Return to School Risk Assessment-September 2020. St Stephens Community Academy

An Daras Trust	Establishment/Department: St Stephens Community Academy	Establishment Risk Assessment	RA100 V4
Launceston .	Address: Roydon Road, Launceston PL158HL		
	he principles and guidance contained within DfE Guidance. The	Date assessment completed:16 Review: 05.09.2020 Review: 03.11.2020	.07.2020
colleges from Monday 8 March:	ounced by the Prime Minister on the wider reopening of schools and	Review :23.11.2020 Review: 10.01.2021 Review 03.03.2021	
 early years and childcare providers actions for schools during the corona special schools, special post-16 provi 		This document is to remain und review due to the fast-changing / Government guidance in respondentallenges posed by Covid-19.	nature of DfE
Covid-19 Implementing protective measure updated following the publication of Guid Premises during the Covid-19 outbreak (7 legal requirement that schools should revidate and the practices they have already to enable a return to full capacity in the automatical transfer in the automatical transfer is generic, and each applicable to their setting. This risk assess	school is responsible for reviewing and amending to ensure it is sment should be read alongside DCC guidance document C-19,	Assessor(s): Maura Furber Checked with Assistant Heads, Representative, Teacher Gove Confirmed with CEO, Chair of Safeguarding Manager.	
Updates:	guidance: Guidance for Full Opening ssments is available at arrangements note HS47. s important that the school adopts a considered collaborative		
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Significant Hazard Section	Additional measures or actions not included in this column below should be put in the assessor's recommendations at the end of this document	Optional: School's comments re. mitigations put in place
Social distancing and reducing risk of transmission		
Entrance and exit to school site causing large groups of people inside school grounds compromising social distancing.	Stagger drop-off and collection times avoiding any changes to pupils that arrive at school on school transport (ARB unit) where possible. Provide information to parents. If possible, only one parent to attend. Use alternative drop off locations where possible. Schools should also have a process for safely removing and disposing of / storing face coverings when pupils and staff who use them arrive at school and communicate it clearly to them, following the recommendations in the government guidance Staying safe outside of your home: face coverings and Guidance for Full Opening . Children under the age of 3 or those who may find it difficult to manage them correctly should not use face coverings. It is important to use face coverings properly and wash your hands before putting them on and taking them off. Pupils must be instructed to wash their hands, on arrival.	Start and end times now as 'normal' to minimize the waiting time for families to be on site especially in the cold, dark months. One way system in operation 03.03.2021: With finer weather the hope is we will be able to utilise the exit leading from the school field to the front of the school to minimise the amount of people leaving from one area.
Definition of close contact	Manage confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community. (Close contact means): • direct close contacts - face to face contact with an infected individual for any length of time, within 1 metre, including being	

Deposits grathering at sale of gate and	coughed on, a face to face conversation, or unprotected physical contact (skin-to-skin) proximity contacts - extended close contact (within 1 to 2 metres for more than 15 minutes) with an infected individual travelling in a small vehicle, like a car, with an infected person focusing on obtaining mitigations they reduce close contact, will reduce staff and pupil absences when there are cases within the school. When completing your risk assessment, it is important that your mitigations control measures in all aspects of the school day, considers PHE definition of 'close contact'. The following definition of 'close contact': Manage confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community. (Close contact means): The current definition of close contact in a school setting is shown below. face-to-face contact including being coughed on or having a face-to-face conversation within one metre (this will include times when you have been wearing a face covering or face mask) been within one metre for one minute or longer without face-to-face contact been within 2 metres of someone for more than 15 minutes (either as a one-off contact, or added up together over one day) travelled in the same vehicle or a plane (this includes school transport) Focusing on obtaining mitigations to reduce close contact, will reduce staff and pupil absences when there are cases within the school. Note that the use of face masks and other forms of PPE does not exclude somebody from being considered a close contact (unless they are providing direct care with patients or residents in a health and care setting, NHS Test and Trace: how it works - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	
Parents gathering at school gate not social distancing	Plan parents' drop-off and pick-up protocols that minimize adult-to-adult contact. Make clear to parents that they cannot gather at entrance gates or doors or enter the site (unless they have a pre-arranged appointment, which should be conducted safely. Only one parent to pick up/drop off per family.	Have created a one-way system around outside of school. Posters directing and reminding parents of social distancing. Head teacher on

Overcrowding in classrooms and corridors.	Children are to be grouped into consistent groups with contact between groups avoided (see Curriculum section below). Desks should be forward facing and spaced as far apart as possible and arranged so that face-to-face seating is avoided. Set out classrooms where possible to ensure access to outside space and their age appropriate equipment and resources, whilst	duty outside daily to help minimize contact. See above. Regular updates via email/text to inform parents/ carers of any changes and direction to school website and risk assessments. New GOV guidelines with new enforced
	preventing mixing with other groups. Removal of some furniture may be required to enable this. Reduce movement around the school using timetabling and appropriate selection of classroom or other learning environments. Stagger assembly groups. All groups to access classrooms via own external door or alternative outside entrances-all parents/carers will be informed of correct times and procedures.	lockdown (05.11.2020) New guidance 07.01.2021
Risk of transmission within EYFS settings	Updated Guidance for EYFS (2 July 2020) to be followed.https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid- 19-early-years-and-childcare-closures/coronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures removes keeping children in small consistent groups within settings, but still minimizing mixing where possible taking into consideration increased risk factor to staff. Pre- School will remain separate to the main school. New guidance that ALL pre-school pupils should be offered provision from January 2021even when in National lockdown. • Updated Guidance for EYFS (February 2021early years and childcare providers) to be followed. removes keeping children in small consistent groups within settings, but still minimising mixing where possible taking into consideration increased risk factor to staff.	Pre-school staff to wear masks if in close contact with parents at drop off/pick up time, due to the nature of the job role.
Groups mixing during breaks and lunchtime compromising social distancing.	Staggered break times and ensure appropriate supervision is in place. Use different playground locations where possible. Own box of outside play equipment. Staggered lunchtimes & in set groups with handwashing – tables kept apart. Alternatively, lunches delivered to classrooms (ARB). Ensuring everyone keeps further apart than normal. Cleaning of tables between uses by different groups.	Children having packed lunches are supervised in their own classrooms or outside if, weather is fine. In lockdown –each bubble has a timed slot in the hall. Hot meals still provided.
Groups mixing during extracurricular provision. Wraparound provision.	Carefully consider how such provision can work alongside wider protective measures, including keeping children within their year groups or bubbles where possible. If it is not possible to maintain bubbles being used during the school day then use small, consistent groups. Holiday club guidance suggests delivering sessions outside where possible As with physical activity during the	Only 'bubbles' of children who work with each other attend after school clubs. No crossing of groups. Offer of clubs rotated half-termly

