



Kingfisher School

COVID-19 Operational Risk Assessment 2021-2022

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This risk assessment sets out the actions taken to increase the safety of staff and pupils whilst they are on the school site.

It is informed by the guidance provided by the Department of Education in the documents:

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): implementing protective measures in education and childcare settings](#)

[Safe working in education, childcare and children’s social care settings, including the use of personal protective equipment \(PPE\)](#)

This risk assessment will be updated in line with changes to the guidance provided by the Department for Education. It does not comment on the level of risk, but rather how the school has implemented the protective measures recommended by Government.

The risk assessment is set into the following key areas:

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Section 1-Returning to school for children

Risk Identified and management alerts		Key Person and review process
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emotional distress • Pupils returning to school 		<p>Reviewed following an incident or when further guidance is issued by the Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Headteacher • SLT • Class Teachers
Who/What?	Actions taken to eliminate reduce or manage	
Pupils Emotional Distress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restorative Curriculum in place to support pupils who are newly returning to school in addition to usual timetabled curriculum • Staff to use interventions – Family Advocate to support • Graduated return to school negotiated with Parents in cases where the child is highly anxious or returning after shielding • PHSE heavy based curriculum on feelings and why some staff may be wearing PPE, and why some areas we now use differently • Teachers to flag any child who is anxious regarding return through the current alert system • DSL flag to anyone in distress that comes on our radar via external agencies 	
Pupils returning to school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expectation is for all pupils to return to school • Any parents who are worried about sending pupils to school will be spoken with by teacher and headteacher where necessary 	

Section 2-Returning to work for staff including mental well being

Risk Identified and management alerts		Key Person and review process
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emotional distress of adults including anxiety • Mixed information in the media on safety they may feel the approach is not safe • Staff levels become critical due to absence 		<p>Reviewed following an incident or when further guidance is issued by the Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Headteacher • SLT • HLTA • Class Teacher
Who/What	Actions taken to eliminate, reduce or manage	
Meetings and in school staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings to be held face to face where possible for whole school meeting, parent/carers and other professionals, for some participants, this will still take place via Teams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Annual Reviews ○ CiN ○ TAF ○ Parent Meetings etc • Meetings beginning to be held face to face: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Morning/Whole school briefings-in large hall ○ SLT ○ Teacher meetings -option for teachers to join @school style ○ Safeguarding training ○ TA Training reinstated within bubbles • Sharing of support helplines frequently – employee assistance and line manager/ colleague, numbers to be available 	
Staff in school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff supervision to be in place for incidents and welfare, following usual methods and line management structure • Staff encouraged to raise any issues as soon as they become apparent with regard to behaviour of pupils that put staff at risk of infection or if worried about themselves in anyway • Staff will be advised to maximise the use of space both within the classroom and in other areas of the school in order to minimise sustained close contact • Staff tea and coffee available in Staff Room and food room, can use covered mugs to take back to the classroom as necessary 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff to have lunch either in their classroom or outside, including sensory garden and outside space, using own cars or using alternate chairs in staffroom and food room dependant on bubbles • Staffing levels and absence to be kept under review and any absences that are self-certified to be followed up with a phone call from SLT staff not to move across bubbles during the day, where possible • All staff to enter, sign in and exit, using the front entrance-use sign in app if possible • Using hand gel and washing regime on entry and departure • Showering facilities at the end of day for those staff who wish to use it • Staff to only work in one class and not cross across classes even within school's bubbles. (apart from Sensory Pathway) • PPA for teachers carried out after school and at times agreed by remaining staff to avoid contact with additional adults • Staff will only use their own room and the designated shared areas with adults from their own class • Outside sports/music/student providers to teach in classes • Staff may wear face masks if they wish
Staff working from home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the event of self isolating, all staff expected to be available to work contracted hours • Staff supervision to be in place for incidents and welfare, following usual methods and line management structure • Clear plan for staff working off site
Staff shortage due to illness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dynamic risk assessment to be carried out in light of on the day staff absence • Risk assess staffing levels in consultation with class teacher and SLT • Possible staff changes as necessary (SLT decision) • School closure to some children if staff levels become too low to operate in a safe manner (this will be an absolute last resort)
Pupil behaviour issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any issues with pupil behaviour due to spitting or transfer of bodily fluids to be raised with class teacher who will speak to a member of SLT for support
Use of PPE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual circumstances to be taken into consideration • Staff will use routine PPE as usual for intimate care. This will be supplemented by single use Fluid Resistant face masks and visors for personal care that requires sustained close contact or involves pupils with poor saliva control. (Masks, Gloves, Visors, aprons and pocket hand sanitisers to be made available) • COVID-19 response packs to be made available containing four fluid resistant face masks, two pairs of medium gloves, two pairs of large gloves, four disposable aprons and two pairs of protective goggles, which will be stored in strategic locations to ensure ease of access. • PPE will be sourced through our normal suppliers and through the OCC Emergency PPE facility if required. • Staff will be requested to familiarise themselves with the information in document "Donning and Doffing Standard Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)" -Appendix 2 • Staff have the option to change outer clothes and shower before going home if required

