

Safety, Health and Environment (SHE)

GCC COVID-19 RISK ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR SCHOOLS & EDUCATIONAL SETTINGS



School employers are required to assess the risks associated with COVID-19 and implement preventative measures outlined in Government guidance. This risk assessment will supplement any existing risk assessments in educational settings.

This is not a generic risk assessment that just applies to every setting. It is important that Headteachers/managers go through and adapt the risk assessment for their own school or early years setting.

It is strongly recommended that you involve employees in the risk assessment process. Once complete share the findings and provide any instruction needed to implement measures. Local monitoring must also follow to ensure measures are implemented and controlling the risks.

COVID-19 Risk Assessment for Longney Church of England Primary Academy

ASSESS

Decide appropriate control measures for managers and employees to implement under a 'Plan', 'Do', 'Review' cycle.

*The preventative measures in this risk assessment are not mandatory but are provided as guidance on reducing the risk of transmission. Each school/setting must consider their own situation and adapt the assessment by editing the measures where appropriate. Remove any measures that are not relevant or will not be applied in your setting and add any additional local measures that you are implementing.

Who may be at risk: Employees, pupils and young people, families (parents, carers and siblings), visitors, contractors, members of public.

Vulnerable groups – this risk assessment considers vulnerable groups which the NHS lists as ‘people at high risk (clinically extremely vulnerable)’; and ‘people at moderate risk (clinically vulnerable)’. An individual risk assessment may be appropriate for vulnerable employees plus BAME and those who are very anxious about returning to their workplace.

PLAN

Prepare Building, timetables and lessons, policies and procedures	Y/N	NOTES	Prepare Employees, Parents and pupils and other site users	Y/N	NOTES
Buildings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that all health and safety compliance checks have been undertaken before opening (e.g. fire alarm, emergency lighting, water hygiene, lifts, etc.). Reviewing emergency and evacuation procedures (e.g. fire wardens, escape routes, roll-call, assembly areas, etc.). Ventilation system in kitchen area working optimally; (ventilation system should be kept on continuously, with lower ventilation rates when people are absent). Make provision for children who display COVID-19 symptoms/ become ill during the day to be isolated. Space should be identified. Ensure school has sufficient supplies of PPE including cleaning materials and hand washing/sanitising liquids that meet DfE/PHE requirements. 	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All fire bells/emergency lighting professionally tested w/c 18th May 20 Tested by school staff 1st September and then weekly - ongoing 	Employees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Involve employees in plans to return to school and listen to any suggestions on preventative measures that can be taken. Consider personal risk factors: age, pregnancy, existing health conditions and ethnicity and where necessary conduct individual risk assessments. Employees fully briefed about the plans and protective measures identified in the risk assessment. Regular staff briefings. Keeping in touch with off-site workers on their working arrangements including their welfare, mental and physical health and personal security. Regular communications that those who have coronavirus symptoms, or who have someone in their household 	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff meeting held for all staff 1/9/20 H and S walk with governor 23/10/20
	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revisit with staff inset day 1st September Whole school fire drill Half termly ongoing 		Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff risk assessments in place where relevant Revisited 4/11/20 Staff member to limit class teaching after 17th November
	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Headteacher office to be used. Full PPE kit available for staff 		Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member of staff on maternity leave.
	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriate resources in place including LOSC. Staff able to access when required. Staff have face shields 		Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff meetings and briefings Updated RA emailed 040121

