**TEMPLATE**

**OPERATIONAL RISK**

**ASSESSMENT FOR**

**SCHOOL OPENING – September 20**

**CHECKS AND BALANCES:**

**RESPONDING TO COVID-19**

A toolkit to support leaders

**Staying COVID Secure – Our Commitment**

* We recognise the risk posed by Coronavirus (COVID-19) to our staff, pupils and their families. Control measures to minimise the risk of infection and the transmission of the virus are provided in this Risk Assessment.
* We will put in place appropriate protective measures to ensure, as far as is reasonably practicable, the Health, Safety and Wellbeing of our staff and pupils.
* We will share this Risk Assessment and its findings with employees and consult on its contents.
* We will continue to comply with all relevant Health and Safety Legislation.
* We will have regard to statutory guidance in particular the guidance issued by the Department of Education regarding school reopening and implementing protective measures in education and childcare settings against COVID-19.
* We have regard to advice and guidance issued by Public Health England.

# COVID-19: Operational risk assessment for school reopening

Please note: this risk assessment should be undertaken in conjunction with the guidance on school reopening issued by the Department for Education on 2nd July 2020 as follows: [Actions for schools during the coronavirus outbreak](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak?utm_source=572d62e4-ce85-4056-8338-e87b1cbaf0c5&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate)

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| Assessment conducted by: | Giles Caldwell | Job title: | Headteacher | Covered by this assessment: | Staff, pupils, contractors, visitors, volunteers |

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| Date of assessment: | 14.7.2020 | Review interval: | 19th May 2021 | Date of next review: | July 1st 2021 |

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| Related documents | |
| **School/Trust/Local Authority documents/ :** | **Government guidance:**  <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak>  [Guidance for full opening: special schools and other specialist settings](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-full-opening-special-schools-and-other-specialist-settings?utm_source=02a881e2-265a-4b6d-a67d-38470d12440a&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate)  <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing-after-4-july#clinically-vulnerable-people> |

**Risk matrix**

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| Risk rating  High (H), Medium (M), Low (L) | | **Likelihood of occurrence** | | |
| **Probable** | **Possible** | **Remote** |
| **Likely impact** | **Major:** Causes major physical injury, harm or ill-health. | H | H | M |
| **Severe:** Causes physical injury or illness requiring first aid. | H | M | L |
| **Minor:** Causes physical or emotional discomfort. | M | L | L |