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff should also read the sections on social distancing and teaching resources• PPE to be disposed of in with designated PPE bins• Staff to continue to wear masks if they wish
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Section 3- Effective infection protection and control and transmission of virus and cleaning standards

Risk Identified and management alerts		Key Person and review process
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk of spreading virus due to people unknowingly carrying the virus being in school • Risk of spreading virus due to people with symptoms being in school • Risk of spreading virus due to poor hygiene resulting in indirect transmission of the virus 		<p>Reviewed following an incident or when further guidance is issued by the Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Headteacher • SLT • Chief Operations Officer • Site Manager
Who/What	Actions taken to eliminate, reduce or manage	
Staff/Parent/Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff will be requested to take a lateral flow test twice a week. If staff test positive, they must take another test from a testing centre and self isolate until the result. Other class staff with a negative test will still remain in school. • Families and staff informed of positive cases within the school • Transport services informed of any child who is positive • If a child presents at school with COVID symptoms, they will be isolated from the school community by staff wearing appropriate PPE whilst awaiting their collection • Routine for hand washing established in every class. Hand soap and hand sanitiser deployed to every classroom and at other key locations such as reception • Pupils directly instructed to wash hands throughout the day, at key routine periods and in response to pupil specific need, such as having coughed into their hand • Videos shown to pupils about handwashing • Good hygiene routines for parents to follow with children at home who have been into school – including advice regarding washing of clothes • Posters displaying guidelines for hand washing in key areas. Staff reminded via briefings 	
Suspected Infection of Staff or Pupil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isolation will take place in Meetings Room or if in use an empty room or office (SLT to advise) • Any onset of symptoms from any person and they will be asked to leave the premises or wait in isolation • Deep clean to commence on departure • Testing arranged if possible • Parents to have entered into an agreement before the child attends school that they will collect immediately if notified that their child has become unwell 	
Site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site and admin to manage stocks of antibac and PPE and proactively refill key points • Tissues and waste disposed in current hygiene bins 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional hygiene collections • Maintain routine cleaning by contractors, school staff to follow a cleaning schedule • Cleaning equipment in all rooms – staff to be given own gloves and own personal visors (where necessary) to improve control • Anti-Bac sprays located in all classrooms and key locations for frequent through day use • Anti-Bac wipes located in all classrooms and key locations for frequent through day use • Anti-Bac wipes to be located in classrooms for use on children’s equipment • All classrooms and other areas cleaned daily by contract cleaners • Ball pool to be cleaned using an anti bacterial fogging procedure daily • Changing rooms in the swimming pool to be fogged each lunchtime while the pool is in use
Bubbles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bubbles are suspended at the moment, but can be reintroduced at any time
Use of PPE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Section 2-Returning to work for staff including mental well being