	school day, contact sports should not take place and recommendations set out in Protective measures for out-of-school settings during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak should also be taken into consideration. After school, clubs have been risk assessed with Sports experts and using robust assessments and guidance. Breakfast club —all risk assessments to be followed. • Schools should work to resume any breakfast and after-school provision, where possible, from the start of the autumn term. Carefully consider with external providers how such provision can work alongside wider protective measures, including keeping children within their year groups or bubbles where possible. If it is not possible to maintain bubbles being used during the school day then use small, consistent groups. Schools can consult the guidance produced for providers who run community activities, holiday clubs, after-school clubs, tuition and other out-of-school provision for children, as much of this will be useful in planning extra-curricular provision. Where parents use childcare providers or out of school extra-curricular activities for their children, schools should encourage parents and carers to seek assurance that the providers are carefully considering their own protective measures, and children should only attend settings that can demonstrate this. DfE have issued guidance for parents and carers, which schools may want to circulate.	to ensure all can receive a good diet of opportunities.
Spread of virus due to increased numbers of people within the building.	Inform parents that if their child needs to be accompanied to school only one parent should attend	Regular reminders.
Staff	Staff should maintain Public health guidance of 2m wherever possible. If reduced to 1m as long as mitigations are in place, e.g. not face to face or wearing PPE (face covering does not count) or a Perspex screen in place. The priority is always to try to maintain 2m social distancing, but where this cannot be achieved, regular hand washing/cleaning and good respiratory hygiene are also important for both staff and pupils.	Staff should wear a mask if in a situation where have to speak with parents. These meetings must be socially distanced and outside if possible. Staff to wear masks when moving between classrooms and into central areas. If staff feel more comfortable to wear a mask/visor in class this is

Premises related matters		
Changes to building use being safe for pupils & staff – e.g. storage, oneway systems, floor tape.	Review whole school risk assessment (RA22 or equivalent), to ensure control measures remain suitable and in place. Update risk assessments to include any changes that have been necessary (e.g. handwashing, one-way systems, allocation of specific classrooms) and this must include curriculum risk assessments where necessary. Consider how the layout will enable access to outdoor space and the equipment necessary for teaching the year groups. Consider how changes will influence arrangements such as safe fire evacuation routes (see below). Continue to follow termly drills to ensure all staff and pupils are confident	Fire drill taken place –no issues –all safe and risks controlled. School lockdown drill taken place. No issues all risks controlled.
First Aid procedures – Reduced numbers of first aiders and Paediatric first aider.	Review First Aid risk assessment (RA22 or equivalent). Rota systems in place to ensure adequate numbers of first aid and PFA trained staff. Communication of first aid arrangements during daily briefings. PPE within first aid supplies. Walkie-talkies provided during lunchtimes to ensure a first aider can be accessed at all times. Update training in line with county expectations.	Refresher training courses booked. Adequate staff members qualified. First Aid Lead monitors and stocks equipment weekly. Training has been undertaken.
Fire Procedures	Review the fire risk assessment taking into consideration any changes made to the layout, and the impact this may have on fire evacuation and escape routes. Ensure that testing and monitoring regimes are in place for fire detection and alarm systems, fire extinguishers and that any interim arrangements (such as doors propped open where necessary to reduce hand contact), are managed so that they do not compromise fire protection (and security) measures. Review where required fire evacuation routes and assembly points to ensure that social distancing guidelines are being met. Clear plan for staff shared.	Routine fire checks in place.
Water hygiene – management of legionella	Review the water hygiene management plan. Ensure that agreed regimes for flushing and monitoring of temperatures have been maintained throughout any period of closure / partial opening. Where regimes have not been maintained ensure that cleaning and disinfection has taken place prior to reoccupation as per government guidance Managing School Premises during the Covid-19 outbreak .	Routine checks in place.
Using and monitoring new practices to reduce risk of Covid-19 transmission	Training of all staff via briefing prior to start – to include contents of this RA, alternative layouts and any changes to fire evacuation routes, use of PPE and location of designated room for suspected cases. Explaining to children about the use of face coverings – to support children with adhering to social	All risk assessments and updates shared.

Management of premises related risks e.g. asbestos, delayed statutory testing (LOLER)	distancing. Head teachers and school leaders must monitor arrangements and make remedial actions where needed. Ensure there are opportunities for all employees to raise concerns / make suggestions. Communication arrangements to ensure that responsible persons (e.g. signing in processes for contractors) understand requirements and controls. If equipment is not within statutory test periods (e.g. lifts and hoists) then it should be taken out of use until the inspection and test can be completed.	Visitors have to follow school protocol and fill in details on a track and trace information sheet before entering school building. Contractors on site after school hours and weekends from 09.03.2021. All risks and arrangements shared with lead from Central Premises team.
Staff rooms and offices to comply with social distancing and safe working practice	Numbers of people reduced at one time to allow social distancing – chairs removed/placed apart. Avoiding unnecessary gatherings particularly with staff in different 'bubbles' across the school. Limit time to less than 15 minutes. Where possible reduce the use of communal / shared facilities such as tea and coffee facilities and encourage staff to bring their own food and utensils. Enhanced cleaning regimes as per below. Office window to remain locked with top window open for ventilation ,when staff working in the reception office the side door to be locked to ensure social distancing can be adhered to	Discussed in weekly staff briefings.
Ventilation to reduce spread	Schools need to balance the need for increased ventilation while maintaining a comfortable temperature, the following measures should also be used as appropriate: Opening high level windows in preference to low level to reduce draughts Increasing the ventilation while spaces are unoccupied (e.g. between classes, during break and lunch, when a room is unused) Providing flexibility to allow additional suitable indoor clothing.	