| Areas for concern | Risk rating prior to action  (H/M/L) | Control measures | Please mark Y/N/NA for each bullet point | Further actions/comments needed only if N is put by a bullet point | Residual risk rating  (H/M/L) |
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| **1. Establishing a systematic process of full re-opening, including social distancing** | | | | | |
| **1.1 Organisation of teaching space** | | | | | |
| **Classroom sizes will not allow adequate social distancing for the staff** | H | * Schools assess their circumstances and identify distinct groups or ‘bubbles’ of pupils that do not mix. (These maybe small groups, classes or year groups.) Whatever the size of group, pupils should be kept apart from other groups where possible, and older children encourage to social distance within groups. * Classrooms re-modelled, with chairs and desks in place to allow for social distancing where appropriate. * Adaptations to classrooms should include seating pupils side-by-side and facing forwards. * Clear signage displayed in classrooms promote social distancing. * Keep classrooms well ventilated * If possible, adults should maintain a 2-metre distance from each other, and from children * Adults should avoid close face-to-face contact and minimise time spent within 1 metre of anyone. * Where staff or children cannot maintain distancing, particularly with younger children in primary schools, keep in smaller separated groups. | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  **ut Y/N/NA for etint** | * Pod leads and staff have identified appropriate levels of persons per room. * Classrooms have been remodelled to facilities the social distancing and capacity. * Sofas will be remaining in the classrooms as necessary as part of support plans for deescalating. In addition sofas will be sprayed with an antibacterial spray throughout the day. * School signage in place | L |
| **Use of large spaces such as the hall, sports hall, dining hall and outdoors** | H | * Groups or bubbles should be kept apart meaning schools should avoid large gatherings such as assemblies or collective worship. * Large indoor and outdoor spaces can be used, but arrangements should be in place for maximising social distancing between pupils and staff and paying scrupulous attention to cleaning and hygiene. * Maximise use of external areas for outdoor sports, again observing social distancing ensuring sports equipment is thoroughly cleaned between each use by different groups. Contact sports must be avoided. | Y  Y  Y | * Pod leads and staff have defined capacity of each classroom and other learning environments | L |
| **1.2 Availability of staff and class sizes** | | | | | |
| **The number of staff who are available is lower than that required to teach classes in school and operate effective home learning if needed** | H | * The health status and availability of every member of staff is known and is regularly updated so that deployment can be planned. * Full use is made of those staff who are self-isolating or with extreme vulnerabilities but who are well enough to plan/prepare/teach lessons online. * Flexible and responsive use of teaching assistants and pastoral staff to supervise classes is in place. * Full use is made of testing to inform staff deployment. * If any school has concerns about staffing capacity, then contact the LA or Trust Board | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * Headteacher is keeping an on-going staffing list. * To adhere to the social distancing and space available headteacher is ensuring staff are on site in a rota. * All teaching and learning to be flexible and responsive. | L |
| **1.3 The school day** | | | | | |
| **The start and end of the school day create risks of breaching social distancing guidelines** | H | * Start and departure times are staggered. * The number of entrances and exits to be used is maximised. * Different entrances/exits are used for different groups. * Staff, parents and pupils are briefed, and signage provided to identify which entrances, exits and circulation routes to use. * A plan is in place for managing the movement of people on arrival to avoid groups of people congregating. * Floor markings are visible where it is necessary to manage any queuing. * Guidance is available for those who chose to wear a mask. | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * 9.30-1400 * PODs will enter and leave school staggered/ separately to the other PODs. * Only visitors with prearranged appointments allowed into the building. * Communications with visitors will be via the intercom. Decision to allow entry or not will be dependant upon the circumstances. | L |
| **1.4 Planning movement around the school** | | | | | |
| **Movement around the school risks bubbles mixing and/or breaching social distancing guidelines as appropriate**  **(*See also section 3.4*)** | H | * Circulation plans have been reviewed and revised. * One-way systems are in place where possible. * Corridors are divided where feasible. * Appropriate signage is in place to clarify circulation routes. * Pinch points, and bottle necks such as entrances and exits are identified and managed accordingly. * Movement of pupils around school is minimised as much as possible, with pupils staying in classrooms and staff moving round. * Lesson change overs are staggered to avoid overcrowding. * Pupils are regularly briefed regarding observing social distancing guidance. * Appropriate duty rota and levels of supervision are in place. | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * Orchards use KS1 toilet * Pod 2 – disabled toilet * Pod 1 – using the pupils boys and girls toilet * Cleaning caddy for every pod. Cleaning wipes to be used. * School dinners – staff collect and serve in the classroom * Walking to the left on the corridors – signage. * Mid-corridor doors to be open to minimise contact to surface therefore minimising risk. (fire safety policy to reflect) * Every room to have a hand sanitiser to be used on entry and exit to the room. * Classrooms within PODs will have their doors open unless safe guarding risks. * Classroom windows will be open to allow for high ventilation. * All lessons to be taught within the POD areas assigned. * School layout to be three set POD areas. * Briefing pupils on social distancing will be covered through classroom signage and lesson content. | L |
| **1.5 Use of resources** | | | | | |
| **Pupils will have fallen behind in their learning during school closures and achievement gaps will have widened**  **Ensuring curriculum resources are used safely** | H | * Gaps in learning are assessed and addressed in teachers’ planning. * Home and remote learning is continuing and is calibrated to complement in-school learning and address daps identified. * Exam syllabi are covered. * Plans for intervention are in place for those pupils who have fallen behind in their learning. * Pupils limit the amount of equipment they bring into school each day to agreed essentials. * Bags are allowed. * Staff and pupils have their own pens and pencils and other such frequently used equipment * Classroom based resources such as books and games can be used and shared within the group. These should be cleaned regularly * Shared resources, (between classes or bubbles) such as sports, art and science equipment should be cleaned frequently or rotated to allow them to be left unused and out of reach for a period of 48 hours (72 hours for plastics) * Remove soft furnishings, soft toys and toys that are hard to clean (such as those with intricate parts) * Pupils and teachers can take books and shared resources home although unnecessary sharing should be avoided. | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * Soft furnishings are required in school as and when necessary and appropriate to physically support our pupils or for a space for pupils to regulate. These will be covered with throws which will be changed over and washed between each use and furnishings will be antibactierial sprayed after each use. | L |
| **1.6 Staff workspaces** | | | | | |
| **Staff rooms and offices do not allow for observation of social distancing guidelines** |  | * Staff rooms and offices have been reviewed and appropriate configurations of furniture and workstations have been put in place to allow for social distancing. * Staff have been briefed on the use of these rooms, and use is staggered | Y  Y |  |  |
| **1.7 Managing the school lifecycle** | | | | | |
| **Making progress with the school’s autumn term calendar and future work plan considering of COVID-19 measures** | H | * School calendar for the autumn term is rationalised and is informed by DFE expectations of a broad curriculum from the start of the Autumn term with the aim of returning to the school’s normal curriculum in all subjects by summer 2021 * Schools continue to build capacity to educate pupils remotely where this is needed. * School recruitment continues as usual. | Y  Y  Y | * Reduce use of staff room ie boiling water caddy for classroom * Staffroom – hand santiizer on entry and exit and adhere to the maximum number of persons in the room. * PODs to lead managing staff breaks in the day. * Rota to be drafted to ensure social distancing of Business Support staff and enable office cover. * No staff to enter school office any comms must be via the reception window ensuring social distancing. * Workstations to be cleaned daily. * Stagger staff breaks where possible. * Daily cleaning of all surfaces and staff room equipment. * Suitable hand sanitation to be made available in staffroom. * Assign staff to workstations where possible. * Windows to be opened to allow cross ventilation. | L |
| **Pupils joining the next phase in their education do not feel prepared for the transition** | H | * A plan is in place for staff to speak with pupils and their parents about the next stage in their education and resolve any issues. * There is regular and effective liaison with the destination institutions (e.g. secondary schools, post-16 providers, universities, apprenticeship providers) to assist with pupils’ transition. * Regular communications with the parents of incoming pupils are in place, including letters, newsletters and online broadcasts * Induction days for pupils and parents are planned where possible | Y  Y  Y  Y |  | L |
| **1.8 Governance and policy** | | | | | |
| **Governors are not fully informed or involved in making key decisions** | H | * Meetings (online or face-to-face) held with governors when key decisions need to be made. * Governing bodies are involved in key decisions on reopening the school. * Governors are briefed regularly on the latest government guidance and its implications for the school. | Y  Y  Y |  | L |
| **1.9 Policy review** | | | | | |
| **Existing policies on safeguarding, health and safety, fire evacuation, medical, behaviour, attendance, visits visitors and other policies are no longer fit for purpose in the current circumstances** | H | All relevant policies:   * Safeguarding * Health and Safety * Fire Evacuation * Behaviour * Attendance * Visitors * Visits   have been revised to take account of government guidance (Guidance for full opening – schools 2 June 2020) Staff, pupils, parents and governors have been briefed accordingly.   * Safeguarding Leads (and deputies) are designated extra time during the first few weeks of term to support staff and pupils regarding new safeguarding and welfare concerns | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | 9.7.2020 all addendums were shared and approved by governors during full govnernors meeting on the 9.7.2020.  Addendums update spring 1 2021 | L |
| **1.10 Communication strategy** | | | | | |
| **Key stakeholders are not fully informed about changes to policies and procedures due to COVID-19, resulting in risks to health** | H | Communications strategies for the following groups are in place:   * Staff * Pupils * Parents * Governors/Trustees * Local authority * Professional associations * Other partners including visitors | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * Headteacher regularly communication with all staff via email and phone calls. * Parents through weekly letters during the opening period. * Emailing and phone calls with governors and trustees. * Virtual videos with governors and leads. * INSET days 1-4.9.2020 to include staff in the process of re-opening to more pupils. * With respect to risk assessment unions to be consulted. | L |
| **1.11 Staff induction and CPD** | | | | | |
| **Staff are not trained in new procedures, leading to risks to health** | H | * An updated staff handbook is issued to all staff prior to full reopening. * Induction and CPD programmes are in operation for all staff prior to reopening, and include: * Infection control including hand hygiene, respiratory hygiene and enhanced cleaning regimes * Fire safety and evacuation procedures * Constructive behaviour management * Safeguarding * Risk management | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | All to be shared with all staff | L |
| **New staff are not aware of policies and procedures prior to starting at the school when it reopens** | H | * Induction programmes are in place for all new staff – either online or in-school – prior to them starting. * The updated staff handbook is issued to all new staff prior to them starting. | Y  Y | All to be shared during INSETs. | L |
| **1.12 Free school meals** | | | | | |
| **Pupils eligible for free school meals do not continue to receive vouchers if they are unable to attend (e.g. due to self-isolation or following clinical advice)** | H | * A member of the school’s administrative team is tasked with ensuring that pupils eligible for free school meals receive free meals when in school and continue to receive vouchers/school meals when not in school. | Y |  | L |
| **1.13 Risk assessments** | | | | | |
