

Risk assessment for: Working safely during COVID 19 (Opening the whole school in September 2020)

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What are the significant hazards?	Who might be harmed & how?	Existing controls (What are you already doing?)	Additional controls required (Do you need to do anything else?)	Residual risk rating* L/M/H	1. Action by 2. Target date 3. Done date
Building and class occupancy levels	Staff Students Visitors Contractors	 Government guidance is that school groups should form bubbles and the school should identify the number of pupils within each bubble dependant on considerations including the physical nature of the space and the pupils themselves. Bubbles will be a year group to enable the delivery of the full range of curriculum subjects with students able to receive specialist teaching. The guidance states that it should be a best fit approach rather than an all or nothing approach. Supply teachers, peripatetic teachers and/or other temporary staff can move between schools. Specialists, therapists, clinicians and other support staff for pupils with SEND should provide interventions as usual. The groups will form a cohort and should work together; being segregated from all other groups and individuals by social distancing Specific locations for each group to work in are identified. If groups move between locations suitable cleaning and sanitising will be undertaken of each location after each use. This will need to include all equipment within the areas used Staff informed to keep 2m apart for other staff members Staff should avoid close face to face contact and minimise time spent within 1 metre of anyone Work areas have been assessed to ensure staff 	 Upon entry to the school hygiene stations will be set up. Doors will be opened to reduce the touching of handles. Sanitisation available at the door of every classroom 	M	1. Site to team to have secured controls 2. Friday 28th August 3. Tuesday 1st September



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	are at least 2m apart and where the they must wear a mask. The occupancy has been assessed building. Physical barriers have been put in promote social distancing Notices and marker tape are present areas to encourage the 2m rule. Hot-desking is discouraged, if this area and equipment is fully sanitist anyone else uses the desk. Large gatherings to be avoided in Assembly's unless risk considered wider school functioning. Sixth Form students to arrive and timetabled lessons	ed within the a place to ent in circulation happens the ed before cluding d on balance to	
Segregation of pupils	 As advised by the government and group bubbles will be formed and throughout the day, never having for 1m face to face for prolonged prices of the face o	kept apart the opportunity periods of time ed to ensure ween groups ork space and the majority of s far apart as upils are sitting other corridors at any with separate break and lunch Management rota of student movement for break and lunch	1. SLT through timetabling 2. Friday 28 th August 3. Tuesday 1 st September



Staff and parent	Two further communications		1. SLT/LSK
interaction. (Including	Advising parents that access to the school is during the Summer holiday		
meetings)	limited and that only one parent should escort a to parents/ carers		2. Friday 28 th
	child to school or collect a child from school • Two INSET days sharing		August
	Notification that parents must notify school of an guidance and logistics		
	outcome of a child's test as soon as possible		3. Tuesday 1st
	 Setting up guidelines for parents to contact the school and specific teachers; including, 		September
	telephone, website and social media contacts		
	If meetings are required with parents they are done using ICT systems in the first instance. If		
	face to face meetings are needed these are		
	conducted in a socially distant manner. Where		
	this is not practicable the meeting should take		
	place in a large room or area within the school,		
	ensuring that there is ample fresh air perhaps with	L	
	opening windows and social distancing observed		
	Using remote working tools to avoid in-person meetings		
	Only absolutely necessary participants should attend meetings and should maintain 2m		
	separation throughout		
	Avoid any sharing of work equipment including		
	pens/paper/ keyboards etc.		
	Hold meetings outdoors or in a well ventilated		
	room if they are essential meetings		
	Using floor signage to ensure that social		
	distancing is enforced		
	A record will be kept of all visitors to the school.		
	The school may be contacted by 'Test and Trace'		
	and will cooperate fully with them		
Staff and Staff	Spare masks to be		1. LSK
interaction	Instructing staff members to adhere to social purchased for those unable		
	distancing at all times to source.		2. Tuesday 1st
	 Having reminders and notices clearly displayed a All occupants to wear a face 	M	September
	critical points around the building including staff covering in corridors, quad		
	only areas and canteen.		3. Tuesday 1st
	Staggering break times for all staff to make social		September