Section 4- Activities impacted by the requirement to socially distance

Risk Identified and management alerts		Key Person and review process
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of social distancing achieved leading to spread of infection • Children’s mental health is damaged by the need to follow this rule 		<p>Reviewed following an incident or when further guidance is issued by the Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Headteacher • SLT • Chief Operations Officer • Site Manager
Who/What	Actions taken to eliminate, reduce or manage	
Site and resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents informed that social distancing is in place where possible • Normal timetables have been resumed • All classrooms have direct access to outside space that can be used frequently to create more space • Timetable for using shared spaces circulated • Class staff to manage trips to toilets • In class routines to be established with distance maintained as much as possible – • Reduced play equipment – taken out from class and then returned. Use of play equipment such as soft toys, cushions etc that cannot be easily wiped clean to be avoided • Staff supervision throughout all aspects of the day • When eating, most children to remain in class setting • Tables to be cleaned before and after eating • No toys to be brought in from home – if they are, to be kept in bags • Resources to be controlled – e.g. tubs of resources for maths to be washed at the end of the day and in between groups • Resources from other areas to be wiped before and after use e.g. laptops and iPad • Shared teaching spaces should be used as per timetable-no ad hoc usage • Cleaning schedule to be agreed for those areas continuing to be shared across the day e.g. ball pool and light room • Use of outside space will be rotated • Outside equipment, including bikes should be wiped or sprayed with anti-bac spray prior to use and between use by more than one child. • Internal phones to be used for messages to classrooms 	
Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assemblies to take place in Pathways, but whole school assemblies not re-established at present 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social distancing rules to be applied in classrooms where possible e.g if using desks, children to use individual desks/chairs where possible •
Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff will maximise the use of outside space to deliver activities and lessons • Staff to have lunch either in their classroom, outside, staff room or the food room (Mon-Thurs)
Off Site Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organised activities, such as OXRAD, allotment etc will begin to take place • External visits to be re-established with usual Risk Assessment with COVID addition

Section 5-Shielded and clinically vulnerable children and young people as well as staff

Risk Identified and management alerts		Key Person and review process
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infection spreading a symptomatic 		<p>Reviewed following an incident or when further guidance is issued by the Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Headteacher • SLT • Chief Operations Officer • Site Manager
Who/What	Actions taken to eliminate, reduce or manage	
Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All pupils should be back in school • CEV pupils to be discussed case by case 	
Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All staff should be back in school • CEV staff to be discussed case by case • Staff who are defined as unable to work due to Coronavirus risk will have a meeting with Headteacher/COO • Staff who are defined as unable to work due to Coronavirus risk will likely have an Occupational Health Referral 	

Section 6-Fire Safety and Visitor Management

Risk Identified and management alerts		Key Person and review process
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential risk of fire • Managing visitors within the school 		<p>Reviewed following an incident or when further guidance is issued by the Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Headteacher • SLT • Chief Operations Officer • Site Manager
Who/What	Actions taken to eliminate, reduce or manage	
Fire Drill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire Drill to be carried out when children are back in to test arrangements 	
All Visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All visitors need to be limited to contact with adults within each classroom • Therapist and social workers should be back in school (will have own working protocols in place) 	
Visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office staff to use the glass screen to communicate with anyone coming to the front entrance • Office staff to issue PPE if needed • Singin app to be used 	
Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are not able to fully operate as a school without essential volunteers these will only be admitted case by case and based on need • Volunteers will be reminded that whilst they are 'working' at kingfisher they MUST adhere to the Government rules and guidelines around COVID 19, if it is found they are not, their placement will be terminated • Volunteers are asked to complete Lateral Flow Test as per school guidelines 	
Students from outside our setting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will permitted and must follow risk assessment • Students are asked to complete Lateral Flow Test as per their college/university guidelines 	
Sports coaches/Music from outside our setting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports coaches/Music back in school • Coaches are asked to complete Lateral Flow Test as per school guidelines 	
Therapists and Medical Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Therapists and Medical Professionals to see pupils on site • Therapists and Medical Professionals are returning to school as per their own protocols • Therapists and Medical Professionals to follow own risk assessment 	
Cleaning Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site manager to signpost cleaning staff to areas that need more regular cleaning or have more occupancy 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must ensure washing gel is kept topped up
Barnados After School Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Barnados are working in school as per their own Risk Assessment• Barnados offering to all pupils whose parents request a space