| **Risks are not comprehensively assessed in every area of the school considering COVID-19, leading to breaches of social distancing and hygiene guidance.** | H | * Risk assessments are updated or undertaken before the school reopens and mitigation strategies / additional controls are put in place and communicated to staff covering: * Delivering aspects of the curriculum, especially for practical subjects and especially where shared equipment is required to be used * External visits * Managing visitors | Y  Y  Y  Y | * POD learning environment risk assessments and shared areas risk assessments to be updated and reviewed shared with all through regularl whole school communication. * Continuous review risk assessment and procedures. * Pods to complete pupil and teaching areas ie classroom risk assessments. * Individual risk assessments for children and support plans reviewed. * Staff risk assessments to be completed. | L |
| **1.14 School transport** | | | | | |
| **Changes to bus schedules as a result of COVID-19 adversely affect pupils’ attendance and punctuality and do not align with staggered start and departure times** | H | * The details of how pupils will travel to and from school are known prior to opening. * Effective liaison with bus companies is used as a basis for planning staggered start and departure times. * Parents reminded of the need to ensure social distancing and changes to drop off and pick up routines, * Plan parents’ drop-off and pick-up protocols that minimise adult to adult contact * Guidance is in place regarding the removal of face coverings on arrival at school | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * A child displaying any symptoms of being unwell the child will be supported in the meeting/medical room until appropriate transport is arranged. * Transport company to minimise risk through hygiene procedures prior to picking up transport assistant and pupils. * Thermometer of pupils before alighting on to school transport by the passenger assistant. If a pupils temperature is 37.8 degrees or higher they will be refused transport. * Maximum load capacity as per the LA guidance on transport. * Parents transporting their own child to park within the school car park and staff to collect from the school gate. * PODs to have 2 buses per pod to maintain ‘bubbles’. * Staggered start and departure times as defined by POD leads. | L |
| **2. Investing in safety equipment and health and safety arrangements to limit the spread of COVID-19** | | | | | |
| **2.1 Cleaning** | | | | | |
| **Cleaning capacity is reduced so that an initial deep-clean and ongoing cleaning of surfaces are not undertaken to the standards required** | H | * A return-to-work plan for cleaning staff (including any environmental cleans) is agreed with contracting agencies prior to opening. * An enhanced cleaning plan is agreed and implemented which minimises the spread of infection to include regular cleaning of all frequently touched surfaces and welfare areas. * More frequent cleaning of rooms that are used by different groups * Regular cleaning of toilets * Pupils encouraged to clean hands after use of toilets * Working hours for cleaning staff are increased. * Develop a culture of shared responsibility for keeping areas clean. * Ensure 3rd Party risk assessments (e.g. from cleaning companies) are shared with the school. | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * Pod learning environment risk assessment for cleaning regularly. * Daily cleaning and wiping down. * Cleaning caddy per classroom. * Reduce the number of rooms in use to allow a thorough clean of areas in use. * Students use the same classroom throughout the day to avoid the spread of any infection. * Students stay in a consistent group. * All welfare equipment to be wiped over before using e.g. kettles and microwaves and fridge doors. * Remove unnecessary items from classrooms and other learning environments. * Limit the use of shared resources and equipment and thoroughly clean when used. | L |
| **2.2 Hygiene and handwashing** | | | | | |
| **Inadequate supplies of soap and hand sanitiser mean that pupils and staff do not wash their hands with sufficient frequency** |  | * An audit of handwashing facilities and sanitiser dispensers is undertaken before the school reopens and additional supplies are purchased if necessary. * Monitoring arrangements are in place to ensure that supplies of soap, hand towels and sanitiser are maintained throughout the day. * Handwashing is built into the daily routine and is supervised by staff. * Teachers should ensure they wash their hands and surfaces, before and after handling pupils’ books * Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ approach. | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * Wall mounted hand sanitizers for every classroom. * Alighting the school buses pupils will use hand sanitizer. * Upon entry all persons to use hand sanitizer. * To avoid congestion at the door pupils can hand sanitise once in class (Ammended Nov 2020) * Hand washing will be built into the daily routine within the POD classrooms. * All classrooms to have a cleaning caddy * Handwashing at the start and end of every lesson. * Marking will be given through verbal feedback at the first instance. * Pupils books to be in pupils places at the start of the school day to reduce handling and movement. |  |
| **Pupils forget to wash their hands regularly and frequently** |  | * Staff training includes the need to remind pupils of the need to wash their hands regularly and frequently to include start of school day, after breaks and after using any shared equipment * Posters and electronic messaging boards reinforce the need to wash hands regularly and frequently. * School leaders monitor the extent to which handwashing is taking place on a regular and frequent basis. * Pupils should be encouraged where possible not to touch their faces or to put objects in their mouths. | Y  Y  Y  Y | * Educating pupils in lessons. * Signage and leaflets and letters home to parents. |  |
| **2.3 Clothing/fabric** | | | | | |
| **Not wearing clean clothes regularly may increase the risk of the virus spreading** | H | * Uniform is worn and washed regularly as normal * Policies are agreed prior to the school opening on the wearing of uniforms by pupils and business dress by staff to minimise risks * Expectations and guidance are communicated to parents. * Uniform that cannot be machine washed should be avoided. * Consider leeway for any child who has grown out of any parts of their uniform since March but whose parents cannot currently replace it. | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * Clean clothing every day, where possible in school uniform. * Staff clean clothing everyday. | L |
| **The use of resources and equipment may not be cleaned frequently enough** | H | * Students and staff to have their own pens and pencils etc. * Classroom resources to be shared only within the bubble and cleaned regularly * Resources that are shared between bubbles to be cleaned frequently and always cleaned or rotated and out of reach for a period of 48 hours (72 hours for plastics) between each bubble’s use. * Outdoor equipment to be regularly cleaned * Limit equipment that pupils bring to school to lunch box, hat, coat, books, stationery and mobile phones. * Limit unnecessary sharing of resources as much as possible. | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * Outdoor equipment not to be used. | L |
| **2.4 Testing and managing symptoms** | | | | | |
| **Testing is not used effectively to help manage staffing levels and support staff wellbeing** | H | * Guidance on getting tested has been published. * The guidance has been explained to staff as part of the induction process. * Health and Wellbeing support is available through the LA <https://myzone.salford.gov.uk/people-zone/health-and-wellbeing> | Y  Y  Y | January 2021  All staff offered the vaccine and lateral flow home testing kits.  April 2nd majority of staff receiving second jab. | L |
| **Infection transmission within school due to staff/pupils (or members of their household) displaying symptoms** | H | * Robust collection and monitoring of absence data, including tracking return to school dates, is in place. * Procedures are in place to deal with any pupil or staff displaying symptoms at school. This includes the use of testing for both staff and pupils and appropriate action, in line with government guidance, should the tests prove positive or negative. * Pupils, parents and staff are aware of what steps to take if they, or any member of their household, displays symptoms (no one with symptoms should attend a setting for any reason). This includes an understanding of the definitions and mitigating actions to take in relation to the terms **clinically vulnerable** and **clinically extremely vulnerable** should these apply**.** * Local Authority process is followed when anyone displays symptoms * A record of any COVID-19 symptoms in staff or pupils is reported to the trust and local authority. | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * Meeting room to support staff or child who display symptoms. * POD system – keeping pupils within ‘bubbles’. * PPE available * COVID Handbook for staff. * Monitoring staff and pupil absence and sending to the Local Authority. | L |
| **Staff, pupils and parents are not aware of the school’s procedures (including on self-isolation and testing) should anyone display symptoms of COVID-19** | H | * Staff, pupils and parents have received clear communications informing them of current government guidance and local authority process on the actions to take should anyone display symptoms of COVID-19 and how this will be implemented in the school. * This guidance has been explained to staff and pupils as part of the induction process. * Any updates or changes to this guidance are communicated in a timely and effective way to all stakeholders. | Y  Y  Y |  | L |
| **Staff, pupils and parents are not aware of the school’s procedures should there be a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the school** | H | * Staff, pupils and parents have received clear communications informing them of current government guidance on confirmed cases of COVID-19 and how this will be implemented in the school. * This guidance has been explained to staff and pupils as part of the induction process. * Any updates or changes to this guidance are communicated in a timely and effective way to all stakeholders | Y  Y  Y |  | L |
| **2.5 First Aid/Designated Safeguarding Leads** | | | | | |
| **The lack of capacity / availability of designated First Aiders and Designated Safeguarding Leads puts children’s safety at risk** | H | * Ensure staff First Aid training is booked and accessed if First Aid Certificate has expired. Where there is a good reason why this is not possible, First Aid certificates to be extended till 30th December 2020 * A programme for training additional staff is in place. * Collaborative arrangements for sharing staff with other schools in the locality have been agreed. * All relevant staff are aware of all pupils in school with relevant health conditions * DSL and Deputy DSL to be given more time at start of term to provide support to staff and pupils * Ensure good communication with school nurses. | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y |  | L |
| **2.6 Medical rooms** | | | | | |
| **Medical rooms are not adequately equipped or configured to maintain infection control** | H | * Social distancing provisions and PPE where needed for personal care are in place for medical rooms. * Additional rooms are designated for pupils with suspected COVID-19 whilst collection is arranged. * Procedures are in place for medical rooms to be cleaned after suspected COVID-19 cases, along with other affected areas, including toilets. | Y  Y  Y |  | L |
| **2.7 Communication with parents** | | | | | |
| **Parents and carers are not fully informed of the health and safety requirements for the reopening of the school** | H | * As part of the overall communications strategy referenced in Section 1, parents are kept up to date with information, guidance and the school’s expectations on a weekly basis using a range of communication tools. * A COVID-19 section on the school website is created and updated. * Parent and pupil handbooks created. * Risk assessment to be published on school website (unless staff group is less than 50) | Y  Y  N  NA |  | L |
| **Parents and carers may not fully understand their responsibilities should a child show symptoms of COVID-19** | H | * Key messages in line with government guidance are reinforced on a weekly basis via email, text and the school’s website. | Y |  | L |
| **2.8 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)** | | | | | |
| **Provision of PPE for staff where required is not in line with government guidelines** | H | * Government guidance on wearing PPE is understood, communicated and sufficient PPE has been procured. * Those staff required to wear PPE have been instructed on how to put on and how to remove PPE carefully to reduce contamination and also how to dispose of them safely. * Staff are reminded that wearing of gloves is not a substitute for good handwashing. * Ensure that 3rd party employers (e.g. catering and cleaning companies) have shared risk assessments with the school. | Y  Y  Y  Y | * Primary pupil use of PPE is strongly advised *against* by our public health. However full PPE is to be available for staff when physically supporting a pupil in an extended period of crisis where bodily fluid could be exchanged * Face mask to be available and can be worn by pupils or staff, personal choice. * PPE available for staff supporting a pupil or staff with suspected COVID-19. * Staff instructed on how to wear PPE and how to dispose of. | L |

