

Hendal Primary School Risk Assessment for School Starting Monday 1st November 2021



School Name	Hendal Primary School	Completed by	Headteacher – Kelly Ashton
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Guidance from Wakefield Public Health and Wakefield Council	Key Identified Risks taking account of school context	Actions to mitigate risks
<p>1. If someone in the household has tested positive for COVID-19 (on LFD or PCR), advise pupils to stay at home. If they develop symptoms, they should get a PCR test straight away. If they don't have symptoms, they should get a PCR test 3-5 days after their household member started with symptoms (or took their test if they had no symptoms). If this test is negative, the child can return to school but must stay at home and arrange another test if they go on to develop symptoms. Some children are exempt from this advice: 12–16-year-olds who have had at least one dose of the vaccine more than 14 days ago Any child aged between 5 – 16 who has tested positive for COVID-19 via a PCR test within the past 90 days.</p>	<p>Parents/carers who still want their child to continue to attend school have the right for them to do so. We hope that most parents will understand the reasons behind the request and will feel able to support the school, especially as they will have at least one household member self-isolating at home already. If a parent is not able to support the school in this request, we would still strongly advise that their child obtains a PCR test before returning to school. Daily lateral flow tests could also be considered, but please be aware that these detect only 50% of positive cases.</p>	<p>If you have, or are showing symptoms of, coronavirus (COVID-19) (a new continuous cough, a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell - anosmia), or have someone in your household who is, you will not be permitted to enter the school premises. You should be at home, in line with the guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection.</p> <p>Anybody who appears unwell on arrival will be asked if they are displaying symptoms and if so sent home immediately before they enter the school premises.</p> <p>Staff or parent showing any symptoms will be asked to arrange to have a PCR test and remain at home until the results have been confirmed and for 10 days if test results are positive.</p>
<p>2. Recommend the use of face coverings in classrooms and communal areas for secondary age and post-16 education settings, and the use of face coverings by adults in all schools in communal areas, including on dedicated school transport.</p>	<p>Possible spread of Covid-19 due to staff talking to multiple adults daily.</p>	<p>Staff will wear face coverings when talking to parents at the classroom doors and if travelling on school transport eg. Swimming bus.</p>
<p>3. Ensure windows are open in the classroom and internal doors to facilitate good ventilation, as much as is practicable and particularly in areas that have been</p>	<p>Children may feel cold as the Autumn term continues</p>	<p>Cardigans and jumpers can be worn in class.</p>

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<p>shown to have poor air quality (if your school has access to CO2 monitors).</p>		
<p>4. Reduce mixing between year groups and classes as much as possible to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19.</p>	<p>Minimise the risk of spreading of Covid-19 through asymptomatic cases.</p>	<p>Playtimes will be split times Lunchtime rotas will also be split</p>
<p>5. Wherever possible, suspend whole-school or year group events e.g. assemblies. Revert staff and governors' meetings to virtual format. Limit visitors to the school and consider carefully whether events that bring parents into the school can be managed safely or should return to online.</p>	<p>Minimise the risk of spreading of Covid-19 through asymptomatic cases.</p>	<p>Suspend Assemblies but continue to share content to use in class. Monitor staff meeting format Revert Governors meetings to virtual format. Limit visitors to school and parents visits to take place after school hours.</p>
<p>6. Carefully consider whether educational trips and residential visits should go ahead. This is especially important because being on transport together for long periods, and/or sharing overnight accommodation, increases the chance of transmitting Covid-19</p>	<p>Minimise mixing of Year group bubbles</p>	<p>Class or Year group trips that have already been booked to take place this month. Monitor guidance for residential visit.</p>
<p>7. Clean your hands thoroughly more often than usual.</p>	<p>Children may not display good handwashing routines.</p>	<p>Children, staff and all visitors/governors will be asked to clean their hands more often than usual, particularly after arriving at your setting, when returning from breaks, when changing rooms, and before and after eating or handling food, as well as after touching your face, blowing your nose and sneezing or coughing. Good handwashing routines will be shared with all who access the school premises: To clean your hands, you should wash your hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly, or use alcohol hand rub/sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered.</p>

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<p>8. Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ approach.</p>	<p>More people will be catching the common cold as we continue in the Autumn term.</p> <p>Some people may be unaware of good respiratory hygiene routines.</p>	<p>Everyone will be reminded to avoid touching your mouth, eyes and nose and asked to cover their mouth and nose with disposable tissues when they cough or sneeze. If one is not available, guidance suggests they sneeze into the crook of their elbow, not into their hand. They will be asked to dispose of tissues into a disposable rubbish bag and immediately clean their hands with soap and water or use a hand sanitiser.</p>
<p>9. Enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often using standard products, such as detergents.</p>	<p>Extra Cleaning may be needed across school throughout the day.</p>	<p>Cleaning should be generally enhanced, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> more frequent cleaning of rooms or shared areas that are used by different groups cleaning frequently touched surfaces more often than normal, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> door handles handrails table tops play equipment toys sports resources electronic devices <p>When cleaning, use the usual products, like detergents and bleach, because these are very effective at getting rid of the virus on surfaces.</p> <p>All education, childcare and children’s social care settings should follow the PHE guidance on cleaning for non-healthcare settings.</p> <p>All classrooms have a green plastic cleaning trug that is kept well stocked with hand sanitiser spray, disinfectant spray disposable cloths and tissues.</p>
<p>10. Engage with the NHS testing programme and respond rapidly to confirmed cases.</p>	<p>Understanding and awareness of the NHS track and trace process and the ability to respond rapidly to a confirmed case.</p>	<p>School understand the NHS testing process and know how to respond if anyone within the setting is suspected or confirmed to have coronavirus (COVID-19).</p> <p>The Headteacher will contact PHE health protection team, if we have two or more confirmed cases or an overall rise in suspected cases to seek advice.</p> <p>Anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) can and will get a test. Tests can be booked on the</p>

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		<p>NHS testing for coronavirus website or ordered by telephone via NHS 119. Essential workers, which includes anyone involved in education, and their households, have priority access to testing.</p> <p>There is no longer the expectation that anybody below the age of 18 needs to self-isolate if they have been in contact with somebody who has tested positive for Covid-19.</p> <p>There is no longer the expectation that an adult who has had been in close contact with somebody who has tested positive for Covid-19 needs to self-isolate if they have received both of their vaccinations.</p>
<p>11. Staff will continue to engage with twice weekly lateral flow testing to prevent any spreading of Covid-19 through asymptomatic cases.</p>	<p>School keep a stock of lateral flow tests and make these readily available to staff.</p>	<p>Asymptomatic cases will be identified and self-isolation can take place to prevent the spread of the Covid-19 virus.</p>

<p>Signed (Headteacher)</p>	<p>K Ashton</p>	<p>Date</p>	<p>1.11.2021</p>
<p>Signed (Chair of Governors)</p>	<p>A Spiers</p>	<p>Date</p>	<p>1.11.2021</p>