Section 7-Transport, Pupil Arrival at School and Parent Contact

Risk Identified and management alerts	Key Person and review process
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of infection control on transport leads to the spread of the virus • Parents dropping pupils off to school • Parents wishing to Contact Staff 	<p>Reviewed following an incident or when further guidance is issued by the Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Headteacher • SLT • Site Manager
	<p>Actions taken to eliminate, reduce or manage</p>
<p>Pupils on Transport</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The majority of pupils are transported to school as a result of their complexity of need or the distance which they live from the school, a significant number will still need to use county transport • Transport services have put in place their own protocols to minimise sustained close contact • Buses to be offloaded under the direction of Site Manager dependant on traffic situation • Issues around transport reported to Site Manager, who will then report to SLT who will contact Transport Providers
<p>Pupils brought in by parents</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children not to bring in excess baggage and toys in from home • One parent to pick up/drop off – not to speak to staff at beginning and end of the day • Reminder about Social Distancing in the entrance area-not to enter beyond green gates • Parents to bring in their child after the buses both in the morning and afternoon • Pupils who are delivered and collected by parents need to be
<p>Parent Contact with Staff</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication with parents via email and phone, not face to face at the entrance door • No families to enter the school building unless for a prearranged meeting, which will be conducted under socially distanced conditions • Siblings not to enter school site unless absolutely necessary • Parents to wear a face mask on site whilst taking their children to and from school
<p>Pupils moving in and out of school</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils to be brought into school and delivered back to transport to minimise the amount of adult cross over time. Pupils to be taken off and delivered to transport in a specific order. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pupils who are transported by parents Sensory Bubble ○ Primary Pupils ○ Secondary Pupils
<p>Use of PPE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Section 2-Returning to work for staff including mental well being

Section 8-Teaching Resources

Risk Identified and management alerts		Key Person and review process
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infection spreads due to multiple use of equipment 		<p>Reviewed following an incident or when further guidance is issued by the Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Headteacher • SLT • Class Teachers • Site Manager
Who/What	Actions taken to eliminate, reduce or manage	
Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outside equipment should be wiped or sprayed with anti-bac spray prior to use and between use by more than one child • Equipment that has been used should also be sprayed or wiped at the end of the school day • Staff advised to minimise the storage of resources and equipment within the classroom in order to maximise available floor space and circulation space • Staff advised to remove soft furnishings, soft toys and toys that are hard to clean (such as those with intricate parts), unless they have a specific, emotional, behavioural, therapeutic or educational purpose for either an individual child or children within the group • Hard toys washed regularly with soap and water • Ball pool 'fogged' daily • Swimming pool changing rooms 'fogged' every lunchtime • Swimming pool changing rooms to be used by 1 class per session before fogging • Swimming teacher to remain on the poolside to lifeguard and teach • Rooms to be 'fogged' when required after any positive case has been confirmed and traced 	

Section 9-Safeguarding

Risk Identified and management alerts		Key Person and review process
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in Domestic Violence and mental health issues due to COVID situation • Fewer professionals have face to face contact with vulnerable pupils 		<p>Reviewed following an incident or when further guidance is issued by the Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSL Gatekeeper • Headteacher • SLT
Who/What	Actions taken to eliminate, reduce or manage	
Pupils Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSL on site at all times. • Normal procedures used to alert safeguarding incidents used – CPOMS. • Strong links to Social Care maintained. • Staff to have completed relevant courses and updated safeguarding training • Effective communication between key staff and SLT. • Safeguarding as standing agenda items on meetings. • Visitor management system in place. 	