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| 3. Maximising social distancing measures | | | | | |
| **3.1 Pupil behaviour** | | | | | |
| **Pupils’ behaviour on return to school does not comply with social distancing guidance** | H | * Where appropriate, clear messaging to pupils on the importance and reasons for social distancing is reinforced throughout the school day by staff and through posters, electronic boards, and floor markings. For young children this is done through age-appropriate methods such as stories and games. * Staff model social distancing consistently Between adults; adults and pupils (where possible); and between bubbles. * The movement of pupils around the school is minimised. * Large gatherings that break bubbles are avoided. * Break times and lunch times are staggered and structured to support maintenance of bubbles and social distancing where appropriate and are closely supervised. * The school’s behaviour policy has been revised to include Supportive inclusive guidance, trauma informed compliance with social distancing communicated to staff, pupils and parents. - and reinforced regularly * Senior leaders monitor areas where there are breaches of social distancing measures and arrangements are reviewed. * Messages to parents reinforce the importance of social distancing. * Arrangements for social distancing of younger primary school children have been agreed and staff are clear on expectations. * Consistently impose sanctions when rules are broken, in line with the behaviour policy, as well as positively reinforcing well-executed rules through encouragement and rewards. * All pupils and staff understand this is now part of how school operates. | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | Prior to returning each child will be individually risk assessed to be on site during this period.  Support plans reviewed for every child.  Behaviour policy with COVID section  Communicate with parents on expectations on Headteacher letter.  Due to pupil needs social distancing with be encourage though not always possible.  Staff working with each POD to familiar with the needs of each pupil.  Videos to support children on understanding social distancing will be on the school website under COVID section | M |