	 long as they are within a single room and supplemented by an outdoor air supply) Opening internal doors can also assist with creating a throughput of air natural ventilation – if necessary external opening doors may also be used Where schools believe that ventilation could be improved by leaving fire doors, either internal or external, open, this must only be done once the fire risk assessment has been reviewed and amended. Schools must ensure that systems are in place to close doors in the event of a fire alarm, during breaks if they cannot be monitored or at the end of the day. There is also the security risk of leaving external doors open and therefore there must be procedures in place to mitigate this such as ensuring that they are closed at times when they cannot be sufficiently monitored. Ventilation to chemical stores should remain operational. It is advisable to use a thermometer to monitor temperatures where opening windows and doors is being used as a mechanism to aid ventilation. For more information on suitable workplace temperatures see HSE: Guidance on temperature in the workplace 	temperature that allows the pupils to learn comfortably.
Management of waste	Ensure bins for tissues are emptied throughout the day. Follow <u>Guidance on disposal of PPE waste</u> (such as used fluid resistant masks) Lidded pedal bins purchased for all classrooms and toilet facilities. and <u>Government guidance on disposal of waste</u> , including waste such as wipes and cloths generated by additional cleaning and disposable face coverings where for instance they have been worn for the journey to school. You must make sure that these items are disposed of properly rather than going into recycling bins	
Management of incoming goods	Consider how to manage supplies coming into the school, which takes into consideration SD and hygiene measures. E.g. drop-off point (main reception) – one person controls the process (Office team)	
School owned outdoor play equipment	Promote good hygiene and social distancing using signage and other methods of comms (community noticeboards, school newsletters) to set out maximum numbers to enable SD, encouraging parents to clean children's hands before and after play, disposal of all rubbish. Consider limiting numbers (e.g. taking out swings), using time limits, one ways systems around pieces of equipment, cleaning regimes if applicable for high traffic touch points such as slides, monkey bars and climbing frames / walls, playhouses and huts, crawl through tunnels and tube slides, exercise equipment, gates, benches and picnic tables,	Bubbles of children to have access to sports equipment. All equipment cleaned and stored safely between uses. Sports coaches to bring own cleaned equipment for single use in bubbles.

	refuse areas and bins. Encourage effective sanitation by users, parents etc.	
	Consult guidance on Managing Outdoor Playgrounds for equipment also used	
	by the community.	
	When used by the school, it must be appropriately cleaned between groups of	
	children and only used by one group at a time.	
	Each class to have their own resource box for wet playtimes and outdoor play.	
Cleaning and reducing		
contamination		
Contaminated surfaces spreading	Classroom based resources such as sports; art and science equipment can be	
virus.	used and shared within the bubble. Such resources should be cleaned	
	frequently and meticulously and always between bubbles or rotated to allow	
	them to be left unused and out of reach for a period of 48 hours (72 hours for	
	plastics) between use by different bubbles.	
	In order to facilitate cleaning, remove unnecessary items from learning	
	environments where there is space to store them elsewhere. Public health	
	advice is to remove all soft toys, and any toys that are hard to clean, such as	
	those with intricate parts. Where practicable, remove soft furnishings, for	
	example pillows, bean bags and rugs.	
	In cases where soft furnishings are still in use, they should be laundered by	
	following the guidance in the attached	
	link: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-	
	decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings/covid-19-decontamination-in-	
	non-healthcare-settings	
	Consideration should also be given to soft furnishings within Sensory Rooms	
	and where possible these furnishings should be child specific so as to avoid	
	cross contamination. If this is not possible then they should be laundered as	
	per the guidance contained in the above link.	
	Follow government guidance for working in education and childcare if a	
	person becomes ill with suspected COVID-19 at the setting. Follow guidance	
	on Cleaning and decontamination of non-health care settings.	
Shared resources and equipment	Prevent the sharing of stationery and other equipment where possible	
increasing spread	Suitable procedures in place for managing access to items of 'heavy use' such	
	a photocopiers to maintain social distancing. Enhanced cleaning regimes.	
Cleaning staff and hygiene	Discuss with cleaning contractors or staff the additional cleaning	
contractor's capacity - providing	requirements and agree additional hours to allow for this. Ensure cleaning	
additional requirements	products being used are suitable and that adequate supplies of cleaning	

