce bubbles for a temporary period to reduce mixing between groups. Any decision to recommend re-introduction of bubbles would not be taken likely and would need to consider the detrimental impact they can have on the delivery of education. Any such decision would be taken in conjunction with advice from the Local Health Protection team.

Tracing close contacts and isolation

- Close contacts will be identified via NHS Test and Trace and education settings will no longer be expected to undertake contact tracing.
 - As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case and/or their parent to identify close contacts. Contacts from a school setting will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case and/or their parent specifically identifies the individual as being a close contact. This is likely to be a small number of individuals who would be most at risk of contracting COVID-19 due to the nature of the close contact. You may be contacted in exceptional cases to help with identifying close contacts, as currently happens in managing other infectious diseases.
- Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:
 - they are fully vaccinated
 - o they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
 - they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
 - they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons
- Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.
- Staff who do not need to isolate, and children and young people aged under 18 years 6 months who usually attend school, and have been identified as a close contact, should continue to attend school as normal. They do not need to wear a face covering within the school, but it is expected and recommended that these are worn when travelling on public or dedicated transport.
- 18-year-olds will be treated in the same way as children until 6 months after their 18th birthday, to allow them the opportunity to get fully vaccinated. At which point, they will be subject to the same rules as adults and so if they choose not to get vaccinated, they will need to self-isolate if identified as a close contact.
- Children under 5 years who are identified as close contacts are exempt from self-isolation and do not need to take part in daily testing of close contacts. They are advised to take a PCR test if the positive case is in their household.

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- From 14 December 2021, adults who are fully vaccinated and all children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months identified as a contact of someone with the omicron variant of COVID-19 are strongly advised to take a LFD test every day for 7 days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result. Daily testing of close contacts applies to all contacts who are:
 - o fully vaccinated adults people who have had 2 doses of an approved vaccine
 - o all children and young people aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, regardless of their vaccination status
 - o people who are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons
 - people taking part, or have taken part, in an approved clinical trial for a COVID-19 vaccine
- Further actions for educational settings may be advised by a local Incident Management Team (IMT) investigating a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant of COVID-19.
- It is now possible to end self-isolation after 5 full days if you have 2 negative FLD tests taken on consecutive days. The first LFD test should not be taken before the fifth day after your symptoms started (or the day your test was taken if you did not have symptoms). If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result. The self-isolation period remains 10 full days for those without negative results from 2 LFD tests taken a day apart. This guidance also applies to children and young people who usually attend an education or childcare setting.
- You do not need to take a PCR test if you have already taken an LFD test and the result was positive.
- Settings will continue to have a role in working with health protection teams in the case of a local outbreak. If there is an outbreak in a setting or if central government offers the area an enhanced response package, a director of public health might advise a setting to temporarily reintroduce some control measures.

Face coverings

- From 20th January face coverings are no longer be advised for pupils, staff and visitors in classrooms
- From 27 January, face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors in communal areas. From 27 January, staff and pupils should follow wider advice on face coverings outside of school, including on transport to and from school.
- If you have a substantial increase in the number of positive cases in your school, a director of public health might advise you that face coverings should temporarily be worn in communal areas or classrooms (by pupils, staff and visitors, unless exempt). You should make sure your contingency plans cover this possibility.

Stepping measures up and down

- You should have contingency plans (sometimes called outbreak management plans) outlining how you would operate if there were an outbreak in your school or local area.
- Central government may offer local areas of particular concern an enhanced response package to help limit increases in transmission.
- If you have several confirmed cases within 14 days, you may have an outbreak.
- You should call the dedicated advice service who will escalate the issue to your local health protection team where necessary and advise if any additional action is required, such as implementing elements of your outbreak management plan. You can reach them by calling the DfE helpline on 0800 046 8687 and selecting option 1 for advice on the action to take in response to a positive case.
- The contingency framework describes the principles of managing local outbreaks of COVID-19 in education and childcare settings. Local authorities, directors of public health (DsPH) and PHE health protection teams (HPTs) can recommend measures described in the contingency framework in individual education and childcare settings or a small cluster of settings as part of their outbreak management responsibilities.

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Control measures

You should:

- 1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone
- 2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
- 3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated
- 4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

Risk assessment	
What are the hazards?	Potential for spread of COVID-19 between persons at school showing symptoms of coronavirus or those who are confirmed to have coronavirus.
Who might be harmed and how?	 Staff, pupils, contractors, and visitors may catch COVID-19 via direct or indirect contact with carriers whilst on site. Potential for spread to other family members / persons.

Note: We have specifically removed any rating or scoring from this risk assessment. We do not feel this adds any significant benefit to this untypical situation. You may wish to prioritise any actions, but the basis of the approach to mitigating the risks from coronavirus is such that all measures should be carried out alongside each other rather than in sequence. The planning and assessment you undertake will form the basis of an overall plan to manage the risks specific to your setting which is the most important aspect of this process.