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Stairways to be up or down only. □ Put down floor markings along the middle of two-way corridors/stairs to keep groups apart and 'keep left' signs. In areas where queues may form, put down floor markings to indicate distancing. □ Can separate doors be used for in and out of the building (to avoid crossing paths). □ Identify doors that can be propped open (to limit use of door handles and aid ventilation) taking account of fire safety and safeguarding. Seek advice from SHE if necessary. □ Identify rooms that can be accessed directly from outside (to avoid shared use of corridors). □ Organise classrooms for maintaining space between seats and desks. □ Arrange desks seating pupils side by side and facing forwards. □ Inspect classrooms and remove unnecessary items and furniture to make more space. □ Make arrangements with cleaners to put in place an enhanced cleaning schedule that includes frequent cleaning of rooms, shared areas that are used by different groups and frequently touched surfaces. 	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff and pupils to wait at top or bottom of staircase 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • been agreed for drop off and collection. 	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following information communicated in letters home and on website • Pick up for KS1 at designated point on field to ensure pupils do not run to car park – communicated by text. • Regular reminders about not gathering at pick up time. • 3/11/20 – face masks if on school property and advised for more general outside area (car park/field) Reminder to parents about pick up and drop off and guidance about car park. Reminder by text sent 4th Sep and ongoing Governor meetings to be held virtually Visits to be limited to speaking with subject leader/staff only DGAT staff on site will maintain social distancing protocols
	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One way system prevents sharing of corridor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure parents have a point of contact for reassurance as to the plans put in place. 	Y	
	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remind staff 040121 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limit the equipment pupils bring into school each day to essentials such as lunch boxes, hats, coats, books, stationery and mobile phones. 	Y	
	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bags are allowed. • Some equipment is shared but limited to pair or small group 	Y	
	Y		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents informed only one parent to accompany child to school. 		
	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents and pupils encouraged to walk or cycle where possible. 	Y	
	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desks organised in rows • Return to rows and ensure minimal pupil movement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staggered drop-off and collection times planned and communicated to parents. • Made clear to parents that they cannot gather at entrance gates or doors. 	Y	
	Y		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage parents to phone school and make telephone appointments if they wish to discuss their child (to avoid face to face meetings). 	Y	
	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff to continue with cleaning schedule in place during day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications to parents (and young people) includes advice on transport. 	Y	
	Y		<p>Governors and Wider DGAT team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governors meetings • Governor Visits • DGAT 	Y	

Timetabling and lessons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider staggered starts or adjusting start and finish times to keep groups apart as they arrive and leave school. Stagger break times and lunch times to avoid mixing and time for cleaning surfaces in the dining hall between groups. When timetabling, groups should be kept apart and movement around the school site kept to a minimum to avoid creating busy corridors, entrances and exits. Prepare arrangements to allow remote learning to take place should a partial or full closure of the school be required, at any point in the next academic year. 	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staggered start timetable organised and communicated to parents ongoing 	Others <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication with contractors and suppliers that will need to prepare to support plans for full opening (e.g. cleaning, catering, food supplies, hygiene suppliers). Assurances that caterers comply with the guidance for food businesses on COVID19. Discussion with caterers to agree arrangements for staggered lunches (e.g. seating capacity, holding hot food, cleaning between sittings, distancing and minimising contacts). Liaison with transport providers to cater for any changes to start and finish times and confirm protective measures during journeys. Communication with other building users (e.g. lettings, extended school provision, regular visitors, etc.) Limit visitors by exception (e.g. for priority contractors, emergencies etc.). 	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caterlink protocol Packed lunches only to enable pupils to eat in classrooms KS2 Hot lunches R – year 2 only ongoing Check if school bus will be running - school bus running just for Longney pupils
	Y			Y	
	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Atom learning, Purplemash and Class Dojo in place Microsoft classrooms in place 		Y	
	Y	<p>Updates have been ongoing as required through academic year</p>		Y	
Policies and procedures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update policies to reflect changes brought about by COVID-19, including: Safeguarding/child protection Ensure website is compliant with regards to the publishing of policies. Establish a visitors' protocol so that parents, contactors, professionals working with individual children are clear about the infection control measures that you have in place. 	Y	<p>Parents informed mask wearing to be in place if on site. 4/11/20</p>	Lettings and non-school users	Y	N/A
	Y			Y	
	Y			Y	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governing boards and school leaders to have regard to staff (including the headteacher) work-life balance and wellbeing. Information shared about the extra mental health support for pupils and teachers is available. 	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wellbeing dissemination inset day 1/9/20 Wellbeing webinar for staff 24/11/20 			
Response to any infection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leadership understands the NHS Test and Trace process and how to contact their local Public Health England health protection team. 	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On website and emailed home 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan how to inform staff members and parents/ carers that they will need to be ready and willing to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> book a test if they are displaying symptoms; inform the school immediately of the results of a test; provide details of anyone they have been in close contact with; self-isolate if necessary. 	Y				