	materials are available. See <u>Safe working in education and childcare</u> for	
	guidance on PPE and guidance on <u>cleaning non-health care settings</u> . Put in	
	place an enhanced cleaning schedule and establish more frequent cleaning of	
	shared areas or those used by different groups. Additional guidance on	
	cleaning of non-health care settings is to be published by Public Health	
	England by the end of the summer term.	
Sufficient handwashing facilities for	Each 'bubble' has handwashing facilities with soap and warm water Where a	
staff and pupils	sink is not nearby; provide supervised access to hand sanitizer in classrooms	
	and other learning environments. Plan in regular access to facilities	
	throughout the day. Provide additional sinks where possible. Ensure enough	
	hand wash and sanitizer stations are available based on what you have	
	learned from usage to date.	
Additional time for staff and pupils	Frequent hand cleaning as part of normal routine. Stagger regular access to	
to carry out handwashing	handwashing facilities through the day. Build routines into behaviour	
· -	expectations and school culture.	
Handwashing practice with children	Review the guidance on hand cleaning and introduce handwashing songs for	
	younger children. Ensure that help is available for children and young people	
	who have trouble cleaning their hands independently. See guidance and	
	resources available at <u>e Bug</u> . Posters placed in each class, toilets and staff	
	room.	
	Consider risks around ingestion of sanitiser and where this is a risk substitute	
	for skin, friendly sanitiser wipes for young children / those with complex	
	needs.	
Good respiratory hygiene	Promote 'catch it, bin it, kill it' ensuring that enough tissues and bins are	
. , , , ,	available. Support should be provided for young children and those with	
	complex needs, particularly where children spit / use saliva. In such cases,	
	this should be considered within the pupil's individual risk assessment.	
Sufficient supplies of soap and	Discuss with suppliers and contractors to ensure sufficient supplies and	
cleaning products	deliveries. Use regular detergents and bleach. Review COSHH assessments	
	(RA05) and implement additional controls required where there has been any	
	change in products.	
Toilets being overcrowded	Limit the number of children or young people who use the toilet facilities at	
	one time. Visiting the toilet one after the other if necessary. Different groups	
	do not need to be allocated their own toilet blocks, but toilets will need to be	
	cleahttps://www.hse.gov.uk/temperature/index.htmned regularly and pupils	
	must be encouraged to clean their hands thoroughly after using the toilet.	
	Staff toilets – occupied and vacant sign placed on doors.	
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Staff related issues		
Staff measures to reduce contact and transmission Covid-19. New variant of the Covid-19 virus. It is also noted that the new variant may present an increased risk amongst children and young people who present as - asymptomatic.	When assessing the return to full opening in September the following section of the DfE guidance must be followed: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools#section-1-publichealth-advice-to-minimise-coronavirus-covid-19-risks Where this cannot be met, then the school must record why and what other control measures they will adopt. All teachers and other staff can operate across different classes and year groups in order to facilitate the delivery of the school timetable. Where staff need to move between classes and year groups, they should try and keep their distance from pupils and other staff as much as they can, ideally 2 meters from other adults and should avoid close face to face contact and minimise time spent within 1 meter of anyone. Similarly, it will not be possible when working with many pupils who have complex needs or who need close contact care. These pupils' educational and care support should be provided as normal. When considering the return of non-teaching staff school leaders should recognise the wider government policy that staff who can work from home should do so and apply this where feasible (e.g. in administrative roles). All staff have returned to the work place at the time of this risk assessment. Focusing on control measures that reduce close contact, will reduce the number of staff and pupils required to self-isolate when there are cases within the school. Public Health England have identified issues that have arisen in Incident Management Teams in schools and some adjustments are being made by schools as a result. There may be difficult to implement due to disruption to learning or operational issues. But schools are also identifying that actually having positive cases and seeing the impact on numbers being sent home to self-isolate (staff and pupils) will also affect learning and operational issues. Mitgating measures that will reduce the number of close contacts between individuals and the	Staff alerted to CV19 protocol if pupils or staff display symptoms-posters in staff room, individual copies sent. Guidance by Public Health England and NHS shared and discussed.

	 reducing face to face meetings (move to video calling if appropriate), reducing or eliminating the number of staff and pupils mixing across year groups/ classes at lunch, breaks, staff rooms etc. reducing or eliminating the movement around the school of pupils and teaching staff, reducing or eliminating the movement across bubbles of pupils and teaching staff, no car sharing between staff to school keeping to the 2m distancing (for teachers especially) if at all possible Other measures that will reduce the spread of the virus in the school – face coverings, thorough regular cleaning regimes throughout the day (of hands and of hard surfaces/ high use touch points), catch it bin it kill it messages. 	
Managing supply teachers, visitors, contractors and other temporary visiting staff.	Supply teachers, peripatetic teachers and/or other temporary staff can move between schools. They should ensure they minimise contact and maintain as much distance as possible from other staff. Specialists, therapists, clinicians and other support staff for pupils with SEND should provide interventions as usual. Schools should consider how to manage other visitors to the site, such as contractors, and ensure site guidance on physical distancing and hygiene is explained to visitors on or before arrival. Where visits can happen outside of school hours, they should. A record should be kept of all visitors. It is important that staff who are managing supply teachers, visitors, contractors and other temporary visiting staff are conversant with SD and hygiene protocols within the school. All visitors must fill in visitor slip stating contact details if need to track and trace.	All visitors must fill in visitor slip stating contact details if need to track and trace.
Insufficient staff capacity to deal with increased numbers of pupils - Shortage of teachers to maintain staff to pupil ratios	If there are any shortages of teachers to teach the number of classes, appropriately trained teaching assistants can be allocated to lead a group, working under the direction of a teacher. Careful planning of the year groups/classes should be undertaken based on staff availability. Supply teachers and other peripatetic staff can be engaged where necessary. See 'school Workforce' section of the DfE guidance: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools#section-1-public-health-advice-to-minimise-coronavirus-covid-19-risks Currently all staff available – contingency plans if key staffing (1-1) unavailable.	Currently all teaching staff available – contingency plans if key staffing (1-1) unavailable 03.03.2021:All staff available to work normal contracted hours.

Anxiety levels of staff and community causing breakdown in staffing ratios, compromising group sizes.	Talk to staff about (and/or put in writing) the plans (for example, safety measures, timetable changes and staggered arrival and departure times), including a discussion on whether training would be helpful. If appropriate, seek GP or occupational health advice. Where the member of staff has anxieties about returning, this conversation can be held and recorded using the 'Risk assessment for all staff including vulnerable groups' - https://devoncc.sharepoint.com/:w:/s/PublicDocs/Education/ESoXeZkAQylLupPG5VVG6yQB2iEFDD4pgkko5qBbtOSEkw?e=040Qiy Further advice is available from HR if required. Weekly zoom/ in person updates. Regular 1-1 discussions for well-being and staff WhatsApp group for daily communication if needed and positive ongoing support.	Weekly zoom/ in person updates. Regular 1-1 discussions for well-being and staff WhatsApp group for daily communication if needed and positive on-going support.
Staff understanding of new changes – safe practice at work & in classroom. Teaching in a safe environment	Talk to staff about the plans (for example, safety measures, timetable changes and staggered arrival and departure times), including discussing whether training would be helpful. • Guidance on the new asymptomatic testing programmes taking place in schools are on a shared document platform hosted by DfE, including FAQ, webinars and step-by-step 'how to guides. • For primary schools - Primary Schools Document Sharing Platform - Google Drive	
Accessing testing arrangements are clear for all staff	Guidance about testing, including the NHS 'Test and Trace' service, is available via this link https://inside.devon.gov.uk/task/guidance-for-dealing-with-coronavirus-covid-19/essential-worker-testing/	9 x CV19 tests still available on site for emergencies
Conditions for use of fluid resistant facemask and other equipment when dealing with a symptomatic child are clear and understood by staff.	If a child, young person or other learner becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus while in their setting and needs direct personal care until they can return home a face mask should be worn by the supervising adult if a distance of 2 meters cannot be maintained. If contact with the child or young person is necessary, then the supervising adult should wear gloves, an apron and a facemask. If a risk assessment determines that there is a risk of splashing to the eyes, for example from coughing, spitting, or vomiting, then eye protection should also be worn Ensuring that fluid resistant face masks are available for all schools and that a supply is maintained.	Isolation zone available in school with full PPE.