The latest DfE guidance is available at:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1048357/220119 Schools_guidance_January.pdf



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1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone					
Hand hygiene					
 Frequent and thorough hand cleaning should now be regular practice. You should continue to ensure that pupils clean their hands regularly. This can be done with soap and water or hand sanitiser. 	 Consider how often pupils and staff will need to wash their hands and incorporate time for this in timetables or lesson plans. Are there enough hand washing or hand sanitiser 'stations' available so 	 Regular handwashing built into the school day to ensure hands are thoroughly washed at the start of the day and before key activities 	All staff & Pupils	01.09.21	01.09.21
	 that all pupils and staff can clean their hands regularly? Ensure supervision of hand sanitiser use given the risks around ingestion. Skin friendly skin cleaning wipes can be 	The entrance reception desk will be equipped with a hand sanitisation station to be used by all pre-entry to the site.	Kirsten Beaven	01.09.21	11.08.21
	 used as an alternative. Build these routines into school culture, supported by behaviour expectations and helping ensure younger pupils and those with complex needs understand the need to follow them 	 Every classroom equipped with hand sanitiser for staff and pupil use (note this should not replace regular handwashing regimes) 	Kirsten Beaven	31.08.21	27.07.21
	 Sufficient cleaning supplies and hand soap to be maintained. All staff should be briefed weekly as a minimum on expected hygiene standards. All staff instructed to actively monitor 	 Toilet consumables such as soap, blue towels, tissues etc to be maintained and regularly topped up through the course of the school day 	PCS Group Company	Ongoing	Ongoing
	to ensure all pupils and colleagues are adhering to principles of good hygiene. CLEAPSS current advice is that alcoholbased hand gels should not be used in science labs and D&T rooms where practical activities take place. CLEAPSS	 Teaching and Support staff to be instructed to monitor effective handwashing during the Autumn term at September INSET briefing 	Karen Jones	Ongoing	Ongoing
	guidance is understood to be under review.	 All school staff to wash hands prior to entering the staffroom 	All staff	Ongoing	Ongoing

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Respiratory hygiene					
The 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach continues to be very important The 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach continues to be very important.	 Are there enough tissues and bins available in the school to support pupils and staff to follow this routine? Ensure that younger children and those 	 Audit of tissues supplies to be undertaken and additional supplies procured as necessary 	Umema Heptullabhai	Ongoing	Ongoing
	with complex needs are helped to get this right. Are there risk assessments in place for pupils with complex needs who will struggle to maintain as good respiratory hygiene as their peers? All staff should be briefed weekly as a	 Regular checks of classroom supply of tissues to be added to Resource Assistant checks in the Autumn term to ensure consumables are replaced as used 	Umema Heptullabhai	Ongoing	Ongoing
	minimum on expected hygiene standards. All staff instructed to actively monitor to ensure all pupils and colleagues are adhering to principles of good hygiene.	 Children with EHCP plans will have an individual risk assessment based on change of teaching and learning arrangements. The risk assessment will also consider the specific needs of pupils. 	Emma Rogers	24.09.21	24.09.21
		 Teaching and Support staff to be instructed to brief pupils on good respiratory hygiene practices during the Autumn term at September INSET briefing 	Karen Jones	01.09.21	01.09.21
Use of personal protective equipment		1	1	1	1
 Most staff in schools will not require PPE beyond what they would normally need for their work. If a pupil already has routine intimate care needs that involve the use of PPE, 	 Where staff have been identified as needing PPE, have they been provided with appropriate supplies? Have staff identified as needing PPE been provided with appropriate 	 Welfare staff who have potential to be looking after children who present with coronavirus symptoms in 	Kirsten Beaven	01.09.21	01.09.21

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the same PPE should continue to be used. Additional PPE for COVID-19 is only required in a very limited number of	training and information on correct use and disposal?	school shall be issued with appropriate PPE Any staff who work on a one to	Kirsten Beaven	01.09.21	01.09.21
scenarios, for example, when: If a pupil becomes ill with COVID-19 symptoms, and only then if close contact is necessary		one basis with High Needs children shall be provided with PPE	Kirstell Beaven	01.03.21	01.03.21
 When performing aerosol generating procedures (AGPs) Reference to PPE for higher risk situations means: 		 Video explaining appropriate donning and doffing procedure in regards to use of PPE 	Kirsten Beaven	01.09.21	31.08.21
 Fluid-resistant surgical face masks (also known as Type IIR) Disposable gloves Disposable plastic aprons Eye protection (for example a face visor or goggles) The PPE that should be used in the 		 PPE stocks to be checked regularly and ordered to ensure there is always adequate supply in school for a minimum of 3 weeks at any one time. 	Kirsten Beaven	Ongoing	Ongoing
following situations when caring for someone with symptoms of COVID-19 is:					
 A face mask should be worn if close contact is necessary If contact is necessary, then gloves, an apron and a face mask 					
should be worn Eye protection if a risk assessment determines that there is a risk of fluids entering the eye, for					
example, from coughing, spitting or vomiting Face Coverings					