	distancing easier Limited staff meetings or gatherings Face coverings to be worn in communal areas and compulsory in the event of a local lockdown.			
Statutory and best practice inspections	 Prior to reopening completing a check of all statutory compliance using Walsall Council's statutory and best practice check available on 'Walsall Link' Statutory and best practice checks will be completed taking into account the controls highlighted within this risk assessment and the contractors own risk assessment 	•	L	LSK/ Site Team Ready 28th August Tuesday 1st September
Contamination on surfaces including equipment	 Ensuring that all surfaces and shared resources are suitably sanitised between each group use. Ensuring that all surfaces are sanitised at the end of each day and regularly throughout the day Pupils and staff having individual equipment provided where possible including paper and pens. These items should not be shared. Classroom based resources, such as books and can be used and shared within the bubble; these should be cleaned regularly, along with all frequently touched surfaces. 	•	L	LSK Lesday 1st September Tuesday 1st September
Lack of effective cleaning	 Cleaning programmes have been reviewed and enhanced to ensure that all areas are sanitised at least daily. Site has been thoroughly cleaned throughout the duration of lock down. Frequent cleaning of work areas, class rooms and equipment between uses, using your usual cleaning products. Frequent cleaning of objects and surfaces that are touched regularly, such as door handles, surfaces and keyboards, and making sure there are adequate disposal 	 Housekeepers and support staff timetable throughout the day of cleaning rooms used by a different bubble Additional cleaning sourced for the end of the school day as of 19/10/2020 	L	 Site Team Tuesday 1st September Tuesday 1st September



	arrangements. Clearing workspaces, class rooms and removing waste and belongings from the work area, class room at the end of the day • Additional housekeepers on site cleaning areas of use before another bubble enters • Bathrooms must be cleaned and disinfected using standard cleaning products before being used by anyone else if used by a person displaying symptoms before being sent home • Adequate time for cleaning of dining halls between groups • Limiting or restricting use of high-touch items and equipment. If cleaning after a known or suspected case of COVID-19 then refer to the specific guidance. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-health		
Lack of effective ventilation	 Opening doors and windows frequently to increase ventilation where possible Most air conditioning system do not need adjustment. Advice sought from heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) engineers 	L	Tuesday 1 st September 3. Tuesday 1 st September
Personal Hygiene, toilet, shower and changing facilities	 Face coverings to be worn in communal areas (Corridors, Canteens and Quad) Handwashing facilities are available to all staff. These include those in the following locations: Staff room, toilets Sanitiser pump in communal office entrance Hand sanitisers have been made available at the following locations: entrances, every classroom, communal offices Signage installed to build awareness of good handwashing technique, the need to avoid touching your face and the need to cough or sneeze into your arm Pupil friendly signage 	M	LSK/ Site September 1. LSK/ Site 2. Friday 28 th August 3. Tuesday 1 st September



	 Providing regular reminders and signage to maintain hygiene standards Providing hand sanitiser in multiple locations in addition to washrooms Providing tissues, bins and sanitiser within each group area to encourage pupils to 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' Setting clear use and cleaning guidance for toilets to ensure they are kept clean and social distancing is achieved as much as possible Enhancing cleaning for busy areas Providing more waste facilities and more frequent rubbish collection Where shower and changing facilities are required, setting clear use and cleaning guidance for showers and changing rooms to ensure they are kept clean, clear of personal items, and social distancing is achieved as much as possible Changing facilities should be sanitised after each group use Enhancing cleaning for busy areas. 		
Staff at increased risk from the virus	Government guidance re shielding, higher risk groups, and the impact of COVID-19 are followed. From 1st August 2020 staff members who are clinically vulnerable may be able to work at school but social distancing measures must be in place and medical advice should be followed in each case People who live with those who are clinically extremely vulnerable or clinically vulnerable can attend the workplace Providing support for workers around mental health and wellbeing. Personal risk assessment offered and undertaken for anyone at increased risk of the virus	M	 LSK 21st August Tuesday 1st September



	ECV staff members may be written to if Walsall moves to Tier 3. If this is the case individuals should speak to the Headteacher.		
Pupils at an increased risk from the virus	 Pupils may still be identified as needing to shield and if advised to do so following recent guidance they should not be attending school, additional arrangements would need to be made for their education. Pupils who are clinically vulnerable – medical advice should be followed to identify if they should attend school and what controls needs to be implemented. From 1st August 2020 most will be able to attend school but social distancing and medical advice should be followed. Pupils living with someone who is shielding (if the individual is advised to continue to shield) – only attend school if stringent social distancing can be guaranteed and the pupil can understand to follow the instruction. If not they should not attend school. Most people previously shielding can attend school but advice should be sort from a medical professional 	M	 LSK Tuesday 1st September Ongoing
Visitors and contractors	 Visitors are advised not to come to the school location if they have any symptoms as identified by the NHS Visitors are limited where possible and asked to call in advance prior to coming to the site Visitors are asked to respect the 2m distance at all times At interaction locations a physical barrier is in place (e.g. screens and panels) Sanitation and hand washing is available for visitors Encouraging visits via remote connection/working 	L	Tuesday 1 st September Tuesday 1 st September / Ongoing



