

Activities Covered by this Assessment	Covid-19 Schools Operational Risk Assessment		
Site Address / Location	Thorpe Acre InfantSchool TAIS	Department / Service / Team	
<p>Any changes to the previous version are highlighted in Yellow</p> <p>TAIS has reviewed and updated our risk assessments (building on the learning to date and the practices we have already developed), to consider the removal of restrictions and control measures in line with the roadmap out of the pandemic. We have also reviewed and updated our wider risk assessments and considered the need for relevant revised controls in respect of their conventional risk profile considering the implications of coronavirus (COVID-19). We will ensure we implement sensible and proportionate control measures which follow the health and safety hierarchy of controls to reduce the risk to the lowest reasonably practicable level.</p> <p>We will retain previous versions of risk assessments as the DfE has indicated that schools may be asked to reinstate controls in the event of a local outbreak. These reinstatements are envisaged to be of short duration but may mean that there are frequent changes required. All reinstatements will be on the advice of public health (PH) and we will tailor any risk assessment reviews to PH advice.</p> <p>This risk assessment is designed to address the Covid19 controls during the normal day to day operation of school.</p> <p>Changes to previous risk assessment are highlighted in yellow</p> <p>Operational guidance. Please refer to: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/schools-covid-19-operational-guidance</p> <p>If due to staff absence it is necessary to merge classes, we will ensure the fire occupancy of classrooms is not exceeded.</p> <p>Isolation and Contact Tracing:</p> <p>Please follow the guidance here:</p>			

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts>

From 1 April:

The Government will remove the health and safety requirement for every employer to explicitly consider COVID-19 in their risk assessments. In alignment with current Government guidance this risk assessment will be archived on April 1st, 2022. No further updates of this risk assessment will be issued After April 1st 2022.

The guidance above can be found in paragraph 60 in the link below:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1056229/COVID-19_Response_-_Living_with_COVID-19.pdf

Adequate ventilation, cleaning, hand washing, and respiratory hygiene will still be required after 1st April 2022.

Hazard (Something with a potential to cause harm)	Who might be Harmed & How?	Existing Controls (Consider Hierarchy of Control)	Initial Risk Rating (S x L)			Further Controls Required (Consider Hierarchy of Control)	Final Risk Rating (S x L)			Action Required		
			Severity	Likelihood	Risk Rating		Severity	Likelihood	Risk Rating	Who (Initial)	Date By: (--/--/--)	Done ?
Coming into contact with individuals who are unwell	Staff, pupils, visitors and contractors. Reduced infection control which may result in spread of COVID19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff, pupils, visitors and contractors do not come into the school if they have the main COVID19 symptoms. Anyone developing the main COVID19 symptoms is sent home. Persons who have the main symptoms or a positive test result will isolate for 5 days and can return to school following 2 negative lateral flow tests taken 24 hours apart. A LFT can be taken on day 5 and then another 24 hours later to end the isolation period if they are both negative. <p>NOTE: Self isolation should not end if the person has a high temperature see this link: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people</p>	H	M	H	<p>Visitors are asked if they have the main symptoms prior to being allowed on site</p> <p>Staff are aware of the main symptoms and are vigilant</p>	H	L	M			

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A pupil shows the main symptoms of COVID19 whilst in school	Staff, pupils, visitors and contractors. Reduced infection control which may result in spread of COVID19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A pupil awaiting to be collected, is moved to the medical room where they can be isolated behind a closed door (<i>depending on the age and needs of the pupil</i>) with appropriate adult supervision if required. PPE is worn by staff caring for the pupil while they await collection if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained. The area around the pupil with symptoms is cleaned and disinfected after they have left. (See cleaning hazard) Everyone washes their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with soap and running water or use hand sanitiser after any contact with someone who is unwell. 	H	M	H	<p>Parents are contacted immediately</p> <p>If it is not possible to move to the 1st aid room, move at least 2m away from others, outside if possible</p> <p>Keep the room well ventilated</p>	H	L	M			
Insufficient Cleaning	Reduced infection control which may result in spread of COVID19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A detailed cleaning schedule will be implemented throughout the site, ensuring that contact points, e.g. worksurfaces, door handles, taps etc. are all thoroughly cleaned and disinfected regularly. A record of each cleaning / 	H	M	H	<p>Continue with increased cleaning staff hours until further notice.</p>	H	L	M			

