

Sporting Chance RISK ASSESSMENT 2020

Context: Upon the return to schools for all children from September 2020 certain measures should be put in place to reduce the risk of contamination and spread of infection. The following risk assessment addresses these issues generically, and specifically from the perspective of PE and extra-curricular provision.

Cleaning and hygiene						
Hand hygiene	Poor hand hygiene increases the likelihood of infection from coronavirus	Pupils and staff	High	<p>Opportunities are provided for staff and pupils to clean their hands with soap and water and dry thoroughly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • after using the toilet • after breaks • Before and after PE lessons • Before and after sports clubs • before leaving school • after sneezing/coughing. <p>Paper towels will be used to dry hands in preference to hand dryers. Covered bins are available for disposal of paper towels. These will be emptied by staff in each bubble periodically throughout the school day in order to avoid cross contamination and each evening by the cleaners.</p> <p>Supervision by staff is provided as needed.</p> <p>Signage about how to wash hands properly, is on display and reinforced with pupils.</p> <p>Where sinks are not easily accessible from the room used by a 'group' of pupils hand sanitiser will be available.</p>	Yes	Low

Respiratory Hygiene	Poor respiratory hygiene increases the likelihood of infection from exposure to coronavirus.	Pupils and staff	High	<p>Catch it, kill it, Bin it – tissues are available in all classrooms, staffroom and reception at a minimum. The message is reinforced with pupils. Posters are also up around the school to remind all staff and pupils of good hygiene practice.</p> <p>Covered bins are available for the disposal of used tissues.</p>	Yes	Low
Cleaning of equipment	Person contracts COVID-19 as a result of inadequate cleaning of sports equipment	Pupils and staff	High	<p>All staff within their groups will have collective responsibility to continuously clean throughout the day. PPE will be available if required and training given regarding use and safe storage.</p> <p>We have identified certain sports equipment as higher risk than others:</p> <p>Natural fibres and materials; bean bags and bibs to not be used at all as difficult to clean</p> <p>Plastics; these seem to take longer (72 hrs) to be CV free so careful cleaning will be required</p> <p>Synthetics; less likely to harbour infection so 48 hrs is the quarantine time</p> <p>All equipment will undergo anti-bacterial cleaning after use and will be labelled and dated to confirm.</p>	Yes	Low

Minimising contact (social distancing)						
Social distancing across the site	Too many people on site increases likelihood of exposure to coronavirus	Pupils and staff	High	<p>We have taken the following measures to maintain social distancing where possible for PE lessons and clubs;</p> <p>Ensuring we follow the guidance supplied by Sport England for returning to sport and physical activity.</p> <p>guidance on the phased return of sport and recreation and guidance from Sport England for grassroots sport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use large outdoor spaces where possible to conduct PE lessons and clubs • Limit number of children attending clubs to 15 and remain from a single bubble (year group) • Adopt a skills based approach only for both curriculum and extra-curricular activities to enable greater social distancing • Teach activities that are easier to remain Covid 19 compliant eg tennis, Outdoor Ed, and other non contact sports/activities 	Yes	Low
Social distancing for large groups of pupils.	Large groups of pupils and/or adults increase the likelihood of exposure to and transmission of coronavirus	Pupils and staff	High	Competitions, events and inter-school fixtures will not take place until further notice following the guidance above.	Yes	Low

Use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)						
Use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	Incorrect use exacerbates the risk of further infection.	Pupils and staff	High	<p>We are taking into account that Government guidance (11/05/20) does not recommend the use of a face covering or face masks in educational settings as follows:</p> <p>“The majority of staff in education settings will not require PPE beyond what they would normally need for their work, even if they are not always able to maintain a distance of 2 metres from others. PPE is only needed in a very small number of cases including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • children, young people and students whose care routinely already involves the use of PPE due to their intimate care needs should continue to receive their care in the same way • if a child, young person or other learner becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus while in their setting and needs direct personal care until they can return home. A fluid-resistant surgical face mask should be worn by the supervising adult if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained. If contact with the child or young person is necessary, then disposable gloves, a disposable apron and a fluid-resistant surgical face mask should be worn by the supervising adult. If a risk assessment determines that there is a risk of splashing to the eyes, for example from coughing, spitting, or vomiting, then eye protection should also be worn” <p>Ultimately it is the member of staff’ choice as to whether they would like to wear PPE or not. All staff have access to PPE via the school if and when required.</p>	Yes	Low