	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safe-working-in-education-	
	childcare-and-childrens-social-care/safe-working-in-education-childcare-and-	
	childrens-social-care-settings-including-the-use-of-personal-protective-	
	<u>equipment-ppe</u>	
Assessment of all staff, including	Staff deemed to be clinically extremely vulnerable and clinically vulnerable	
high risk staff with vulnerable /	can return to school in the Autumn term subject to school leaders	
shielding family member, underlying	confirmation that the school is 'covid-secure', i.e. that every reasonable step	
health conditions or other risk	has been taken to ensure the safety of children, staff, premises and	
factors	community and that the full measures as provided in the DfE guidance have	
	been applied.	
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	and clinically vulnerable staff returning to the school, especially where they	
	are returning to the school for the first time since the pandemic	
	commenced. A risk assessment should also be undertaken (or	
	reviewed/updated if one was previously undertaken) with staff who may be	
	anxious about returning to school and/or due to the increased numbers. The	
	'Risk assessment for all staff including vulnerable groups' can be used to aid	
	and record this assessment -	
	https://devoncc.sharepoint.com/:w:/s/PublicDocs/Education/ESoXeZkAQyl	
	LupPG5VVG6yQB2iEFDD4pgkko5qBbtOSEkw?e=040Qiy	
	Clinically Extremely Vulnerable staff (CEV) are advised not to attend the	
	workplace. Staff who are CEV will previously have received a letter from the	
	NHS or their GP telling them this (no new letter is required) and there is	
	guidance for this group. Employers should talk to their staff about how they	
	will be supported, including to work from home. These new formal	
	shielding measures will apply across the whole of England until at least 31	
	March. Staff who are Clinically Vulnerable (CV) can continue to attend	
	school. While in school they must follow the system of controls to minimise	
	the risks of transmission Schools coronavirus (COVID-19) operational	
	guidance (publishing.service.gov.uk) p37	
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Staff use of PPE	Pupils whose care routinely already involves the use of PPE due to their intimate care needs will continue to receive their care in the same way. Follow guidance https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safe-working-in-education-childcare-and-childcare-and-childcare-and-childcare-settings-including-the-use-of-personal-protective-equipment-ppe Guidance on the appropriate selection and use of PPE from DCC can be found here: http://devon.cc/ppe	
Use of face coverings Lack of understanding	Adequate training / briefing on use and safe disposal Follow guidance on putting on and taking off standard PPE https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-personal-protective- equipment-use-for-non-aerosol-generating-procedures and above guidance on use in education settings. • Guidance on the use of face coverings for pupils in year 7 and above should be followed with consideration given to communal areas such as corridors where social distancing is hard to maintain. In addition, we now also recommend in those schools, that face coverings should be worn in classrooms or during activities unless social distancing can be maintained. This does not apply in situations where wearing a face covering would impact on the ability to take part in exercise or strenuous activity, for example in PE lessons. • . • Adequate training / briefing on use and safe disposal • Follow guidance on putting on and taking off standard PPE https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-personal- protective-equipment-use-for-non-aerosol-generating-procedures and above guidance on use in education settings.	
Dealing with suspected and confirmed case/ cases and outbreak.	Dealing with suspected and confirmed case/ cases and outbreak. ALWAYS contact the local Health Protection Team if one of the following: 1) The symptomatic person has been admitted to Hospital 2) The Possible case REFUSES testing 3) There are a cluster of possible cases/unexpected increase	Pupil/ staff concerned to be moved to Isolation Zone in school and procedures followed.

in absenteeism 4) The Possible case has DEFINITE link to a confirmed case 5) ALL confirmed cases.

Ring DfE helpline on 08000468687 and select option 1.

Manage confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community. (Close contact means):

- direct close contacts face to face contact with an infected individual for any length of time, within 1 metre, including being coughed on, a face to face conversation, or unprotected physical contact (skin-to-skin)
- proximity contacts extended close contact (within 1 to 2 metres for more than 15 minutes) with an infected individual
- travelling in a small vehicle, like a car, with an infected person
- travelled in the same vehicle or a plane (this includes school transport

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools#soc

If a child or staff member in your education setting becomes symptomatic, you should advise them to access a PCR test through the normal channels. However, in exceptional circumstances when you do not think a child or staff member would be able to access testing by these routes, you should consider using one of the school provided home test kits to improve the chances that the individual will get tested. See the DfE guidance on test kits for schools.