Section 10-Admin, Finance and Site Teams

Risk Identified and management alerts		Key Person and review process
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admin, Finance and Site functions are not continued due to staff illness and absence 		<p>Reviewed following an incident or when further guidance is issued by the Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Headteacher COO SLT
Who/What	Actions taken to eliminate, reduce or manage	
<p>Pupils Staff Parents</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular contact is maintained to monitor health and well-being If necessary, working from home can be reinstated Across Trust working means that one school can support the other if admin function fails Effective communication between key staff and SLT 	

Section 11-Governance

Risk Identified and management alerts		Key Person and review process
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance matters are not sufficiently supported for statutory duties to be carried out 		Reviewed following an incident or when further guidance is issued by the Government <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Headteacher • Chair of Governors
Who/What	Actions taken to eliminate, reduce or manage	
Pupils Staff Parents Governors Directors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members and Directors to be informed if governance is not at a sufficient standard • Regular communication between HT and Chair of Governors to be in place • Regular welfare checks by Chair • Guidance from NGA and other agencies to be reviewed and advice taken into consideration • Governor meetings to continue virtually for the foreseeable future • Governance visits to school to be managed within the visitor management procedures • Joint working across the trust schools to be in place should governance levels fall into a critical category 	

Section 12-Further Lockdown (locally or nationally)

Risk Identified and management alerts		Key Person and review process
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School is closed or partially closed due to national or local guidelines 		Reviewed following an incident or when further guidance is issued by the Government <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Headteacher SLT
Who/What	Actions taken to eliminate, reduce or manage	
Pupils Staff Parents Governors Directors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If a local or national lockdown has been announced, SLT will communicate plans to all stakeholders. Revert to remote learning with staff working from home (systems already in place for this to be successful based on working practices in term 5 and 6 of academic year 2020-2021) Skeleton staff in school following government guidance DSL will determine any safeguarding issues that need to be addressed and liaise with social care where necessary. 	

