



Aragon Primary School Covid-19 –Risk Assessment Lockdown 1st September 2021

Introduction

The 'Implementing protective measures' document clarifies that there are important actions that children and young people, their parents/carers and those who work with them can take during the coronavirus outbreak, to help prevent the spread of the virus, dealing with direct transmission (for instance, when in close contact with those sneezing and coughing) and indirect transmission (via touching contaminated surfaces). A range of approaches and actions should be employed to do this. These can be seen as a hierarchy of controls that, when implemented, creates an inherently safer system, where the risk of transmission of infection is substantially reduced. These include:

1. **MINIMISE CONTACT WITH UNWELL INDIVIDUALS** - minimising contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend childcare settings, schools or colleges
2. **CLEANING HANDS** - cleaning hands more often than usual - wash hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly or use alcohol hand rub or sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered
3. **RESPIRATORY HYGIENE** - ensuring good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
4. **CLEANING REGIME** - cleaning frequently touched surfaces often using standard products, such as detergents and bleach
5. **ALTERING THE ENVIRONMENT AND ORGANISATION TO MINIMISE CONTACT** - minimising contact and mixing by altering, as much as possible, the environment (such as classroom layout) and timetables (such as staggered break times)

This risk assessment tool therefore follows these measures, and then "other" measures such as staff and pupil wellbeing, and staff levels to provide a safe environment.

Theme	Hazards and issues as per government guidance	Control measures – in existence or to be actioned	Action Complete		Further Risk Assessment Required	
			Y	N	Y	N
Awareness of policies and procedures	Stakeholders are not well enough informed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All staff, parents, governors, visitors and volunteers are aware of all relevant policies and procedures. • All staff have access to all relevant guidance and legislation including, but not limited to, the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR) 2013 -The Health Protection (Notification) Regulations 2010 -Public Health England (PHE) (2017) 'Health protection in schools and other childcare facilities' -DfE and PHE (2020) 'COVID-19: guidance for educational settings' • The relevant staff receive any necessary training that helps minimise the spread of infection, e.g. infection control training. • The school keeps up-to-date with advice issued by, but not limited to, the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -DfE -NHS -Department for Health and Social Care -PHE • Staff are made aware of the school's infection control procedures in relation to coronavirus via email or staff meetings and contact the school as soon as possible if they believe they may have been exposed to coronavirus. • Parents are made aware of the school's infection control procedures in relation to coronavirus via parentmail – they are informed that they must contact the school as soon as possible if they believe their child has been exposed to coronavirus. • Pupils are made aware of the need to tell a member of staff if they feel unwell. 				
Disruption to the running of the school in cases of local outbreak	Infection control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have an up-to-date Outbreak Management Plan in place – the plan is reviewed as necessary. • We adhere to and keep up-to-date with the latest local and national advice about school closures – advice is sought from the local HPT or DfE helpline where required. • We follow Government advice and follow any instructions 				
Cleaning the school	Infection control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All hard surfaces to be cleaned on a regular basis, this will include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All door handles - All tables and chairs used by staff and pupils - Toilet flushes and regular cleaning of toilets. 				