DO		
Control Access and Visitors	Y/N	Notes
Access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entry points to school controlled (including deliveries). Building access rules clearly communicated through signage on entrances. School start times staggered so bubbles arrive at different times. Floor markings outside school to indicate distancing rules (if queuing during peak times). Screens installed to protect employees in reception. Shared pens removed from reception. Hand sanitiser provided at all entrances. 	Y Y Y Y Y Y	Only via main entrance except for pupils using different gates, monitored by staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above Staff to carry own pen for signing in
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils, staff and visitors to remove face coverings at school and wash hands immediately on arrival. Covered bins provided on entrances to dispose of temporary face coverings. Sealable plastic bags provided for reusable face coverings to take home with them. Gathering at the school gates prohibited. Staff on duty outside school to monitor protection measures. Visitors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wherever possible keep meetings on a virtual platform (e.g. 1:1 sessions with professionals, recruitment interviews, parental meetings etc.). Parents/carers and visitors coming onto the site without an appointment is not to be permitted. Site guidance on physical distancing and hygiene is explained to visitors on or before arrival. Where possible visits arranged outside of school hours. A record kept of all visitors to assist NHS Test and Trace, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the name; a contact phone number; date of visit; ○ arrival and departure time; ○ the name of the assigned staff member. 	Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y	Reminders sent to staff and parents re: drop off and pick up, visitors, movement around school building etc 040121 Remind children Hands Face Space message
☐ Minimise contacts and social distancing	Y/N	Notes

<p>Minimising contacts and mixing between people reduces transmission of COVID-19 and the school will consider how to implement this.</p> <p>‘Bubbles’</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small, consistent groups of pupils split into bubbles. • Class groups will be kept together in separate ‘bubbles’ throughout the day and do not mix with other groups. • Where pupil numbers are lower, implement key stage bubbles. • Very small schools or APS unable to prevent mixing to adopt whole school bubbles as part of their system of control. • Keep a record of pupils and staff in each bubble, lesson or close contact group. • School breakfast and after-school clubs to keep to the bubbles used during the school day where possible. 	<p>Y</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>Y</p> <p>N</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class worship only and virtual whole school worship • Bubbles; Year 5 and 6 class; year 3 and 4 class; R – Year 2 – only in lunch hall. <p>Not possible but numbers are very small; carousel of activities for pupils in the same bubble, separate tables for activities</p>
<p>Minimise mixing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whatever the size of the bubble, they are to be kept apart from other groups where possible. • Groups use the same classroom or area of a setting throughout the day. • Mixing between bubbles kept to a minimum during arrival, lunchtime, breaks and departure. • Pupil movements around the school site, either in groups or individuals is controlled to limit contact and mixing. • Groups will stay within a specific “zone” of the site to minimise mixing. • The number of pupils in shared spaces (e.g. halls, dining areas and internal and external sports facilities) for lunch and exercise is limited to specific bubbles. • Large gatherings such as assemblies or collective worship with more than one group to be avoided. • Separate spaces for each group clearly indicated. • Multiple groups do not use outdoor equipment simultaneously. • Limiting the number of pupils who use the toilet facilities at one time. • Allow pupils to have access to toilets at all times during the day to prevent queues developing at social times. • The same teacher(s) and other staff are assigned to each bubble and, as far as possible, these stay the same. • Staff that move between classes and year groups, to keep their distance from pupils and other staff. 	<p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>Y</p>	<p>Bubbles are kept separate through staggered play and lunch times, zoning of playground and all the procedures listed above</p> <p>See above</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To avoid mixing during breakfast and after-school clubs, a carousel system to be operated with children from different bubbles rotating between activities (e.g. inside, outside, snack time etc.) with cleaning surfaces between groups. 	Y	
Distancing	Y	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff to keep 2 metres from other adults as much as possible. 	Y	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where possible staff to maintain distance from their pupils, staying at the front of the class. 	Y	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff to avoid close face to face contact and minimise time spent within 1 metre of anyone. 	Y	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supply teachers, peripatetic teachers and/or other temporary staff to minimise contact and maintain as much distance as possible from other staff. 	Y	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The occupancy of staff rooms and offices limited. 	Y	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of staff rooms to be minimised. 	Y	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use a simple 'no touching' approach for young children to understand the need to maintain distance. 	Y	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Older children to be encouraged to keep their distance within bubbles. 	Y	
		Importance of distancing reiterated to staff 04012