If you have any infection control concerns or questions, please call the South West Health Protection Team on 0300 303 8162 or email swhpt@phe.gov.uk. If the matter is not urgent you can also email ask.swhpt@phe.gov.uk. For **ALL SUSPECTED OR CONFIRMED CASE IN SCHOOL ALWAYS** inform the local authority

- Pupil/ staff concerned to be moved to Isolation Zone in school and procedures followed.
- Dealing with suspected and confirmed case/ cases and outbreak.
 If you would like advice, contact the DfE Coronavirus Helpline on 0800 046
 8687. You may also call the PHE SW Health Protection Team for advice on 0300 303 8162 if the following applies; you have taken action but are still seeing more cases, you think you may need to close your setting (you should

	also email the school priority alert mailbox - educate.schoolspriorityalerts-mailbox@devon.gov.uk), someone in your setting has been admitted to hospital or you are getting significant media interest. Special schools, boarding schools or special post 16 providers should call the PHE SW Health Protection Team straight away.	
Lateral Flow testing. It is important to note that LFD /PCR testing and vaccination and the wearing of face coverings is only part of the preventative measures in place and school must continue implement the mitigation. actions, particularly in relation to contact between staff.	Guidance on the coronavirus (COVID-19) LFD testing programme for primary staff home. It is also important to remember that the LFD test are only one part of the process and although they are a way of identifying asymptomatic individuals quickly, they are not a replacement for all other fundamental mitigating measures previously in place but should be used alongside. It is vitally important that schools who are using mass testing do not relax other fundamental measures. Key points • All staff working in primary, secondary and Colleges are encouraged to take part in the LFD testing programme • Secondary age pupils are recommended to undertake 3 tests in school at their Asymptomatic Test Site (ATS) BEFORE moving to use LFD home test kits • Recommended twice weekly before coming into school 3-4 days apart • Read guidance and watch video • This process is not for releasing people early from Self Isolation • It is not mandatory DfE have created the link below for asymptomatic testing for schools to follow. This area contains additional information to support primary schools and secondary staff in preparing and operating home testing LFD. • Resources for testing: youtube video Google Drive	
Pupil related issues		

Vulnerable groups who are clinically, extremely vulnerable.	Shielding advice for all adults and children will pause on 1 August meaning that even the small number of pupils who will remain on the shielded patient list can also return to school, as can those who have family members who are shielding. Covid-19 shielding guidance from the Royal College of Paediatrics for children and young persons should be followed, and those under the care of a specialist encouraged discussing their return to school. Any additional temporary recommendations received from local health agencies due to localised higher rates of transmission should be implemented as required. Clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) adults and children.	Request doctors/hospital notes for those deemed vulnerable not returning to school or those who chose to self-isolate following guidance as situation changes. There is separate guidance on recording attendance at addendum: recording attendance in relation to coronavirus (COVID-
	 It has been confirmed by the DfE that all CEV (and those who have been newly identified by letter in recent days) that all these staff/pupils should continue to self-isolate until March 31st. 	19) during the 2020 to 2021 academic year.
	 The Department of Health and Social Care has added a third category to the definition of clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV). The definition has been expanded to include a new group of adults who have been identified through the COVID-19 population risk assessment as potentially being at high risk of serious illness if they catch the virus. Individuals identified as CEV through this risk assessment are advised to follow guidance for clinically extremely vulnerable people, which has now been extended until 31 March. Anyone newly identified as part of this group will be notified. 	
Children with EHCP and pupils who attend dual settings	A risk assessment should be completed before attendance. For dual settings work through the system of controls collaboratively, enabling any risks identified to be addressed and allowing the joint delivery of a broad and balanced curriculum for the child. Follow review schedule established in school on-going practice.	EHCP reviews a regular on-going process with parents/carers and teams around the child.
Pupils unable to follow guidance	Some pupils will need additional support to follow these measures. Ensure that the same teacher(s) and other staff are assigned to each group /individual.	
Pupils equipment	Pupils to limit the amount of equipment they bring into school each day, to essentials For individual and very frequently used equipment, such as pencils and pens, it is recommended that staff and pupils have their own items that are not shared.	Lunch boxes and bags can now come into school.

Member of a class becoming unwell with COVID-19	If a child is awaiting collection, they will be moved to a room where they can be isolated behind a closed door, depending on the age of the child and with appropriate adult supervision if required. Ideally, a window should be opened for ventilation. If it is not possible to isolate them, move them to an area, which is at least 2 metres away from other people. Allocate a suitable room for this purpose and communicate intentions to staff. Ensure suitable PPE (including fluid resistant facemask) is available at this location. (Isolation Zone)	
School Uniform	Uniforms do not need to be cleaned any more often than usual, nor do they need to be cleaned using methods, which are different from normal.	Children to wear clothing appropriate for daily activities into school e.g. wear sports kit if have PE that day to avoid additional changing.
Transport		
Dedicated school transport, including statutory provision	Consider school transport arrangements and where possible encourage parents, children, and young people to walk or cycle to school where possible. Liaise with School Transport Team where further consideration needs to be given to taxi and escort services. Consultation with ARB teacher and transport coordinator. Any arrangements will require clear communication between schools and families/students, and school staff should initially be on hand at the end of each day to assist the students. Where possible, transport operators will aim to keep windows on home to school transport open to increase ventilation; or use air conditioning. Ensure organised queuing/boarding and distancing within vehicles if possible.	Social distancing has significantly reduced available transport capacity. This guidance sets out a new framework for supporting transport to and from schools during the autumn term. Further guidance is set out in the transport to school and other places of education: autumn term 2020.
Face coverings & PPE	It is now the law that people age 11 and over must wear a face covering on public transport. This law does not apply to school transport. However, DCC, supported by PHE, recommend that people aged 11 and over wear a face covering when travelling on dedicated school transport from the start of the autumn term. However, there are some exemptions: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-transport-guidance-for-operators#exemptions-from-mandatory-face-coverings	