	where this is an option Limiting the number of visitors at any one time Determining if schedules for essential services and contractor visits can be revised to reduce interaction and overlap between people (for example, carrying out services at night) Maintaining a record of all visitors Revising visitor arrangements to ensure social distancing and hygiene. For example where someone physically signs in with the same pen in reception Keeping a record of all visitors and cooperating fully with the Test and Trace service in the event of an outbreak		
Staff with symptoms of the virus	Staff who have any symptoms are advised not to attend work and should make contact with their line manager/ Headteacher and NHS services for further advice Staff with symptoms may still be able to work from home If a staff member becomes unwell whilst at work they should be advised immediately to go home and to contact the NHS services/ get a test. Government guidance for staff with symptoms will be followed: this can be found at: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools In the event of any staff member is identified as having symptoms of COVID 19 the school will contact the Walsall Health Protection Team on 01922 658065 for further advice and follow this advice The school may be contacted by 'Test and Trace' and will cooperate fully with them	Н	Tuesday 1 st September Tuesday 1 st September September



Pupils with Symptoms	If a student starts to show symptoms of COVID	1. LSK
of the virus	 19, they should be sent home immediately Whilst waiting collection by a parent/carer the pupil should be moved to an isolated room where a window can be opened to provide fresh air. If they need to use a bathroom they must use one dedicated bathroom and this must be thoroughly sanitised following the use Suitable PPE including Apron, Goggles, moisture resistant face mask and gloves Staff and pupils who engage with the person showing symptoms should be encouraged to wash their hand immediately following the min washing of 20 seconds and using the correct technique Government guidance for pupils with symptoms will be followed: this can be found at: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools In the event of any pupil is identified as having symptoms of COVID 19 the school will contact the Walsall Health Protection Team on 01922 658065 for further advice and follow this advice The school may be contacted by 'Test and Trace' 	1. LSK 2. Tuesday 1st September 3. Tuesday 1st September
Deliveries and	and will cooperate fully with them	1. Site
collections	 Revising pick-up and drop-off collection points, procedures, signage and markings Minimising unnecessary contact with staff and delivery staff for example non-contact deliveries where the nature of the product allows for use of electronic pre-booking Ordering larger quantities of inbound materials less often to reduce deliveries Where possible and safe, having single employees load or unload vehicles Where possible, using the same pairs of people 	2. Tuesday 1 st September 3. Tuesday 1 st September/ Ongoing



Access and Egress	for loads where more than one is needed Enabling drivers to access welfare facilities when required, consistent with other guidance Encouraging drivers to stay in their vehicles where this does not compromise their safety and existing safe working practice, such as preventing drive-aways Cleaning procedures for equipment, tools and vehicles after each shift and after each use of shared equipment, for example pallet trucks and trolleys Nearby supply of hand sanitiser for employees to use handling deliveries when handwashing is not practical Regular cleaning of reusable delivery boxes Promoting facilities such as bike-racks Reducing congestion, for example by having more entry points to the school and entry points dedicated to single groups if possible Providing hand sanitation at entry and exit points. Ensure that these are used when both children and adults enter the building Providing alternatives to touch-based security devices such as keypads	L	1. Site 2. Tuesday 1st September 3. Tuesday 1st September
	 Using markings and introducing a flow at entry and exit points Making sure that people with disabilities are able to access lifts and other areas of the building Process in place for the removal and disposal of face coverings 		
Common areas	 Staggering break times to reduce pressure on break rooms or places to eat Using outside areas for breaks Using protective screening for staff in receptions or meetings if on site 	L	 Site Tuesday 1st September Tuesday 1st
	 Reconfiguring seating and tables to maintain spacing and reduce face-to-face interactions and 		September