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All classrooms to have spray disinfectant and disposable cloths and surfaces are regularly cleaned. All rooms to be fogged on a timetable prepared by AH 				
Ventilation	Infection control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify any poorly ventilated spaces and take steps to improve fresh air flow Where appropriate open external windows, internal doors and external doors to improve natural ventilation If external doors are opened, ensure that they are not fire doors and are safe to do so 				
Poor hygiene practice	Infection control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We continue to ensure that children clean their hands regularly, with soap and water or hand sanitiser Staff and visitors are encouraged to wash their hands with soap or alcohol-based sanitiser (that contains no less than 60% alcohol) and follow infection control procedures in accordance with the DfE and PHE's guidance. Sufficient amounts of soap (or hand sanitiser where applicable), clean water and paper towels are supplied in all toilets and kitchen areas. Pupils are supervised by staff when washing their hands to ensure it is done correctly, where necessary. Pupils are discouraged from sharing cutlery, cups or food. All cutlery and cups are thoroughly cleaned before and after use. Cleaners to carry out daily, thorough cleaning that follows national guidance and is compliant with the COSHH Policy and the Health and Safety Policy. 				
Infection control	Infection control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spillages of bodily fluids, e.g. respiratory and nasal discharges, are cleaned up immediately in line with guidance, using PPE at all times. Parents are informed not to bring their children to school or on the school premises if they show signs of being unwell and believe they have been exposed to coronavirus. Staff and pupils do not return to school before the minimum recommended exclusion period (or the 'self-isolation' period) has passed, in line with national guidance. Parents notify the school if their child has an impaired immune system or a medical condition that means they are vulnerable to infections. The school in liaison with individuals' medical professionals where necessary, reviews the needs of pupils who are vulnerable to infections. Any additional provisions for pupils who are vulnerable to infections are put in place by the headteacher, in liaison with the pupil's parents where necessary. 				
Classroom management	Infection control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is no longer required for forward facing tables etc however care should still be taken on table management in a classroom setting. The Outbreak Management Plan covers the possibility of reintroduction of restrictions on mixing for a temporary period in case of local outbreak. Continue to use a cautious approach with arrangements. 				
Assemblies	Infection control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no restrictions on having assemblies or singing 				
Lunchtimes		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunchtime arrangements can revert back to previous arrangements. Tables must still be cleaned on a regular basis throughout dinner time activities. 				
Playtimes		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previous playtimes are reinstated and no restrictions in place regarding using and sharing play equipment. 				

PPE and Masks		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face coverings are not required for staff and visitors in classrooms or communal areas • We recommend that they are worn where social distancing is not possible 				
Ill health	Infection control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff are informed of the symptoms of possible coronavirus infection, e.g. a cough, loss or change to sense of smell or taste and high temperature and are kept up-to-date with national guidance about the signs, symptoms and transmission of coronavirus. • Any pupil or member of staff who displays signs of being unwell, such as having a cough, fever or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste, and believes they have been exposed to coronavirus, is immediately taken out of the class and placed in the first aid room where they will not come into contact with others and are supervised at all times. For pupils the relevant member of staff calls for emergency assistance immediately if pupils' symptoms worsen. • The parents of unwell pupils are informed as soon as possible of the situation by a relevant member of staff. • Where contact with a pupil's parents cannot be made, appropriate procedures are followed in accordance with those outlined in governmental guidance.. • Areas used by unwell staff and pupils who need to go home are fogged once vacated, • Any pupils who display signs of infection are taken home immediately, or as soon as practicable, by their parents – the parents are advised to contact NHS 111 immediately or call 999 if the pupil becomes seriously ill or their life is at risk. • Any members of staff who display signs of infection are sent home immediately and are advised to contact NHS 111 immediately or call 999 if they become seriously ill or their life is at risk. • Any medication given to ease the unwell individual's symptoms, e.g. Paracetamol, is administered in line with the Medical Care Policy 				
Positive cases	Infection control	<p>From 16th August 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From 16 August 2021, children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case. • Instead, children 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 encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so. • Staff or pupils with a positive lateral flow test result should self-isolate in line with the stay at home guidance and get a PCR test to check if they have COVID-19 and 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 and the pupils/staff can return to school as long as the individual doesn't have COVID-19 symptoms 				
Admitting children to school	Infection control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Our decision will be carefully considered in light of all the circumstances and current public health advice. 				

Staff CEV	Infection control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEV people are no longer advised to shield but may wish to take extra precautions to protect themselves and to follow the practical steps set out in the CEV guidance to minimise their risk of exposure to the virus • Staff should attend their place of work if they cannot work from home • The school will follow DHSC updated guidance 				
Educational visits	Infection control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If booking new visits ensure that the school have adequate financial protection in place • Full risk assessments must be undertaken. 				
Wraparound care	Infection control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration should be given to the latest government advice regarding the specific activity being undertaken and venue visited • Children should be encouraged to attend settings close to where they live or go to school, ideally within walking or cycling distance • Where they attend venues further afield they should follow latest guidance https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers • Wraparound childcare providers can offer provision to all children, without restriction on the reasons for which they may attend • Ensure you have enough staff available to meet the required ratio 				
Attendance of parents		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents are no longer limited to specific number attendance. • Ensure up to date contact information is available in the event of an emergency. 				