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Face coverings are no longer advised for pupils or staff in classrooms The government has removed the requirement to wear face coverings in law but expects and recommends that they are worn in enclosed and crowded spaces where you may come into contact with people you don't normally meet. This includes public transport and dedicated transport to school. If you have a substantial increase in the number of positive cases in your school, a director of public health might advise you that face coverings should temporarily be worn in communal areas or	Measures to consider Review use of face coverings for enclosed and crowded spaces including where you would meet people you do not normally come into contact with. Recommend use on all school transport, public or dedicated. Consider face coverings for events such as open days and productions.			By when? 01.09.21 21.08.21	
classrooms (by pupils, staff and visitors, unless exempt). You should make sure your contingency plans cover this possibility. In Primary schools, we recommend that face coverings should be worn by staff and adults (including visitors) when moving around in corridors and communal areas. From 27 January, face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors in communal areas.					





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From 27 January, staff and pupils should follow wider advice on face coverings outside of school, including on transport to and from school.					
 You should put in place and maintain an appropriate cleaning schedule. This should include regular cleaning of areas and equipment (for example, twice per day), with a particular focus on frequently touched surfaces. If any new cleaning, sanitisation, or 	 Is there an enhanced cleaning regime in place and are all cleaners and staff aware of measures to take? Are high contact items such as door handles, including main entrance doors and commonly used doors cleaned more frequently? 	 To ensure that the school is deep cleaned prior to the full re-opening. 15 days deep clean scheduled with PCS Group between 9-27 August Contract for domestic support 	Kirsten Beaven	27.08.21	27.08.21
other products are used then they should be assessed as with any other hazardous substance.	 As a minimum, frequently touched surfaces should be wiped down twice a day, and one of these should be at the beginning or the end of the working day. Shared equipment should be regularly cleaned. 	to be put in place for Autumn term to provide through the day clean of high touchpoint areas and keep washrooms well stocked Staff reminded at September	Kirsten Beaven	27.08.21	11.08.21
	 Ensure that any hazardous substances that are used because of changes to cleaning or hygiene regimes have a COSHH risk assessment. 	INSET day and encouraged to adhere to clear desk policy and keep surfaces clutter free in order to ensure cleaning regimes are effective	Karen Jones	01.09.21	01.09.21
		 Emptying of waste bins in toilet and communal areas to be added to contract cleaning schedule to allow for this to be addressed through the school day 	Kirsten Beaven	27.08.21	27.08.21

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		IT equipment screen/keyboard wipes provided to each classroom and shared spaces such as the Learning Resource Centre, Staff workroom etc in order to ensure items can be cleaned between users	Kirsten Beaven	30.08.21	27.07.21
		 Gloves and disinfectant spray to be provided in each classroom in case a pupil coughs or sneezes on a piece of equipment or furniture 	Kirsten Beaven	30.08.21	27.07.21
3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated			<u> </u>		
 When your school is in operation, it is important to ensure it is well ventilated and that a comfortable teaching environment is maintained. You should identify any poorly 	If air handling systems that move air between rooms are used set them to use a fresh air supply and do not recirculate air. Standalone room units can operate as normal.	 Fresh air ventilation systems in operation at Vaughan, which have been regularly maintained and serviced by Athena Air. 	Kirsten Beaven	01.09.21	01.09.21
ventilated spaces as part of your risk assessment and take steps to improve fresh air flow in these areas, giving particular consideration when holding events where visitors such as parents are on site, for example school plays.	 Ensure any filters in ventilation or air conditioning systems are changed as per manufacturer instructions. Take additional care when changing filters. Airing rooms as frequently as you can, 	 New finger guards purchased and installed where appropriate as increased risk of finger entrapment when doors temporarily propped open 	Michael Scott	20.08.21	20.08.21
Mechanical ventilation is a system that uses a fan to draw fresh air, or extract air from a room. These should be adjusted to increase the ventilation rate wherever possible and checked to confirm that normal operation meets	will help improve ventilation. This involves opening all doors and windows wide to maximise the ventilation in the room. It may be easier to do this when the room is unoccupied or between	 To raise awareness of the need to balance increased ventilation while maintaining a comfortable temperature at September INSET, including reference to the following 	Karen Jones	01.09.21	01.09.21