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| 3.2 Classrooms and teaching spaces | | | | | |
| **The size and configuration of classrooms and teaching spaces does not support compliance with bubble model and social distancing measures** | H | * Home base arrangements in place for pupils unable to return yet, or pupils working remotely due to a local outbreak * Engagement with high quality remote education is monitored. * Net capacity assessment completed, with each classroom and teaching space compliant with social distancing measures and in line with government guidance i.e. staff socially distancing from pupils * Small adaptations to the classroom to support distancing where possible, e.g. seating pupils side by side. Move unnecessary furniture out of classrooms to make more space. * Teachers and other staff operating across different classes and year groups in order to fa ciliate delivery of the school timetable keep their distance from pupils and other staff as much as they can. * All pupils and staff to clean hands when they change rooms Arrangements are reviewed regularly. | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * POD plan out classrooms and spare furniture to dinner hall.   Classrooms at full capacity.   * All spaces will be well ventilated with classroom windows open and prop doors open when safe to limit the use of door handles. * Signage in corridors. * Movement around the school is minimised. | L |
| **3.3 Movement in corridors** | | | | | |
| **Social distancing guidance is breached when pupils circulate in corridors** | H | * See section 1..4: *Planning Movement around the school* | Y | * Corridors are not large enough to social distance so walk to the left, signage to clearly remind. * Corridors are divided as part of the POD system. * School entrance area – start and end times will be staggered. Any questions for office admin to be made via internal phones. No parents or unplanned visitors to enter school. * Dinners served to the individual PODs on set trolleys. All staff and pupils to have school dinners. | L |
| **3.4 Break times** | | | | | |
| **Pupils may not observe maintaining bubbles and social distancing where appropriate at break times** | H | * Break times are staggered. * External areas are designated for different groups. * Pupils are reminded about social distancing as break times begin. * Social distancing signage is in place around the school and in key areas including all drop off and collection points. * Supervision levels have been enhanced, to support social distancing. * All pupils and staff clean their hands when they return from breaks | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * No contact sports, * No shared equipment, * No use of shared equipment * Individual activities mindful of social distancing * Encourage use of outdoor spaces * Outdoor area for Cherry room, bikes and scooters to be cleaned between use, small world toys will be cleaned between used. Individual play sets per pupil, one at a time. * Staggered playtimes. | L |
| **3.5 Lunch times** | | | | | |
| **Pupils may not observe maintaining social bubbles and social distancing where appropriate at lunch times** | H | * Rotas are in place to prevent bubbles mixing * Pupils are reminded about social distancing as lunch times begin. * Pupils wash their hands before and after eating. * Dining area layouts have been configured to ensure social distancing and maintaining bubbles. * Tables and chairs have been cordoned off where this is not possible. * Floor markings are used to manage queues and enable social distancing. * Additional arrangements are in place, such as staggering lunch times, delivering grab bags to classrooms, pupils eating in classrooms or other spaces. * Guidance has been issued to parents and pupils on packed lunches * Eating areas are cleaned after lunch and between groups | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * Eating in classes * Hand washing before eating * Every child and staff to have school dinners. | L |
| **3.6 Toilets** | | | | | |
| **Queues for toilets and handwashing risk non-compliance with social distancing measures** | H | * Queuing zones for toilets and hand washing have been established and are monitored. * Floor markings are in place to enable social distancing. * Pupils are encouraged to access the toilet during class/throughout the day to help avoid queues and school policy is amended to reflect this * The toilets and sinks are cleaned frequently. * Monitoring ensures a constant supply of soap and paper towels. * Bins are emptied regularly. * Pupils are reminded regularly on how to wash hands and young children are supervised in doing so. - building these routines into school culture | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * Toilets – split up across the building divided for each POD. * One at a time in the toilets and supervised going to the toilets. * Planned learning around handwashing and hygiene. * walking to the left on the corridors. | L |
| **3.7 Medical Rooms** | | | | | |
| **The configuration of medical rooms may compromise social distancing measures** | H | * Social distancing provisions are in place for medical rooms. * Additional rooms are designated for pupils with suspected COVID-19 whilst collection is arranged. * Procedures are in place for medical rooms to be cleaned after suspected COVID-19 cases, along with other affected areas, including toilets. | Y  Y  Y | An additional room is designated for suspected COVID-19.   * Use of face mask to be considered when supervising someone with symptoms. * Person with suspected symptoms to wear mask. * If contact with student/young person is necessary then PPE to be worn by the supervising adult. * If a risk assessment determines that there is a risk of splashing to the eyes, from for example coughing, spitting or vomiting then eye protection to be worn. | L |