Workforce						
Staff wellbeing	Staff anxiety re: returning to work and potential exposure to the virus.	All staff	High	Individual discussions have been/are held with staff to identify concerns/ barriers re: returning to work. (NB: recognising that some could be experiencing bereavement, mental health issues, etc.). Discussions are ongoing and regular check-ins with senior management are held each week. Signposting to counselling services is available should it be required.	Yes	Low
Staff who may be at increased risk from coronavirus.	Staff anxiety Potential for staff to suffer serious illness if they contract coronavirus.	Staff in at risk group	High	<p>We recognise that some people with particular characteristics may be at comparatively increased risk from coronavirus (COVID-19), as set out in the COVID-19: review of disparities in risks and outcomes report.</p> <p>We will remain alert to the findings of this research and respond to any changes in guidance accordingly.</p> <p>If people with significant risk factors are concerned, we will discuss their concerns and explain the measures the school is putting in place to reduce risks.</p> <p>Where practically possible we will accommodate additional measures to support staff where appropriate.</p>	Yes	Low

Staff training	Staff are not aware or do not understand the requirements for working safely.	All staff	High	<p>In preparation for a full return on 1 September 2020 training and written instruction has been provided re: operating procedures outlined in this risk assessment to all staff. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What to do if they suspect that they or a member of their household has coronavirus (including testing arrangements) • Day to day organisations and procedures including arrangements for cleaning, staff welfare facilities, travel to work • Procedures to follow if they suspect that a child in their group is displaying coronavirus symptoms • Curriculum adaptations required re: social distancing • Use of PPE (where applicable). <p>All documents and policies will be held by senior management but circulated via email to all staff</p>	Yes	Low
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Provision of first aid and the administration of medication

Provision of first aid	Transmission through close contact or at any time when administering first aid to staff or pupils	Pupils and staff	High	<p>Qualified first aiders are available as required</p> <p>Where reasonably practicable we will ensure that opportunities for pupils to mix with pupils who are not in their group are limited during the administration of first aid.</p> <p>Normal hygiene precautions (handwashing and use of gloves) are taken when administering first aid.</p> <p>PPE is available in all classrooms if working in close proximity to an injured person.</p> <p>All staff members have access to a first aid kit as necessary.</p> <p>Basic treatment of first aid will be given in the classroom. If any symptoms of the virus the person will be taken to the isolation room.</p>	Yes	Low
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Curriculum delivery: PE					
Curriculum delivery: Physical Education	Increased likelihood of infection from coronavirus	Pupils and staff	Serious	<p>Pupils will be kept in consistent groups, sports equipment thoroughly cleaned between each use by different individual groups, and contact sports avoided.</p> <p>Outdoor sports should be prioritised where possible, and large indoor spaces used where it is not, maximising distancing between pupils and paying scrupulous attention to cleaning and hygiene. This is particularly important in a sports setting because of the way in which people breathe during exercise. External facilities can also be used in line with government guidance for the use of, and travel to and from, those facilities.</p> <p>Schools should refer to the following advice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • guidance on the phased return of sport and recreation and guidance from Sport England for grassroots sport • advice from organisations such as the Association for Physical Education and the Youth Sport Trust <p>Schools are able to work with external coaches, clubs and organisations for curricular and extra-curricular activities where they are satisfied that this is safe to do so. Schools should consider carefully how such arrangements can operate within their wider protective measures.</p>	

Extra-curricular activities: Clubs

<p>Afterschool and Breakfast Clubs</p>	<p>Arrangements for infection control, social distancing etc are not practised at Breakfast and Afterschool Club thus increasing the risk of infection within the school community.</p>	<p>All members of the school community</p>	<p>Serious</p>	<p>Guidance for September 2020 may be found as follows: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/protective-measures-for-holiday-or-after-school-clubs-and-other-out-of-school-settings-for-children-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/protective-measures-for-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak</p> <p>Guidance for wrap around care and extra-curricular activities states that effective communication with parents is key to providing a safe and responsible environment. As per curriculum delivery all the same measures with regard to hygiene, cleaning, and social distancing will remain consistent.</p> <p>As with physical activity during the school day, contact sports should not take place.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Low</p>
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