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 current guidance and that only fresh outside air is circulated. If possible, systems should be adjusted to full fresh air or, if this is not possible, then systems should be operated as normal as long as they are within a single room and supplemented by an outdoor air supply. 	uses particularly in colder or adverse weather. Manage colder temperatures in rooms by opening high level not low level windows, opening window just enough to allow for ventilation, increasing heating and allowing for flexibility on uniform.	measures should also be used as appropriate:			
 Where mechanical ventilation systems exist, you should ensure that they are maintained in accordance with the manufacturers' recommendations. 	 Identify any poorly ventilated areas and consider if these areas should be restricted or if ventilation can be improved by increasing the flow of 	unoccupied (e.g. between classes, during break and lunch, when a room is unused)			
Opening external windows can improve natural ventilation, and in addition, opening internal doors can also assist with creating a throughput of air. If necessary, external opening doors may also be used (if they are not fire doors and where safe to do so).	fresh air. CO2 monitors can assist with this. Desk or ceiling fans can be used provided the area is well ventilated but they should not be used in poorly ventilated areas. With due regard to fire safety, some	 providing flexibility to allow additional, suitable indoor clothing rearranging furniture where possible to avoid direct drafts 			
 You should balance the need for increased ventilation while maintaining a comfortable temperature. 	doors may be temporarily propped open to limit touching of door handles and aid ventilation. Fire doors including				
 CO2 monitors will also be provided to all state-funded education settings from September, so staff can quickly identify where ventilation needs to be 	doors at the top and base of stairs, or to higher risk areas of fire starting e.g. kitchens / IT suites / plant rooms should not be propped open.				
improved.	 Where events such as school plays or open days are planned consider the need to improve ventilation as part of your planning. 	acce of COVID 10			

4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19

When an individual develops COVID-19 symptoms or has a positive test

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 Pupils, staff and other adults should follow public health advice on when to self-isolate and what to do. They should not come into school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test 	 Is there a procedure for managing suspected or positive cases of coronavirus? Consider what information or measures may be needed at school gates and 	 Briefing on September protocols including test and trace to be covered in September INSET days 	Karen Jones	01.09.21	01.09.21
result or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19 (for example, they are required to quarantine). If anyone in your school develops COVID-19 symptoms, however mild,	 entrances to the building, as well as on the school website. How will visitors to site be managed? Is there an appropriate room identified that can be used to isolate someone with symptoms whilst they are awaiting 	 Communication to parents/carers regarding protocols including test and trace to be covered in letter regarding September arrangements 	Karen Jones	21.08.21	21.08.21
you should send them home and they should follow public health advice. For everyone with symptoms, they should avoid using public transport and, wherever possible, be collected by a member of their family or household.	 collection? Have welfare staff and others been trained in measures to take? Have welfare staff and others been provided with PPE and training on its use and disposal? 	 All parents/carers advised regarding attendance protocols in the event of COVID-19 symptoms 	Karen Jones	21.08.21	21.08.21
If a pupil is awaiting collection, they should be left in a room on their own if possible and safe to do so. A window should be opened for fresh air	ase and disposar.	Signage erected on school gates as visual reminder regarding no access to site if symptomatic	Kirsten Beaven	31.08.21	31.08.21
ventilation if possible. Appropriate PPE should also be used if close contact is necessary, further information on this can be found in the use of PPE in education, childcare and children's social care settings guidance.		 In event of individual becoming symptomatic during the course of the day, the individual will immediately be taken to the isolation room (hygiene room) and relevant arrangements 	Welfare Staff	Ongoing	Ongoing
 The household (including any siblings) should follow the PHE stay at home guidance for households with possible 		made for individuals collection from site			
or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection.		 Welfare staff who may be required to care for individual, will wear full PPE which 	Welfare Staff	Ongoing	Ongoing

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		 includes, masks, visors, gloves and protective aprons When parents are being advised to collect children from welfare, parents should be advised that they should not use public transport 	Welfare Staff	Ongoing	Ongoing
Cleaning a room or area after a person with	symptoms of COVID-19, or confirmed COVID	-19, has left the setting			
The minimum PPE to be worn for cleaning an area after a person with symptoms of COVID-19, or confirmed COVID-19, has left the setting, is	Is there a procedure in place for cleaning an area where a person with symptoms of COVID-19 or a confirmed case of COVID-19 has been?	 Isolation rooms to be deep cleaned following departure of individual 	Cleaning Company	Ongoing	Ongoing
disposable gloves and an apron. Wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds after all PPE has been removed. If a risk assessment of the setting indicates that a higher level of virus may be present then additional PPE to	 Is the appropriate PPE being used? Are appropriate cleaning products or methods being used? 	 Provision of PPE to those undertaking enhanced cleaning requirements following departure of symptomatic individuals from site Video explaining appropriate 	Kirsten Beaven	30.08.21	01.09.21
protect the cleaner's eyes, mouth and nose may be necessary. Public areas where a symptomatic		donning and doffing procedure in regards to use of PPE	Kirsten Beaven	31.08.21	31.08.21
person has passed through and spent minimal time but which are not visibly contaminated with body fluids, such as corridors, can be cleaned thoroughly as		Following the departure of the symptomatic individual the isolation rooms and affected areas following bubble closure,	Michael Scott	Ongoing	Ongoing
normal. All surfaces that the symptomatic person has come into contact with should be cleaned and disinfected, including all potentially contaminated		the areas will be Fogged using an antiviral disinfectant solution (to BS EN 14476 standard) which cleans and sanitises large areas of a			