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| 3.8 Reception area | | | | | |
| **Groups of people gather in reception (parents, visitors, deliveries) which risks breaching social distancing guidelines** | H | * Social distancing points are clearly set out, using floor markings, continuing outside where necessary. * Social distancing guidance is clearly displayed to protect reception staff (e.g. distance from person stood at reception desk). * Non-essential deliveries and visitors to school are minimised. * Arrangements are in place for segregation of visitors. * Any essential visitors asked to comply with all required control measures. * All visitors sign in with contact details – to be used in the event of a local outbreak Parents should come into school buildings only when strictly necessary, by appointment, and ideally only one (unless for example, an interpreter or other support is required). * Any such meetings should take place at a safe distance (and so the use of small offices may not be suitable). | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * Provide clear guidance on social distancing and hygiene controls to anyone arriving in reception. This should also be done when telephoning to book an appointment and again when entering the building, via email or via the gate intercom. * Ensure the meeting room is set up to meet social distancing guidelines. | L |
| **3.9 Arrival and departure from school** | | | | | |
| **Pupils and parents congregate at exits and entrances, making social distancing measures difficult to apply** | H | * Start and finish times are staggered. * The use of available entrances and exits is maximised. * Removing face coverings when pupils and staff who use them arrive at school is communicated clearly to them * Pupils and staff clean hands on arrival and departure to school * Social distancing guidelines are reinforced at entrances and exits through signage and floor/ground markings, including external drop-off and pick-up points. * Weekly messages to parents stress the need for social distancing at arrival and departure times. | Y  Y  N  Y  Y  Y | * If an individual chooses to wear a mask due to anxiety school will allow them to come into school with a mask on. | L |
| **3.10 Transport** | | | | | |
| **The use of public and school transport by pupils poses risks in terms of social distancing** | H | * Guidance is in place for pupils and parents on how social distancing can be observed on public transport. This includes advice on the use of face coverings for pupils over the age of 11 * Survey parents on their typical routes to school and potential alternatives. * ‘Safer travel guidance for passengers’ is shared with families using public transport. * Settings should also consider ways to minimise use of public transport to get to and from school at peak time, e.g. ‘walking buses’ * Guidance is in place for dedicated school transport – social distancing does not apply from the autumn term if systems are in place to minimise risk of transmission * Removing face coverings when pupils and staff who use them arrive at school is communicated clearly to them | NA  NA  NA  Y  Y  NA | * Where possible school transport pick staff up who use public transport. * Hand sanitizer upon alighting school bus and temperature check. Temp of 37.8 (Ammended Nove 2020) degrees will be asked to remain at home. * Staff temperature check upon coming into school. * Maximum number of pupils and adults on school transport as per LA guidance. | L |
| **3.11 Staff areas** | | | | | |
| **The configuration of staff rooms and offices makes compliance with social distancing measures problematic** | H | * Plan how shared staff spaces are used to help staff distance from each other * Use of staff rooms minimised. | Y  Y |  | L |
| **4. Continuing enhanced protection for children and staff with underlying health conditions** | | | | | |
| **4.1 Pupils with underlying health issues** | | | | | |
| **Pupils with underlying health issues or those who are shielding are not identified and so measures have not been put in place to protect them** | H | * Parents have been provided with clear guidance and this is reinforced on a regular basis. * Parents have been asked to make the school aware of pupils’ underlying health conditions and the school has sought to ensure that the appropriate guidance has been acted upon. * The school, and parents are clear about the definitions and associated mitigating strategies relation to people who are classed as **clinically vulnerable** and **clinically extremely vulnerable.** * Schools have a regularly updated register of pupils with underlying health conditions. | Y  Y  Y/  Y | * Letter to parents including up to date guidance regularly | L |