Face coverings should not be worn by those who may not be able to handle them as directed (for example, young students, or those with special educational needs or disabilities) as it may inadvertently increase the risk of transmission. Drivers may wear face coverings if they wish to, although guidance indicates that PPE is not normally needed on home to school transport. Transport Co-ordination Service will work with operators, schools and parents to manage arrangements for organised queueing and boarding. Students should be asked to respect the driver's personal space and hold back Loading for vehicles above nine from entering the vehicle until the driver has indicated it is safe to do so, and then do so one by one in an orderly manner. They should hold their bus pass passenger seats so it is visible to the driver (and produce for closer examination if requested). Seats alongside or immediately to rear of the driver may be out of use and if so, would be clearly marked as "out of use" by the operator. ALL students will be expected to abide by the DCC Code of Conduct Students, drivers and escorts should clean their hands, before boarding home to school transport and when arriving at school or home. It should not normally be necessary for students to clean their hands during the journey. Coughs/sneezes – students/parents to be given guidance on good Good practice & personal care management of coughs and sneezes, in line with the "catch it, bin it, kill it" approach – this will be reinforced in schools. Students should be encouraged to carry tissues on home to school transport. These will need to be disposed of in a covered bin. Where it is not possible to have a bin on board, schools should have a suitable disposal process on arrival. Parents must be advised that students MUST NOT board home to school transport, if they or a member of their household has symptoms of coronavirus. Any child, young person or other learner who starts displaying Carriage of passengers with coronavirus symptoms while at their setting should be sent home symptoms immediately. They must not travel on home to school transport. The school should contact the parent or carer who should arrange for the child or young person's journey home. In exceptional circumstances, where this is not possible, and where a symptomatic child or young person or other passenger needs to be transported to their home, you must contact the Transport Coordination Service at DCC. Transport Coordination Service will work with

Public Health colleagues to manage any virus outbreak. Students, drivers and

Children with Special Educational Needs:	passenger assistants who have been in contact with someone that has developed symptoms whilst at school or on home to school transport do not need to go home to self-isolate unless; • they develop symptoms themselves (in which case, they should arrange a test) or • the symptomatic person subsequently tests positive (see below) or • if they have been requested to do so by NHS Test and Trace. When deciding on the package of measures that is appropriate on transport for children and young people with special educational needs, Transport Coordination Service will need to take account of the particular needs of the	
	children using the transport and will work with the parents and school	
Dedicated school transport, including statutory provision	Consider how pupils are grouped together on transport and where possible this should reflect the bubbles that are adopted within school. Ensure organised queuing/boarding and distancing within vehicles if possible. Consider the use of face coverings for children over the age of 11, where appropriate. For example, if they are likely to come into very close contact with people outside of their group or whom they do not normally meet. Consider the use of hand sanitiser upon boarding and/or disembarking. Waiting for the DfE who will shortly publish new guidance to local authorities on providing dedicated school transport.	https://www.gov.uk/guidance/cor onavirus-covid-19-safer-travel- guidance-for- passengers#exemptions-face- coverings
Wider public transport	It is the law that you <u>must wear a face covering when travelling in England</u> on public transport. Some people <u>do not have to wear a face covering</u> including for health, age or equality reasons. Some transport staff may not wear a face covering if it is not required for their job. You should also wear a face covering in other enclosed spaces where it is difficult to maintain social distancing. For example, at stations and in taxis and private hire vehicles. A taxi driver or private hire vehicle operator may be entitled to refuse to accept you if you do not wear a face covering.	
School Transport arrangements support changes to school times	Liaising with the School Transport Team before change are made. Follow government guidance https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/vehicles	
Curriculum considerations		

Planned return to normal curriculum	Substantial modification to the curriculum may be needed at the start of the	
in all subjects by Summer Term 2021	year, so teaching time should be prioritised to address significant gaps in	
	pupils' knowledge with the aim of returning to the school's normal curriculum	
	content by no later than summer term 2021. Formative Learning Assessment-	
	identifying priorities from September. Remote Learning Policy and clear	
	expectations shared with stakeholders January 2021	
Suspension of some subjects for	Schools should be able to show that this is in the best the interests of these	Full curriculum on offer with a
some pupils in exceptional	pupils and this should be subject to discussion with parents during the	focus on key skills in English and
circumstances.	autumn term. They should also have a coherent plan for returning to their	Maths as part of the Recovery
	normal curriculum for all pupils by the summer term 2021.	Curriculum Plan.
Music, dance and drama activities	Schools should note that there may be an additional risk of infection in	Further information on the music
	environments where you or others are singing, chanting, playing wind or brass	education hubs, including contact
	instruments or shouting and also in drama and dance activities. As a result,	details for local hubs, can be found
	schools must refer to the detailed <u>Guidance for Music, Dance and Drama</u> as	at music education hub, published
	well as <u>Guidance for the Performing Arts and</u> should take particular care to	by the Arts Council England
	observe social distancing which may limit numbers taking part in group	
	activity, and prevent physical correction by teachers, and contact between	
	pupils in drama and dance.	
	Schools should keep any background or accompanying music to levels which	
	do not encourage teachers or other performers to raise their voices unduly. If	
	possible, use microphones to reduce the need for shouting or prolonged	
	periods of loud speaking or singing. If possible, do not share microphones. If	
	they are shared, follow the guidance on handling equipment	
	If planning an indoor or outdoor face-to-face performance in front of a live	
	audience, schools should follow the latest advice in the DCMS performing arts	
	guidance, implementing events in the lowest risk order as described. If	
	planning an outdoor performance they should also give particular	
	consideration to the guidance on delivering <u>outdoor events</u> .	
	Schools should consider risk reduction measure such as physical distancing	
	and playing and singing outside wherever possible, limiting group sizes,	
	positioning pupils back-to-back or side-to-side, avoiding sharing of	
	instruments, and ensuring good ventilation. The guidance should be consulted	
	for further information relating to:	
	- peripatetic music staff,	