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and frequently touched areas such as		building quickly and effectively.			
bathrooms, door handles, telephones,		It can kill off the virus and other			
grab rails in corridors and stairwells.		biological agents in the air and			
 Use disposable cloths or paper roll and 		on surfaces.			
disposable mop heads, to clean all hard					
surfaces, floors, chairs, door handles					
and sanitary fittings – think one site,					
one wipe, in one direction.					
Use one of the options below:					
a combined detergent disinfectant					
solution at a dilution of 1,000 parts					
per million available chlorine (ppm					
av.cl.) or					
a household detergent followed by					
disinfection (1000 ppm av.cl.).					
Follow manufacturer's instructions					
for dilution, application and contact					
times for all detergents and					
disinfectants or					
if an alternative disinfectant is used					
within the organisation ensure that					
it is effective against enveloped					
viruses					
Avoid mixing cleaning products					
together as this can create toxic fumes.					
Avoid creating splashes and spray when					
cleaning.					
Any cloths and mop heads used must					
be disposed of and should be put into					
waste bags as contaminated waste					
When items cannot be cleaned using					
detergents or laundered, for example,					



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upholstered furniture and mattresses, steam cleaning should be used.					
Contaminated waste					
 Contaminated or potentially contaminated waste must be dealt properly to reduce the risk of the spread of coronavirus. 	 Personal waste from individuals with symptoms of COVID-19 and waste from cleaning of areas where they have been (including PPE, disposable cloths and used tissues) should be: Put in a plastic rubbish bag and tied when full The plastic bag should then be 	 Waste generated from dealing with COVID-19 symptomatic individuals will be double bagged. Items will be stored in bin within hygiene isolation room until such times as test results are known 	Welfare Staff	Ongoing	Ongoing
	 placed in a second bin bag and tied This should be put in a suitable and secure place and marked for storage until the individual's test results are known 	 Where infectious waste is confirmed, the Business Leader will ensure it is held for 72 hours prior to disposal 	Kirsten Beaven	Ongoing	Ongoing
	 This waste should be stored safely and kept away from children. It should not be placed in communal waste areas until negative test results are known, or the waste has been stored for at least 72 hours. If the individual tests negative, this can 				
	be disposed of immediately with the normal waste. If COVID-19 is confirmed this waste				
	should be stored for at least 72 hours before disposal with normal waste.				
Asymptomatic testing					
 Testing remains important in reducing the risk of transmission of infection within schools. That is why, whilst some measures are relaxed, others will 	 Complete a risk assessment for the testing process relevant for your setting (templates are available). 	 Staff briefing during July INSET regarding continued need for asymptomatic testing programme for school staff, 	Karen Jones	23.07.21	23.07.21

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remain, and if necessary, in response to the latest epidemiological data, we all need to be prepared to step measures up or down in future depending on local circumstances.	 Communicate procedures for continued testing for the start of term and during September and continue to encourage take up of testing. 	giving opportunity for new joiners to collect test kits ahead of school re-opening in September			
 Staff should continue to test twice weekly at home, with lateral flow device (LFD) test kits, 3 to 4 days apart. Testing remains voluntary but is strongly encouraged. 		 Arrangements made for returning members of staff, to allow participation in lateral flow testing ahead of their return to the workplace 	Kirsten Beaven	31.08.21	31.08.21
		 Staff should commence testing regime on 30.08.21 ahead of their return to school on 01.09.21 and test thereafter on a Sunday and Wednesday evening. Part time members of staff should test the evening before they are first due in and then again 3 days later 	All Staff	30.08.21	31.08.21
		 Test collection kit timetable to be compiled for September to ensure staff know when test kit supplies can be replenished 	Kirsten Beaven	01.09.21	01.09.21
Confirmatory PCR tests					
Staff and pupils with a positive LFD test result should self-isolate in line with the stay at home guidance. They will also need to get a free PCR test to check if they have COVID19.	 Ensure staff, students and parents understand what to do in the event of a positive test, including arranging a confirmatory PCR test. 	 Staff briefed at INSET regarding actions to book PCR test if they have a resulting positive LFD result 	Karen Jones	01.09.21	01.09.21