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| 4.2 Staff with underlying health issues | | | | | |
| **Staff with underlying health issues (extremely vulnerable, vulnerable or at heightened risk) are not identified and so measures have not been put in place to protect them** | H | * All members of staff with underlying health issues, those within vulnerable groups or those with extreme vulnerabilities have been instructed to make their condition or circumstances known to the school. Records are kept of this and regularly updated. * Members of staff with underlying health conditions have been asked to seek and act on the advice of their GP/consultant/midwife or current government advice. * Staff are clear about the definitions and associated mitigating strategies relation to people who are classed as **clinically vulnerable** and **clinically extremely vulnerable.** * All staff with extreme vulnerabilities are working from home, Those who are vulnerable are working from home or in work following an individual risk assessment, and those with heightened risk factors (page 9 of the individual risk assessment) have had a risk assessment. . * Current government guidance is being applied. | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * Headteacher has discussed individually with staff and all staff will complete risk assessment if they have concerns. * Staff are clear of definitions and mitigating strategies. * Full individual risk assessment completed by each staff member. | L |
| **4.3 Staff at higher risk of developing more severe complications** | | | | | |
| Employees with additional risk factors and measures have not been put in place to protect them.  (Additional risk factors are BAME, smoking, high blood pressure, obesity, age, disability, pregnancy) | H | * Employees have had discussions with their line managers and provided with clear guidance specific for their needs. * Employees have been asked to make their line manger aware of any underlying health conditions and the manager has sought to ensure that the appropriate guidance has been acted upon. * The service is clear about the definitions and associated mitigating strategies relation to people who have any additional risk factors. The following are classed as additional risk factors; BAME, smoking, high blood pressure, obesity, age, disability, pregnancy * Records are kept of this and regularly updated. * Members of staff with additional risk factors have been asked to seek and act on the advice of their GP/consultant/midwife/occupational health or current government advice. * Staff are clear about the definitions and associated mitigating strategies relation to people who are classed as having an additional risk factor. * All staff with additional risk factors that put them at increased risk from COVID-19 are working in line with national guidance and the services’ risk assessment. * Current government guidance is being applied. | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y |  | L |
| **5. Enhancing mental health support for pupils and staff** | | | | | |
| **5.1 Mental health concerns – pupils** | | | | | |
| **Pupils’ mental health has been adversely affected during the period that the school has been closed and by the COVID-19 crisis in general** |  | * There are sufficient numbers of trained staff available to support pupils with mental health issues. * There is access to designated staff for all pupils who wish to talk to someone about wellbeing/mental health. * Wellbeing/mental health is discussed regularly in PSHE/virtual assemblies/pupil briefings (stories/toy characters are used for younger pupils to help talk about feelings). * Resources/websites to support the mental health of pupils are provided | Y  Y  Y  Y | * SENCO sourcing Emotional well-being resources and CAMHS.   In -school counsellor sourcing supportive information for parents and staff. |  |
| **5.2 Mental health concerns – staff** | | | | | |
| **The mental health of staff has been adversely affected during the period that the school has been closed and by the COVID-19 crisis in general** | H | * Staff are encouraged to focus on their wellbeing. * Line managers are proactive in discussing wellbeing with the staff that they manage, including their workload. * Staff briefings and training have included content on wellbeing. * Staff briefings/training on wellbeing are provided. * Staff have been signposted to useful websites and resources. (e.g. Salford Wellbeing Programme) | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * Leadership will monitor and listen to anyone 1:1 who comes to discuss   Leadership to resend links to LA wellbeing pages on a regular basis. <https://myzone.salford.gov.uk/people-zone/health-and-wellbeing/>   * Staff have been included and part of the process for re-opening. | L |
| **Working from home can adversely affect mental health** | H | * Staff working from home due to self-isolation have regular catchups with line managers. * Staff are encouraged to speak regularly with colleagues, take regular breaks and exercise. * Appropriate work plans have been agreed with support provided where necessary. * Staff working from home may help provide remote learning for any pupils who need to stay at home. | Y  Y  Y  Y | * All staff are included in all emails. * POD leads will have weekly contact with members of staff working from home. * CPD information shared from leadership for personal development. * well being is a priority for the school. | L |
| **5.3 Bereavement support** | | | | | |
| **Pupils and staff are grieving because of loss of friends or family** | H | * The school has access to trained staff who can deliver bereavement counselling and support. * Support is requested from other organisations when necessary. | Y  Y | * Senior leaders and pod leads have completed bereavement training with the EPS. * Action: middle leaders to complete bereavement training September 2020 | L |
| **6. Operational issues** | | | | | |
| **6.1 Review of fire procedures** | | | | | |
| **Fire procedures are not appropriate to cover new arrangements** | H | * Fire procedures have been reviewed and revised where required, due to: * Possible absence of fire marshals * Maintenance of bubbles and Social distancing measures during evacuation and at muster points * Possible need for additional muster point(s) to enable social distancing where possible * Staff and pupils have been briefed on any new evacuation procedures. * Incident controller and fire marshals have been trained and briefed appropriately. * New arrangements are tested and amended if necessary | Y  NA  NA  Y  Y  Y  Y | Fire drills and invacuation practice have taken place during Autumn 1 2020 and spring term. | L |
| **Fire evacuation drills - unable to apply social distancing effectively** | H | * Plans for fire evacuation drills are in place for early in the autumn which are in line with maintaining bubbles and social distancing measures. | Y |  | L |
| **Fire marshals absent due to self-isolation** | H | * An additional staff rota is in place for fire marshals to cover any absences and staff have been briefed accordingly. | Y |  | L |
| **6.2 Managing premises on reopening after closure during the school holidays** | | | | | |
| **All systems may not be operational** | H | * Government guidance is being implemented where appropriate. * All systems have been recommissioned. | Y  Y |  | L |
| **Statutory compliance has not been completed due to the availability of contractors during lockdown** | H | * All statutory compliance is up to date. * Where water systems have not been maintained throughout lockdown, chlorination, flushing and certification by a specialist contractor has been arranged. | Y  Y |  | L |
| **6.3 Contractors working on the school site** | | | | | |
| **Contractors on-site whilst school is in operation may pose a risk to social distancing and infection control** | H | * Ongoing works and scheduled inspections for schools (e.g. estates related) have been designated as essential work by the government and so are set to continue. * An assessment has been carried out to see if any additional control measures are required to keep staff, pupils and contractors safe. * Assurances have been sought from the contractors that all staff attending the setting will be in good health (symptom-free) and that contractors have procedures in place to ensure effective social distancing is maintained at all times. * Alternative arrangements have been considered such as using a different entrance for contractors and organising classes so that contractors and staff/pupils are kept apart. * Social distancing is being maintained throughout any such works and where this is not possible arrangements are reviewed. * In addition to arrangements for COVID-19, normal contractor procedures are being applied and have been updated in light of COVID-19 (including contractor risk assessments and method statements, and contractor induction). | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * Covid-19 Risk Assessments are required for any contractor visiting site. | L |
| **7. Finance** | | | | | |
| **7.1 Costs of the school’s response to COVID-19** | | | | | |
| **The costs of additional measures and enhanced services to address COVID-19 when reopening places, the school in financial difficulties** | M | * Additional cost pressures due to COVID-19 identified and an end-of-year forecast which factors them in has been produced. * LA or trust finance team has been consulted to identify potential savings in order to work towards a balanced budget. * Additional COVID-19 related costs are under monitoring and options for reducing costs over time and as guidance changes are under review. * Additional sources of income are under exploration. * The school’s projected financial position has been shared with governors and LA or trust. | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y |  | L |