	 maintain the 2m social distancing where possible Considering use of social distance marking for other common areas such as toilets and canteen Identify specific toilet areas for specific groups Staggering break times to reduce pressure on break rooms or dinner halls. Using safe outside areas for breaks 		
Moving around the building	 Reduced movement by discouraging non-essential trips within buildings, for example, restricting access to some areas, encouraging use of radios, dedicate specific areas and toilets for each group Reducing job and equipment rotation. If any equipment is shared this should be sanitised before being used by another group or staff member e.g. On-Call tablets Introducing a flow of movement around site Stagger the group arrival, break and leaving times to ensure that groups don't mix 	L	Tuesday 1 st September Tuesday 1 st September
Work places and work stations	 Workstations allow staff to maintain social distancing wherever possible If it is not possible to keep workstations 2m apart, then extra attention needs to be paid to equipment, cleaning and hygiene to reduce risk Avoiding employees working face-to-face. For example, by working side-by-side or facing away from each other with a 2m distance between them Avoid using hot desks and share workstations. 	L	 Site/ LSK Tuesday 1st September Tuesday 1st September
Meetings	 Using remote working tools to avoid in-person meetings Only absolutely necessary participants should attend meetings and should maintain 2m separation throughout Avoid any sharing of work equipment including pens/paper etc. Hold meetings outdoors or in a well ventilated 	L	LSK Lesday 1 st September Tuesday 1 st September



	room if they are essential meetings Using floor signage to ensure that social distancing is enforced A record will be kept of any visitors to the school and made available to the 'Test and Trace' service if needed	
Accidents, incidents and emergencies	In emergencies social distancing should be observed if possible, but this may not always be possible. • Checking that first aid and fire safety provision and equipment is adequate for the new working environment • A rota system for first aid qualified staff, fire marshals and Evac chair operators, to ensure that they are available during the operating hours and accessible to all areas of the building or work area • Review the location of the assembly point and if this needs to be changed to allow for social distancing • Ensure adequate PPE if provided for use of staff in all emergencies including first aid and fire • What sanitation systems will you need to put in place following an emergency? E.g. equipment cleans for Evac chairs, radios, etc. • Ensure that any fire safety systems that have not been tested during lockdown are tested eg.fire alarm including the operation of electronically locked doors and emergency green box over rides, self-closing doors held open on electro magnets, emergency lighting, sprinklers, automatic smoke vents etc. • Adequate means of escape must be maintained even if the building is not fully occupied —	1. Site/LSK 2. Tuesday 1st September 3. Tuesday 1st September
	occupants must have a primary escape route plus a secondary route in case the primary route is unavailable due to fire or smoke • Flow systems that have been put in place may	



have to be abandoned in the event of fire	
Keys to external gates must be available to	
occupiers	ŀ
Check that fire exits open easily – especially	ļ
doors operated by push bars as they can 'stick'.	
Amend the fire action plan if necessary to	ļ
incorporate reduced staffing levels – i.e. those	
staff with specific roles in a fire evacuation may	
not be present	
Check whether servicing of fire safety equipment	
is due or has been missed	
If skips are to be used to dispose of unwanted	
items, site them at least 6 metres from the	
building	
In the event of CPR needing to be performed the	
Resuscitation Council (UK) guidance should be	
followed. Suitable PPE should be worn by the first	
aider (e.g. FFP3 face mask, disposable gloves,	
eye protection)	
If there is a perceived risk of infection, rescuers	
should place a cloth/towel over the victims mouth	
and nose and attempt compression only CPR and	
early defibrillation until the ambulance (or	
advanced care team) arrives	
For a Paediatric casualty – There is an	
acceptance that doing rescue breaths will	
increase the risk of transmitting the COVID-19	
virus, either to the rescuer or the child/infant.	
However, this risk is small compared to the risk of	
taking no action as this will result in certain	
cardiac arrest and the death of the child. The	
advice from the Resuscitation Council (UK) is that	
rescue breaths should be undertaken as	
ventilations are crucial to the child's chances of	
survival	