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Whilst awaiting the PCR result, the individual should continue to self- isolate. If the PCR test is taken within 2 days of the positive lateral flow test, and is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD test and the pupil can return to school, as long as the individual does not have COVID-19 symptoms.	Ensure that staff, students, and parents understand that symptomatic testing still needs to take place and that it can be booked online.	 Business Leader can provide PCR test kits to identified individuals whom we suspect may not be able to access a test easily. Policy governing the use of PCR test kits has been written and shared with staff 	Kirsten Beaven	Ongoing	Ongoing
 Additional information on PCR test kits for schools and further education providers is available. 		 Supply of postal PCR kits to be maintained to ensure access to PCR is not a barrier to confirmatory testing where covid is suspected 	Kirsten Beaven	01.09.21	Ongoing
Tracing Close Contacts and Isolation					
Close contacts will now be identified via NHS Test and Trace and education settings will no longer be expected to undertake contact tracing.	who is required to isolate and who is not to the school community.	 Communication published on website and linked to in letter to parents and staff. 	Karen Jones	21.08.21	21.08.21
Contacts from a school setting will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case and/or their parent specifically identifies the individual as	Encourage those contacted by NHS Test and Trace to take a PCR test where advised to do so.	 Where symptomatic individuals identified they are actively encouraged to seek PCR test. 	Kirsten Beaven	Ongoing	Ongoing
being a close contact. You may be contacted in exceptional cases to help	Advise that those who do not need to self-isolate who have been identified as a close contact can attend school as	 Provide tailored advice as appropriate in individual cases 	Office team	Ongoing	Ongoing
with identifying close contacts, as currently happens in managing other infectious diseases.	normal and do not need to wear a face covering in schools, but that it is	 Continue to work with NHS Test and Trace and local health 	Office team	Ongoing	Ongoing
Individuals are not required to self- isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with	expected that they should wear a face covering on public and school transport.	protection teams where requested or where the school feels it appropriate to seek further guidance (for example	Karen Jones / Kirsten Beaven	Ongoing	Ongoing

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COVID-19, and any of the following apply: they are fully vaccinated they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so. Staff who do not need to isolate, and children and young people aged under 18 years 6 months who usually attend school, and have been identified as a close contact, should continue to attend school as normal. They do not need to wear a face covering within the school, but it is expected and recommended that these are worn when travelling on public or dedicated transport.	Measures to consider Work with NHS Test and Trace and local health protection teams where requested.			By when? Ongoing Ongoing	
18-year-olds will be treated in the same way as children until 6 months after their 18th birthday, to allow them the opportunity to get fully vaccinated. At					

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which point, they will be subject to the					
same rules as adults and so if they					
choose not to get vaccinated, they will					
need to self-isolate if identified as a					
close contact.					
As of 14 th December, the Government					
introduced daily contact testing as an					
alternative to self-isolation for contacts					
who are fully vaccinated or under the					
age of 18 years and 6 months where					
the omnicron variant is suspected.					
It is now possible to end self-isolation					
after 5 full days if you have 2 negative					
LFD tests taken on consecutive days.					
The first LFD test should not be taken					
before the fifth day after your					
symptoms started (or the day your test					
was taken if you did not have					
symptoms). If both these test results					
are negative, and you do not have a					
high temperature, you may end your					
self-isolation after the second negative					
test result. The self-isolation period					
remains 10 full days for those without					
negative results from 2 LFD tests taken					
a day apart. This guidance also applies					
to children and young people who					
usually attend an education or					
childcare setting.					
 You do not need to take a PCR test if 					
you have already taken an LFD test and					
the result was positive.					



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Settings will continue to have a role in					
working with health protection teams					
in the case of a local outbreak. If there					
is an outbreak in a setting or if central government offers the area an					
enhanced response package, a director					
of public health might advise a setting					
to temporarily reintroduce some					
control measures.					
Other considerations					
Clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) childre	an .				
The UK Clinical Review Panel has	 Identify any pupils who may not be able 	 Inclusion officer in conjunction 	Emma Rogers	Ongoing	Ongoing
recommended that no children and	attend school, where they have	with the attendance officer will	Limita Rogers	Oligonia	Origonia
young people under the age of 18	received specific medical advice. All	identify pupils who are unable			
should be considered CEV and under-	other CEV pupils should attend school.	to attend school due to			
18s should be removed from the	 Ensure there is provision for remote 	shielding or self-isolation			
shielded patient list.	education for those unable to attend				
Children and young people previously	school.	Remote provision	Karen Jones	30.08.21	01.09.21
considered CEV should attend school	 Monitor engagement with remote 	arrangements for children self-			
and should follow the same COVID-19	education.	isolating to be put in place,			
guidance as the rest of the population.		adhering to government			
However, if a child or young person has		guidance			
been advised to isolate or reduce their					
social contact by their specialist, due to		 Regular attendance meetings 	Emma Rogers/	Ongoing	Ongoing
the nature of their medical condition or		between Inclusion officer and	Katie Scott		
treatment, rather than because of the		attendance officer will enable			
pandemic, they should continue to		appropriate follow up where			
follow the advice of their specialist.		attendance expectations need			
Further information is available in the		reinforcement			
guidance on supporting pupils at					
school with medical conditions.					
Contractors and visitors to the school					