		<p>disinfecting activity is recorded to include what has been cleaned, by who, when and how.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hard surfaces are cleaned with soap and water/standard detergent prior to disinfecting. • Hand towels and hand wash are to be checked and replaced as needed by the Premises Officer and cleaning staff. • Enhance the cleaning regimes for toilet facilities, particularly door handles, locks and the toilet flush, etc. • Only cleaning products supplied by the school are to be used. Staff are NOT to bring cleaning products from home. • Please refer to the school's COSHH risk assessments for further control measures in relation to cleaning chemicals used. • PPE required for cleaning will be noted in the outcome of the COSHH risk assessments conducted for cleaning chemicals used. • Bin liners are used in all bins and bins are emptied into the external waste bin/skip regularly. • Lidded bins are in place 										
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Random monitoring spot checks are made by the SLT to confirm cleaning activities are being completed. This will be formally documented on the cleaning record. • Mop buckets are emptied after use and mops are hung to dry after use. • Cleaning equipment is colour coded for each area. 										
<p>Poor Ventilation / Lack of Ventilation</p> <p>Thermal Discomfort in colder months</p>	<p>Staff, pupils, visitors, contractors.</p> <p>Reduced infection control which may result in spread of COVID19.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recirculation units for heating and cooling that do not draw in a supply of fresh air can remain in operation as long as there is a supply of outdoor air. This could mean leaving windows and doors open. • Natural ventilation is provided by opening windows. In cooler weather windows will be opened just enough to provide constant background ventilation. • Windows will be opened more fully during breaks to purge the air in the space. 	M	M	M	<p>CO2 monitors are in all classrooms to check air quality. When the monitor indicates open windows and doors till monitor returns to normal.</p> <p>See Premises Officer for more information.</p>	M	L	L			

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents have been informed that the uniform policy has been relaxed to allow for pupils to wear warm clothing such as a jumper or jacket in colder months. Natural ventilation is provided by opening external doors where this would not create a safeguarding and/or fire risk. Furniture has been re-arranged where possible to avoid direct air streams. Heating will be used and adjusted as necessary in occupied spaces to help to ensure thermal comfort levels are maintained. 													
Poor Hand Hygiene	Reduced infection control which may result in spread of COVID19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils and staff to wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds on arrival at school, before eating and after breaks. Hand sanitiser available throughout the school. Soap dispensers are checked and topped up daily if required. Children to be supervised when using hand sanitiser and the hand sanitiser will be kept out of their 	M	M	M										

		reach. See COSHH risk assessment.												
Poor Respiratory Hygiene	Reduced infection control which may result in spread of COVID19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tissues provided in every classroom. Lidded bins provided in all classrooms and in communal areas. Relay the “catch it, kill it, bin it” approach to all staff and pupils. 	M	M	M									

Sources:

Air conditioning and ventilation during the coronavirus outbreak

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/equipment-and-machinery/air-conditioning-and-ventilation.htm>

Contacts: UKHSA health protection teams

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/contacts-phe-health-protection-teams>

Gov Isolation Guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts>

COVID-19: cleaning in non-healthcare settings:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings>

St. John Ambulance Covid-19: advice for first aiders:

<https://www.sja.org.uk/get-advice/first-aid-advice/covid-19-advice-for-first-aiders/>

Schools COVID-19 operational guidance:

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

Risk Assessor (s) Name(s):	Jo Beaumont	Risk Assessor(s) Signature (S):	
Authorised By:		Authoriser Signature:	Initial
Date Conducted:		Date of Next Review:	
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Potential Severity of Harm	High Death, long term serious ill health.	Medium	High	High
	Medium Illness requiring further medical assistance.	Low	Medium	High
	Low Mild illness requiring self-isolation only	Low	Low	Medium

Low The event is unlikely to happen.	Medium It is fairly likely to happen.	High It is likely to happen.
Likelihood of Harm Occurring		

Risk Rating Definitions	
Low	This is an acceptable level of risk. No further controls are required as the risk rating cannot be reduced any further. However, it is advised that continual monitoring occurs in order to ensure that no changes / deviation of control measures occur.
Medium	It is advised that further controls are implemented to reduce the risk rating to as low a level as possible. If the risk cannot be reduced to lower than a medium, then on-site monitoring should occur to ensure that all stipulated controls are being adhered to.
High	This is an unacceptable risk rating. Urgent interim controls should be implemented to reduce the risk so far as is reasonably practicable. If the risk rating cannot be reduced to lower than a High , then a documented safe system of work should be implemented to control the activity. It may be necessary to seek further professional advice. Serious considerations should be given to the validity of carrying out the activity at all. Regular monitoring of the activity should occur.