

Risk Assessment – COVID-19 (v3.4)	Reviewed 20/12/2021	Beacon View Primary Academy
Responsible Person	Sally Hodgson (Principal)	
Other Persons Involved	Rebecca Mitchell (Deputy Head), Dalton Philips (Site Manager), Ed Bower (Site Apprentice), Liam Davies (Chair of Governors), Rachel Liggitt (Data Manager)	
Guidance Material Considered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DfE – Schools coronavirus (COVID-19) operational guidance (from Step 4) (December 2021) • DfE - Actions for early years and childcare providers during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak (17 August) • DfE - Protective measures for holiday and after-school clubs, and other out-of-school settings during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak (17 August) • DfE - Safe working in education, childcare and children’s social care (20 July) • PHE - COVID-19: cleaning in non-healthcare settings outside the home (19 July) • DfE Asymptomatic Testing Procedures and Guidance – available through the DfE portal (secondary) and DfE portal (primary) 	

Details	DFE Coronavirus Helpline 0800 046 8687
<p>A risk assessment covering school/setting operation from September 2021</p> <p>A revised system of control measures is in effect</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>The symptoms of COVID-19 are a new and continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of or change in a person’s normal sense of taste or smell</p>	

Hazard	Who is at Risk	How Can the Hazards Cause Harm	Control Measures Currently in Place
Infection Control (people)	Staff, Pupils, Visitors	Staff contracting COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff who are required to quarantine having recently visited a county outside the common travel area will not come into school • Staff are encouraged to continue twice weekly home testing in line with PHE/DfE guidance whenever they are due to come into school • Any staff member with symptoms of COVID-19 is sent home to self-isolate and to undertake a PCR test. • Where an LFD test returns a positive result the staff member must self-isolate and arrange a PCR test. • Anyone having to go home will be encouraged to not use public transport where this is applicable • Where a PCR test returns a positive result: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The staff member must notify the school of the test result immediately ○ The staff member self-isolates in line with self-isolation guidance ○ The school will review the case against the Group guidance on <i>COVID-19 and ARMS</i>. • If the PCR test result is negative the staff member can return to school when they feel well enough to do so. • Any fully vaccinated staff identified as close contacts of a positive case are advised to carry out a PCR test in line with the latest government guidance and are also advised to carry out an LFD test each day prior to attending work.
		Pupils contracting COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any pupil with symptoms of COVID-19 is told to self-isolate and undertake a PCR test. The pupil/parents are instructed to notify the school of the test result. A negative PCR test result means the pupil can return to school. • Anyone having to go home will be encouraged to not use public transport where this is applicable • Clinically extremely vulnerable pupils can attend unless under specific medical advice not to do so • Pupils/children who are required to quarantine having recently visited a county outside the common travel area must not come into school until they have a clear PCR test as per the latest government guidance.
		Visitors contracting COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitors are encouraged to continue twice weekly home testing in line with PHE/DfE guidance whenever they are due to come into school and to follow the process as above for staff if an LFT is positive • Where a PCC member of staff is leading whole class or group work, a member of school staff will always be present to support with close contact. We request all visitors wear a mask in school, unless they are exempt.
Suspected / confirmed case in school	Staff/pupils	Potential contamination of surfaces and for person to person spread	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupil/staff member sent home and instructed to arrange a COVID-19 PCR test. • Pupils with symptoms are isolated in a dedicated room with an open window if possible. Any rooms used will be cleaned once they have left. • Cleaning and disinfection of the area is carried out in accordance with DfE guidance COVID-19: cleaning of non-healthcare settings
Infection Control (practices)	Staff, Pupils, Visitors	Operational practices in place to minimise the	<p><u>Face coverings</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face coverings will be worn by staff and visitors when moving around corridors, in communal areas and anywhere that social distancing between adults from outside their phase is not possible (subject to any exemptions).

		risk of the spread of infection	<p><u>Good Hand and Respiratory Hygiene</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hands are cleaned regularly by all pupils, staff members and visitors and soap and running water or hand sanitiser is readily available for this purpose. • This includes, but is not limited to, on arrival, before and after break and lunchtime, before and after PE and before going home. • ‘Catch-it, bin-it, kill-it’, promoted throughout school. <p><u>Cleaning</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A cleaning schedule is in place with an emphasis on frequently touched surfaces • Cleaning following confirmed/suspected case carried out in accordance with PHE guidance COVID-19: cleaning of non-healthcare settings • Cleaning of the canteen takes place between phase lunches. <p><u>Outbreak Management Plans</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school continues to maintain phase bubbles for the purposes of infection control (Four bubbles; EYFS, KS1, LKS2 and UKS2). • All assemblies are currently conducted using Microsoft Teams. • Mechanisms are in place for the rapid deployment of enhanced control measures, should the school be advised to do so by a relevant body (central government, Local Director of Public Health)
Infection Control (premises)	Staff, Pupils, Visitors	Changes to or introduction of physical control measure to minimise the risk of the spread of infection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The whole school is kept well ventilated insofar as the ventilation systems allow and whilst maintaining a suitable teaching and working environment. CO2 monitors are being used, so staff can quickly identify where ventilation needs to be improved. • Mechanical ventilation systems are set to ‘fresh air’ mode where possible. • Single room ventilation systems continue to operate as normal • Windows are opened where possible, where temperature allows it, and where doing so does not create undue risks. • Where no mechanical ventilation is provided, windows are fully opened at least at every break time to vent the room • Non-fire doors are propped open to support ventilation and to remove need for hand contact
Anxiety, stress and worry	Staff, pupils (parents indirectly)	Those coming to work or school may be anxious, worried or stressed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The workforce and any Union reps have been consulted in the development of this risk assessment and associated control measures • This risk assessment and its findings have been shared with staff and published on the school website. • Staff have access to Group’s occupational health and counselling service • All staff have access to the Principal to discuss any concerns that they may have on a one-to-one basis
Failure to follow local rules	Staff, Pupil, Visitors	Persons fail to follow local rules due to lack of awareness or persons who violate local rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All staff reminded of their duty to follow these control measures and to support staff or pupils who may fail to follow these in a constructive manner • Transgressions will be escalated through existing behaviour/disciplinary arrangements

<p>The school lapses in following national/ group guidelines and advice</p>	<p>Staff, Pupil, Visitors</p>	<p>Lack of awareness leads to failure to follow required controls</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Important updates/changes included in CEO's Heads Bulletins • Regular key guidance updates issued by Group H&S Manager • Principal to ensure that all relevant guidance is followed and communicated to staff as part of weekly communication • Senior Leaders keep themselves up-to-date with advice issued by, but not limited to, DfE, NHS, Department of Health and Social Care and PHE, and review this risk assessment accordingly • The LGB is kept informed on changes in guidance and school approach
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<p>Assessment completed by:</p>	<p>Sally Hodgson</p>	<p>Date:</p>	<p>20/12/2021</p>	<p>Date of next review:</p>	<p>31/01/2022</p>
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