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 You should ensure that key contractors and visitors are aware of the school's control measures and ways of working. 	 Inform contractors and visitors prior to arrival of any specific measures in place. Ensure staff hosting contractors and visitors are aware of their responsibilities. Encourage lateral flow testing before arrival at school 	 COVID visitor policy remains in place and has to be shared with any contractors or visitors ahead of their arrival on site All visitors continue to sign in via inventory and complete declaration that they are symptom free ahead of their admission to school premises 	Kirsten Beaven Kirsten Beaven	Ongoing	Ongoing
Admitting children into school					
 In most cases, parents and carers will agree that a pupil with symptoms should not attend the school, given the potential risk to others. If a parent or carer insists on a pupil attending your school, you can take the decision to refuse the pupil if, in your reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with COVID-19. Your decision would need to be carefully considered in light of all the circumstances and current public health advice. 	 Communicate with parents on process that pupils with symptoms should not attend and that they may not be allowed to attend school to protect other persons. 	 Communication to parents regarding requirement for pupils with symptoms to remain home and seek a PCR test Communicate to parents regarding Headteachers right to refuse admission where pupil is exhibiting symptoms in alignment with Local Authority Public Health guidance 	Karen Jones Karen Jones	21.08.21	21.08.21
Attendance School attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age and it is priority to ensure that as many children as possible regularly attend school.	 Communicate with parents on requirements for attendance. Put in place measures to keep in contact with vulnerable children. 	 Communication to parents regarding attendance expectations 	Karen Jones	21.08.21	21.08.21

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Travel and quarantine			1		
 All pupils travelling to England must adhere to travel legislation, details of which are set out in government travel advice. Parents travelling abroad should bear in mind the impact on their child's 	 Continue to communicate and engage with families. Consider arrangements for provision of remote education and assessment for pupils who are abroad where appropriate. 	 Communication to parents regarding self -isolation requirements where returning from abroad Remote provision 	Karen Jones	21.08.21	21.08.21
education which may result from any requirement to quarantine or isolate upon return.	 Review arrangements for any pupils travelling from abroad where needed. 	arrangements for children self- isolating to be put in place, adhering to government guidance	Karen Jones	31.08.21	
		 Staff will ensure that timetables for each year group are posted on MSTeams with associated activities linked to the appropriate year group curriculum 	Seem Varsani	06.09.21	
		 Migration of pupils MSTeams accounts to new classes 	Concero Technician	03.09.21	
Remote education			I	1	I
Not all people with COVID-19 have symptoms. Where appropriate, you should support those who need to self- isolate because they have tested positive to work or learn from home if they are well enough to do so. Schools subject to the remote education	 Have plans in place for high quality remote provision of education for those unable to attend school. Have plans in place and work with families to have appropriate provision for pupils with SEND. 	 Staff will ensure that timetables for each year group are posted on MSTeams with associated activities linked to the appropriate year group curriculum content 	Seema Varsani	06.09.21	
temporary continuity direction are required to provide remote education to pupils covered by the direction		 Teaching staff will liaise with the SENCO and other relevant members of staff to ensure all 	Teaching Staff & Emma Rogers	Ongoing	Ongoing

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 where their attendance would be contrary to government guidance or legislation around COVID-19. You should maintain your capacity to deliver high quality remote education for next academic year, including for pupils who are abroad, and facing challenges to return due to COVID-19 travel restrictions, for the period they are abroad. The remote education provided should be equivalent in length to the core teaching pupils would receive in school. You should work collaboratively with families and put in place reasonable adjustments so that pupils with SEND can successfully access remote education. 		pupils remain supported for the duration of the remote learning period. The SENCO will arrange additional support for pupils with SEND which will be unique to the individual's needs, e.g. via weekly phone calls.	Emma Rogers	Ongoing	Ongoing
Pupil wellbeing and support			I		
Some pupils may be experiencing a variety of emotions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, such as anxiety, stress or low mood. You can access useful links and sources of support on promoting and supporting mental	 Take a whole school, coordinated and evidence-informed approach to mental health and wellbeing. Consider the provision of pastoral and extra-curricular activities for pupil wellbeing and support where 	 Whole school PSHE programme will be in place from Autumn 2021 (Jigsaw) which will form part of weekly curriculum content 	Louise Crimmins (Lead) and supported by Class Teachers	Ongoing	Ongoing
health and wellbeing in schools.	 appropriate. Provide more focused pastoral support where issues are identified that individual pupils may need help with, including support resources available from DfE and partners. Consider support needs of groups that 	 Targeted emotional pupil support for identified individuals linked to the Rainbows/Sunbeams training programme 	Rainbows/Sun beams trained facilitators Emma Rogers,	Ongoing	Ongoing
	•		Emma Rogers, CBT	Ongoing	