	- cleaning and handling of equipment,	
	- singing and playing brass and woodwind instruments	
	- Avoiding sharing of musical instruments	
	- Handling scripts	
Physical activity in schools	Pupils should be kept in consistent groups, sports equipment thoroughly	
	cleaned between each use by different individual groups, and contact sports	
	avoided. Outdoor sports should be prioritised where possible, and large	
	indoor spaces used where it is not, maximising distancing between pupils and	
	paying scrupulous attention to cleaning and hygiene. This is particularly	
	important in a sports setting because of the way in which people breathe	
	during exercise. External facilities can also be used in line with government	
	guidance for the use of, and travel to and from, those facilities. Schools should	
	refer to the following advice:	
	 guidance on the phased return of sport and recreation and guidance 	
	from Sport England for grassroots sport	
	 advice from organisations such as the <u>Association for Physical</u> 	
	Education and the Youth Sport Trust	
	Schools are able to work with external coaches, clubs and organisations for	
	curricular and extra-curricular activities where they are satisfied that this is	
	safe to do so. (Arena, Plymouth Argyle and Launceston Cricket Club) Schools	
	should consider carefully how such arrangements can operate within their	
	wider protective measures.	
	Activities such as active miles, making break times and lessons active and	
	encouraging active travel help enable pupils to be physically active while	
	encouraging physical distancing.	
Practical science, art and D&T	Guidance from CLEAPSS should be followed when planning practical lessons,	
lessons	using resources such as the Guide to doing practical science work during	
	Covid-19, Guide to doing practical work in D&T, food and art, Carrying out	
	practical science work in non-lab environments and for primaries Practical	
	activities in a bubble. Schools must ensure that they stay up to date with the	
	latest guidance in these specialist areas.	
Educational visits	All educational visits should be planned and risk assessed following the usual	
	school procedures and taking into consideration the Covid-19 DfE travel	
	guidance for educational settings For additional information check with	
	guidance on Cornwall CC website.	
	guidance on Cornwall CC website.	

Groups of children mixing resulting in risk of more widespread transmission	The DfE advices against all educational visits at this time. This advice will be kept under review. Schools coronavirus (COVID-19) operational guidance (publishing.service.gov.uk) For additional information check with EVOLVE guidance on website. Children should be grouped into consistent groups that do not mix to enable track and trace and self-isolation where necessary. Groups should be as small as possible whilst providing the full range of curriculum subjects and for primary this is likely to be up to the size of a year group. Whatever the size of the group, they should be kept apart from other groups where possible and older children should be encouraged to keep their distance within groups. Schools with the capability to do it should take steps to limit interaction, sharing of rooms and social spaces between groups as much as possible. It is accepted that the youngest children cannot socially distance from each other or staff. Measures should be combined and implemented as far as is possible at all times (even if not always achieved 100% of the time). Large gatherings such as assemblies and with more than one group should be avoided	Continue to provide extracurricular provision-cater for specific groups so 'bubbles' do not mix. Clubs on offer change half-termly so different year groups can access.
Provision of food		
Food prepared on premises is compliant with Covid - 19 health and hygiene guidance	School kitchens must comply with the <u>Guidance for food businesses on coronavirus (COVID-19)</u>	
Catering staff are operating in a safe environment	Catering staff to follow the relevant aspects of government guidance for food premises: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/restaurants-offering-takeaway-or-delivery Only use kitchen external door for access.	
Communications with parents and others		
Parents, contractors and other staff entering or working in the building – school complying with external requirements for staff safety	Tell parents, carers or any visitors, such as suppliers, not to enter the education or childcare setting if they are displaying any symptoms of coronavirus. Inform all visitors, suppliers, and contractors that only pre-arranged calls will be allowed on site. Publish a site telephone number in case of immediate access required. All visitors to sign in and leave a contact number for Track and Trace if necessary.	

Suppliers understanding and complying with new arrangements	Discuss new arrangements with suppliers and deliveries to be arranged for quiet times or outside school hours	
Communications to parents and staff	Regular communications via texts, fortnightly newsletters, letters, emails and weekly phone calls for EHCP pupils and those deemed vulnerable by Parent Support worker/ DSL if necessary.	
Pupils and families anxious about return	Support in place to address concerns and communications with parents on measures in place to reduce anxiety. Clear messaging on expectations for attendance and identification of those who may be disengaged, disadvantaged or vulnerable and where catch up funding may need to be applied	Continue to communicate clearly and consistently the expectations around school attendance to families (and any other professionals who work with the family where appropriate).
Parent aggression due to anxiety and stress.	Tell parents their allocated drop off and collection times and the process for doing so, including protocols for minimising adult-to-adult contact (for example, which entrance to use) to reduce anxiety. Clearly explained in letters and HT on site to remind them alongside signage and markers on drop off/pick up points.	Regular updates/changes to routines so best fit changing expectations and once identified aspects that need improved.
Oversight of the governing body		
Lack of governor oversight during the COVID-19 crisis leads to the school failing to meet statutory requirements	The governing body continues to meet regularly via online platforms. The governing body agendas are structured to ensure all statutory requirements are discussed and school leaders are held to account for their implementation. The Head teacher's report to governors includes content and updates on how the school is continuing to meet its statutory obligations in addition to covering the school's response to COVID-19. Regular dialogue with the Chair of Governors and those governors with designated responsibilities is in place. Minutes of governing body, meetings are reviewed to ensure that they accurately record governors' oversight and holding leaders to account for areas of statutory responsibility. Alongside statutory requirements 'take account' of situation rather than only 'hold to account'.	Continuing to hold meetings via online platforms. Meetings with Chair and Academy Improvement Officer to support school offer.

Section	List Actions / Additional Control Measures	Date action to be carried out	Person Responsible
Premises related matters	Monitor and review entry/exit from school premises due to narrow passageways.	Ongoing. Monitor from first week back. Trial additional exit point in Spring#2 –weather dependent.	HT. Class teachers
Pupil related issues	Ensure clarification of removing and disposing/storage of reusable face covering. Staff now asked to wear face coverings between bubbles and in communal areas.	As above.	НТ
Staff related issues	Monitor and review staffing capacity during staggered lunchtimes.	As above	HT
Cleaning and reducing contamination	Regular audit of soap, towels, sanitizer, cleaning spray.	Weekly	Site manager
Staff related issues	New lockdown Avoiding unnecessary gatherings particularly with staff in different 'bubbles' across the school. Limit time to less than 15 minutes.	Ongoing. Monitor from first week back	HT. Class teachers
Staff /pupil related.	All pupils and staff back 08.03.2021.	Monitor and adapt any strategies that do not work.	HT. Class teachers

Signed: Headteacher/Head of Department: 04.01.2021. Updated 03.03.2021

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The outcome of this assessment should be shared with the relevant staff.

A copy of the completed assessment to be kept on file and copied to the Health & Safety Co-ordinator.