Any concerns to be raised with SLT immediately

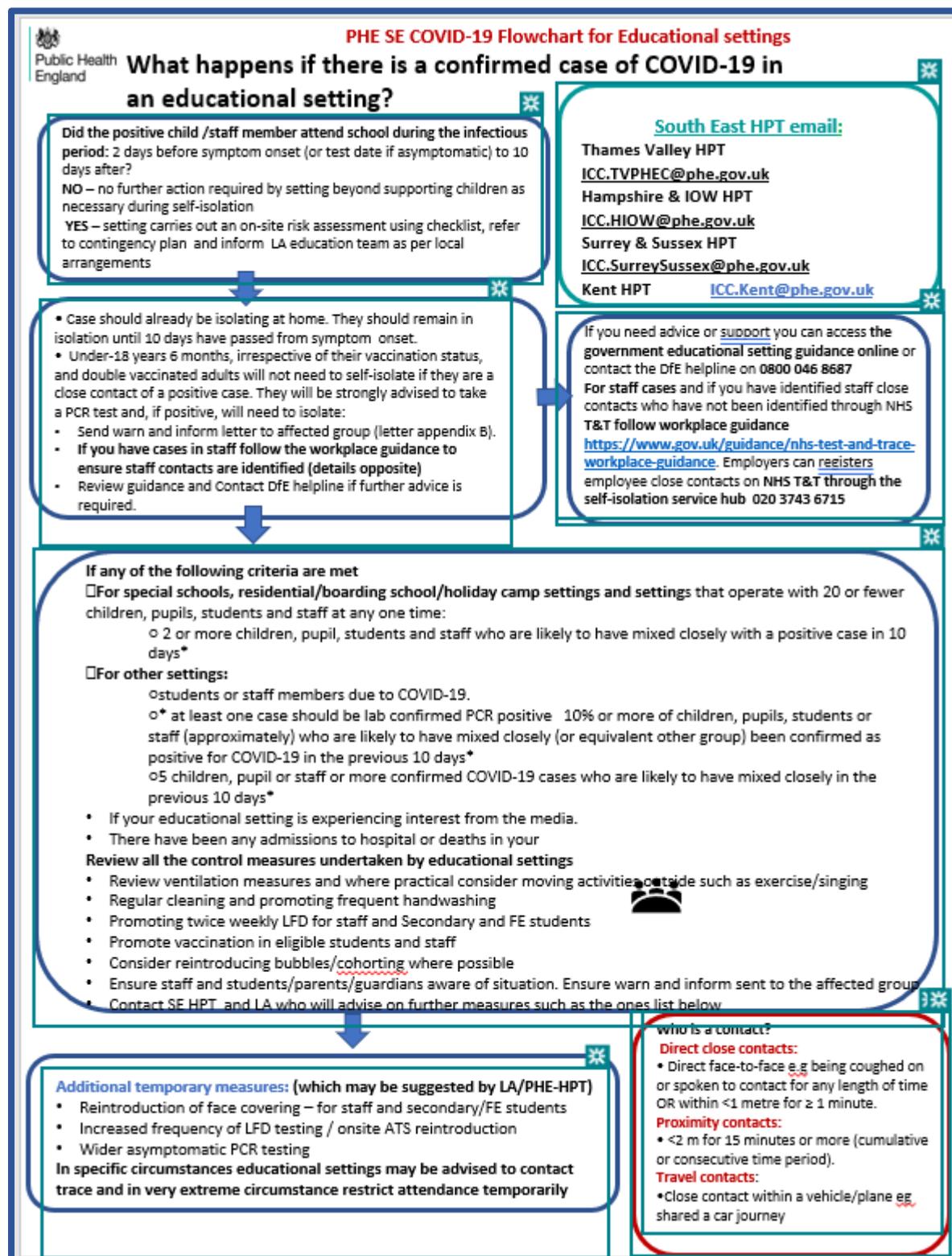
Dynamic RA to be in place

Reviewed regularly especially following any COVID 19 outbreaks or release of further government/LA guidelines

Section 13-School Action during outbreak

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/schools-covid-19-operational-guidance#tracing>

Section 14-Guidance for Childcare and Educational Settings in the Management of COVID-19
Please click the image below for the original document.





Guide to donning and doffing standard Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

for health and social care settings

Donning or putting on PPE

Before putting on the PPE, perform hand hygiene. Use alcohol handrub or gel or soap and water. Make sure you are hydrated and are not wearing any jewellery, bracelets, watches or stoned rings.

- Put on your plastic apron, making sure it is tied securely at the back.


- Put on your surgical face mask, if tied, make sure securely tied at crown and nape of neck. Once it covers the nose, make sure it is extended to cover your mouth and chin.


- Put on your eye protection if there is a risk of splashing.


- Put on non-sterile nitrile gloves.

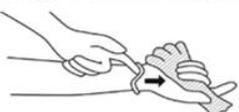

- You are now ready to enter the patient area.



Doffing or taking off PPE

Surgical masks are single session use, gloves and apron should be changed between patients.

- Remove gloves, grasp the outside of the cuff of the glove and peel off, holding the glove in the gloved hand, insert the finger underneath and peel off second glove.


- Perform hand hygiene using alcohol hand gel or rub, or soap and water.


- Snap or unfasten apron ties the neck and allow to fall forward.


- Once outside the patient room. Remove eye protection.


- Perform hand hygiene using alcohol hand gel or rub, or soap and water.


- Remove surgical mask.


- Now wash your hands with soap and water.



Please refer to the PHE standard PPE video in the COVID-19 guidance collection:
www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-personal-protective-equipment-use-for-non-aerosol-generating-procedures

If you require the PPE for aerosol generating procedures (AGPs) please visit:
www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-personal-protective-equipment-use-for-aerosol-generating-procedures