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	help (for example, children in need), and any groups you identify as newly vulnerable because of the pandemic. Communicate what help is available to families.	 Mental Health First Aiders to provide additional support for the school community 	Counsellor & Learning Mentor Pupil Premium		
		 Pupil Premium Champions to provide additional educational support for identified pupils across the school 	Champions Emma Rogers,	Ongoing	Ongoing
		 Mental health and wellbeing section developed on school website with useful resources which parents can be directed to and issue of regular newsletters 	CBT Counsellor & Learning Mentor	Ongoing	Ongoing
School workforce					
 School leaders are best placed to determine the workforce required to meet the needs of their pupils. Social distancing measures ended 	 Share this risk assessment with staff and invite feedback. Carry out individual risk assessments and discussions as required. 	 Individual risk assessments for higher risk staff will be implemented 	Karen Jones	01.09.21	01.09.21
workplaces on 19 July and the government is no longer advising people to work from home. The shielding programme has now come to an end and adults previously considered CEV should, as a minimum, continue to follow the same COVID-19 guidance as everyone else. It is	Refer to guidance from The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) on protecting vulnerable workers, including advice for employers and employees on how to talk about reducing risks in the workplace.	 Ongoing conversations if requested regarding physical safety, their psychological safety and their mental health 	Karen Jones	01.09.21	01.09.21
important that everyone adheres to this guidance but people previously					

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	considered CEV may wish to consider taking extra precautions. In some circumstances, staff may have received personal advice from their specialist or clinician on additional precautions to take and they should continue to follow that advice. Employers should be able to explain the measures they have in place to keep staff safe at work.					
Fo	lucational visits					
=	Given the likely gap in COVID-19 related cancellation insurance, if you are considering booking a new visit, you are advised to ensure that any new bookings have adequate financial protection in place. You should speak to either your visit provider, commercial insurance company, to assess the protection available. Independent advice on	 For any new bookings COVID-19 cancellation related insurance is advised. Where trips are planned, COVID-19 must be considered as part of the risk assessment process including identifying any additional mitigation measures that may be needed. 	 Business Leader to ensure adequate insurance arrangements for any trips/visits is in place in the event of cancellation due to COVID-19 EVC Coordinator to ensure risk assessments are completed in a timely manner and submitted 	Kirsten Beaven Emma Rogers	Ongoing	Ongoing
	insurance cover and options can be sought from the British Insurance Brokers' Association (BIBA) or		to the Local Authority for approval			
	Association of British Insurers (ABI). Any school holding ATOL or ABTA refund credit notes may use these credit notes to rebook educational or international visits.		 EVC Coordinator must have approved risk assessment in order for any trip to be undertaken including local visits 	Emma Rogers	Ongoing	Ongoing
-	You should undertake full and thorough risk assessments in relation to all educational visits and ensure that any public health advice, such as hygiene					

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and ventilation requirements, is included as part of that risk assessment. General guidance about educational visits is available and is supported by specialist advice from the Outdoor Education Advisory Panel (OEAP).							
 Wraparound provision and extra-curricular Out-of-school settings and wraparound childcare providers can offer provision to all children, without restriction on the reasons for which they may attend. Wraparound childcare and other organised activities for children may 	 Have cleaning arrangements been considered, particularly for frequently touched surfaces and any equipment that is shared. Ensure there is clear communication with any external providers on school 	 Catering for breakfast club will continue to be outsourced to Taylor Shaw, thus allowing breakfast club staff to supervise individual small groups 	Kirsten Beaven	02.09.21	31.08.21		
take place in groups of any number. At Step 4, we will no longer recommend that it is necessary to keep children in consistent groups ('bubbles'). Close contacts will be identified via NHS	measures and approach. Consider contingency arrangements and planning in place in case of any local public health protection advice.	 Use of outdoor space will be maximised in good weather since being outdoors further reduces transmission risks 	Megan Ferguson	02.09.21	Ongoing		
Test and Trace and out-of-school settings will not be expected to undertake contact tracing.		 Regular cleaning of frequently touched surfaces and any shared equipment 	ASC/Breakfast Club Staff	Ongoing	Ongoing		
We no longer advise that providers limit the attendance of parents and carers at sessions. You should continue to ensure that you have parents' and carers' most up-to date contact details in case of an emergency.		 Completion of registration forms for any new admissions to the club settings, which hold up to date emergency contact details 	Megan Ferguson	Ongoing	Ongoing		
Contingency planning / outbreak management plan							
 You should have outbreak management plans outlining how you would operate if there were an outbreak in your 	 Prepare an outbreak management plan. Review your plans against the DfE contingency framework. 	 Business Continuity Plan outlines protocols and 	Kirsten Beaven	01.09.21	01.09.21		

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school or local area. Given the detrimental impact that restrictions on education can have on children and young people, any measures in schools should only ever be considered as a last resort, kept to the minimum number of schools or groups possible, and for the shortest amount of time possible. The contingency framework describes the principles of managing local outbreaks of COVID-19 in education and childcare settings. Local authorities, directors of public health (DsPH) and PHE health protection teams (HPTs) can recommend	 Have plans in place for high quality remote provision of education. Consider how bubbles, wearing of face coverings, and other social distancing measures could be reintroduced if they were required. Ensure key staff understand the escalation process to get further public health advice via the DfE helpline. 			By when? 01.09.21 Ongoing	
measures described in the contingency framework in individual education and					
childcare settings – or a small cluster of settings – as part of their outbreak					
management responsibilities.					