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Discouraging drop off and collection by parents/carers. If this must take place then it is off site.	2. Tuesday L September	
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 Encourage pupils to travel to school via walking, cycling or private vehicles In line with government guidance discourage the use of public transport Stagger leaving times to allow for an increase in private cars, walkers and cyclists Pupils walking or cycling to school should be advised to socially distance at all times If drivers and pupils are within 2m of each other, suitable face covering should be worn (for those over 11 years old) All pupils will use hand sanitiser when exiting the dedicated school transport (before entering school) On arrival at school and when returning home pupils should wash their hands for at least 20 	1. LSK/ Operat 2. Tuesday September 3. Tuesday September	ations by 1 st er by 1 st
seconds following the recommended method • Put a process in place for the removal and disposal of face coverings		
 Engaging with staff during the development of the risk assessments and identification of suitable control measures Providing clear guidance on social distancing and hygiene to people on arrival, for example, signage or visual aids and before arrival, for example, by phone, on the website or by email Providing clear, consistent and regular communication to improve understanding and consistency of ways of working. 	1. LSK 2. Tuesday September 3. Tuesday September	er ny 1 st
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	representatives through existing communication routes to explain and agree any changes in working arrangements.		
PPE provision	 PPE is provided as identified within the risk assessment Should there be a shortage in supply this is highlighted with the senior management team and additional supplies are sourced from other departments within the council Providing an emergency PPE kit and spare stock, to be used in the event a pupil or staff member starts to show symptoms of COVID 19. This PPE can be worn by any staff member needing to supervise a pupil whilst awaiting their collection from school 	L	Site/ Operations Tuesday 1 st September Tuesday 1 st September
	Unless there is a situation where the risk of COVID- 19 transmission is very high, this risk assessment reflects the fact that the role of PPE in providing additional protection is extremely limited.		
Teaching pupils with SEN	 Providing Perspex screens to work with students Allowing for 'extraction' from a classroom to provide better specialist support Allocating dedicated staff to care for individual children where personal care is needed Ensuring that personal care environment and equipment is thoroughly sanitised following each use Using SEN tools to help communicate the control measure and new rules to the pupils. Consider how best to do this for the communication to be effective Specialists, therapists, clinicians and other support staff for pupils with SEND should provide 	L	1. SENCO/ LSK 2. Tuesday 1st September 3. Tuesday 1st September



	interventions as usual			
Educational Visits	An application for a visit should be made to the Headteacher to consider whether viable in the COVID climate.	•	L	LSK Lesday 1st September Ongoing

Date reviewed	Amendments made	Reviewed by	Next review
27/08/2020	Face coverings to be encouraged in communal areas and compulsory in the event of a local lockdown. Large gatherings to be avoided including Assembly's unless risk considered on balance to wider school functioning.	LSK	07/09/2020
07/09/2020	One-way system through ES corridor	LSK	14/09/2020
14/09/2020	Adaptations of timetables to further reduce corridor movement Keyboards and mice are now static with anti bac wipes provided Stationary supplies have been supplied Y9 have now been redirected via the lower yard at the end of break and lunch which has significantly reduced congestion near RE and the canteen	LSK	21/09/2020
21/09/2020	Face masks for adults in corridors no longer 'encouraged' but 'strongly urged'	LSK	28/09/2020
14/10 /2020	 Face coverings to be worn in communal areas by staff and students (Corridors, Canteens and Quad) Public Health Walsall and England advice adhered to for confirmed cases in staff, Y8, Y10 and Y13 28+ weeks pregnant guidance as below: Women that are 28+ weeks pregnant that are not vulnerable or extremely clinically vulnerable - An individual risk assessment must be undertaken with the member of staff prior to them carrying out their duties. The work they will be undertaking and how risks will be mitigated should be agreed, documented and reviewed as work requirements or personal health circumstances change. Reasonable adaptations to work duties should be considered 	LSK	

	where possible.		
	Women that are 28+ weeks pregnant that are vulnerable or extremely clinically vulnerable -		
	An individual risk assessment must be undertaken with the member of staff prior to them carrying out their duties. The		
	risk assessment should be explicit in how risks will be mitigated. All discussions should be agreed, documented and		
	regularly reviewed as work requirements or personal health circumstances change.		
	Reasonable adaptations to work duties should be considered with a view to them working from home where possible.		
	 ECV staff members may be written to if Walsall moves to Tier 3. If this is the case individuals should speak to 		
	the Headteacher.		
	 Additional cleaning sourced for the end of the school day as of 19/10/2020 		
28/10/2020	Sixth form bubble to now be split to Y12 and Y13 respectively. Sixth Form area to have a barrier between keeping		
	students from mixing within the two-year groups. Interactions would be transient in corridors where face coverings		
	are worn.	LSK	02/11/20
	 Classroom cleaning when one year group follows the other is organised as part of the cleaning rota, or students 		
	wipe down work spaces upon arrival as part of a schedule also.		
	Screens for the canteen so that students are not sat face to face		
	Coats in class when it is particularly cold.		
	Visors are worn in class for teaching or whenever working with a student, and also worn in a space with other		
	adults where 2 metres cannot be guaranteed.		
04/11/2020	There are to be no meetings on site as of Thursday 5 th November.	LSK	
	When in a communal workspace staff must wear a face covering. If eating, a move to a place of three people or		
	less must happen.		
	CPD sessions will be remote		
	CEV will be written to by the Government and not expected to be at the workplace		
	Clinically Vulnerable can come to work as measures are in place to allow social distancing and protection		