<p>Minimising contact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doors propped open, where safe to do so to limit use of door handles. Ensure closed when premises unoccupied. • Taking books and other shared resources home limited, although unnecessary sharing avoided. • Staff and pupils to have their own individual and very frequently used equipment, such as pencils and pens. <p>PE and School Sport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils kept in same consistent bubbles where possible during PE and sport. • Sports equipment thoroughly cleaned between each use. • Contact sports avoided until guidance changes. • Outdoor sports should be prioritised where possible. • Large indoor spaces used where it is not. • Swimming pools are not used until guidance changes. • Distance between pupils from mixed bubbles will be maximised. • Sporting activities delivered by external coaches, clubs and organisations will only go ahead if they can satisfy the above requirements. <p>Educational Visits and journeys</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the autumn term, non-overnight educational visits only. • Risk assessments of visits and journeys to be undertaken by visit leaders. • No overnight and overseas visits until government guidance changes. • Pupils grouped together on transport in the same bubbles that are adopted within school where possible. • Journey's planned with to allow distancing within vehicles (this may mean large vehicles or more are used). • Use of hand sanitiser upon boarding and/or disembarking □ Cleaning of vehicles between each journey. 	<p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>Y</p>	
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Infection Control Measures	Y/N	Notes
Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to PHE guidance and Action Cards for School Managers. Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, not to attend school. 	Y	Current guidance followed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If anyone becomes unwell at school they will be isolated, sent home and provided with information on what to do next. An unwell child awaiting collection, will be isolated in a suitable room with or without adult supervision (depending on age and needs of the child). Staff caring a child awaiting collection to keep a distance of 2 metres. PPE to be worn by staff caring for the child if 2 metres distance cannot be maintained. Staff to wash their hands after caring for a child with symptoms. All areas where a person with symptoms has been to be cleaned after they have left. Should staff have close hands-on contact they should monitor themselves for symptoms of possible COVID-19 over the following 14 days. Hand washing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frequent hand washing encouraged for adults and pupils (following guidance on hand cleaning). Sufficient handwashing facilities are available. Where there is no sink, hand sanitiser provided in classrooms. Skin friendly skin cleaning wipes used as an alternative to hand washing or sanitiser. Pupils to clean their hands when they arrive at school, when they return from breaks, when they change rooms and before and after eating. Staff help is available for pupils who have trouble cleaning their hands independently (e.g. small children and pupils with complex needs). Use resources such as "e-bug" to teach effective hand hygiene etc. Respiratory hygiene <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults and pupils are encouraged not to touch their mouth, eyes and nose. Adults and pupils encouraged to use a tissue to cough or sneeze and use bins for tissue waste ('catch it, bin it, kill it') Tissues to be provided. 	Y Y Y Y Y Y Y	<p>Letter sent home about keeping children off school if they need Calpol as this will have an impact on possible temperature. Also asked to keep children at home if they have cold symptoms.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above If pupil becomes unwell in school, parents/carers phoned immediately. Pupil will be isolated with an adult remaining 2 metres away where possible in well ventilated space/room. PPE grab bag will be available. Ongoing Hands, Face Space message remind everyone start of Term 3 Ongoing

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> washing hands or using hand sanitiser, before and after treating injured person; wear gloves or cover hands when dealing with open wounds; if CPR is required on an adult, attempt compression only CPR and early defibrillation until the ambulance arrives; if CPR is required on a child, use a resuscitation face shield if available to perform mouth-to-mouth ventilation in asphyxial arrest. dispose of all waste safely. 		
REVIEW		
Communicate and Review Arrangements		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultation with employees and trade union Safety Reps on risk assessments. Risk assessment published on school intranet and website. Nominated employees tasked to monitoring protection measures. Members of staff are on duty at breaks to ensure compliance with rules. Staff encouraged to report any non compliance. The effectiveness of prevention measures will be monitored by school leaders. <p>This risk assessment will be reviewed if the risk level changes (e.g. following local/national lockdown or cases or an outbreak) and in light of updated guidance.</p>	<p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>Y</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inset day/GCC risk assessment Risk assessment shared with staff 1/9/20, via email and on website Headteacher

Risk Assessment completed by: Penny Howard Date: 14/8/20 Shared with staff: 1/9/20

Reviewed 11/9/20 – addition in blue 4/11/20 Reviewed 4/1/21 – additions in red red – 4/01/21

Signed:



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