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| 8. Governance | | | | | |
| **8.1 Oversight of the governing body** | | | | | |
| **Lack of governor oversight during the COVID-19 crisis leads to the school failing to meet statutory requirements.** | M | * The governing body continues to meet when key decisions need to be made 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 headteachers 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. | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y |  | L |
| **9. Additional site-specific issues and risks** | | | | | |
| * **Settings to add any site-specific issues/arrangements here and ensure mitigation strategies are in place to address them** | | | | | |
| Schools community is authority wide. | H | * Buses allocated to PODs * Use of thermometer before alighting onto the bus or entering school past reception area. * Transport company to ensure hygiene procedures are followed before collecting staff and pupils. |  | * Training transport assistant | L |
| Pupils in crisis who externalise their behaviour can result in the pupil causing physical harm to others including spitting, biting, kicking. | H | * Individual risk assessments completing for all pupils taking into consideration historical information and knowledge of the pupil before deciding to offer on-site provision initially (2 weeks). * If a pupil is in crisis in school and it is reasonable, necessary and proportionate for physical intervention then it could require staff wearing full PPE. |  | * Training for wearing PPE and safe disposal. | M |
| Child requires medication when on-site. | M | * Full list of children requiring medication on site is available. * First aiders are aware of the children and then reason for the medication. * Use gloves and mask to remove medication from its container and put in a sterile cup and place on the work top. Child to then pick up cup and take medication in the presence of the staff member. * Staff COVID Handbook update to reflect medication and pupils |  | * Medication policy to be updated to reflect COVID-19 additions. | L |

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| **Approved by (Head Teacher/ Chair of Governors)** | Giles Caldwell - Headteacher | **Date of Approval**  Was approved by governors electronically in September 2020 | 11/03/2021 |
| **Date Provided to Unions** | Click here to enter a date.  04 03 2021 | **Date of Review** | 31/03/2021 |

***Temporary amendment 08/12/2020: For 6 days in the run up to the Christmas holidays we are increasing the number of bubbles from 3 to 7. This is to minimise the impact on pupils and staff if a positive case occurs during the last week of term. This could mean that pupils are on transport for a longer period time and when reviewed after the first day may need a temporary additional bus/es for the largest classes. All adjustments will be considered when reviewing the systems for this week. The bus drivers have requested an additional £10 to cover the extra miles travelled each day. Parents have been emailed explaining the reasons for this temporary measure and we have requested if parents could support school and transport their child on some of those days. This would be voluntary.***

***January 4th 2021***

***The temporary amendment outlined above has now come to an end and the otiginal bubbles and transport are returning***

***21st January***

***New procedures highlighted in yellow.***

***4th March 2021 Adendum added for face coverings and reviewed after national lockdown in January. Proposed short term placements to commence after easter.***

31/03/2021 reviewed with no changes.