

Risk Assessment Update St Mary's School

(18th April 2022)

This Risk assessment has been produced to minimise the risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID 19) and other infectious diseases in school and inform stakeholders. Although national guidelines have again changed, we have chosen to continue with some of our existing procedures to ensure child safety and to reduce RISK. This includes regular sanitizing, daily temperature taking, using different entrances, and maintaining good classroom ventilation and hygiene.

Possible Challenges update	Solutions to reduce RISK
If a child is ill or someone in the home has symptoms	If the child is ill, he/she should remain at home. If someone in the home has symptoms it may also be appropriate to remain at home.
COVID	If your child is diagnosed and has a positive test young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be to stay at home for 3 days. Adults are advised to stay home for 5 days.

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Start of the day procedures	Pupils coming into school. Infants will enter using the main entrance. Lower Juniors by using the lower gate. Upper Juniors by the Field Gate. Hands to be sanitized on school entry. Entrances will be manned and controlled by staff (this will reduce the gathering of pupils and parents on the playground. Temperature check for staff and pupils during daily.
Parents congregating at the gate. Drop and go.	Share with parents the importance of parents to remain outside and not congregating at the gate until further notice. Social distancing will lower the risk of cross infection spreading.
Cloakrooms and Toilets.	Toilets and work areas will be cleaned daily. To improve air flow, some doors and windows will remain open.

Assemblies	Will continue and singing will be allowed. Good ventilation and airflow will continue in assembly areas.
Break Times	Breaks will continue outside if weather permits. The field will always be used if not too wet and welly boots can be stored in school. Hands will be sanitized on return into classrooms.
Keeping pupils safe at break times.	At lunchtimes we will make full use of the outside space. On wet days infants in their classroom. Lower Juniors in classrooms 2&3 and upper juniors will be based in the mobile and garden area.
End of day procedures	Hands will be sanitized on exit. Infants will exit using the main entrance. Lower Juniors by using the lower gate. Upper Juniors by the Field Gate.
Staff self-testing	If a member of staff catches COVID they will isolate until they get a negative LFT.
Off-site activities and events	Swimming sessions will occur at Leominster Leisure Centres. Visits to the church and within the village and around the surrounding will also occur.
Visitors to school (parents, contractors, educational professionals, medical professionals, etc.)	There will be a limit to all but essential visitors to the school. Visitors will be asked to sanitize their hands

Quality of Education

Possible Challenges	Solutions to reduce RISK
Compensation for the gaps in pupils' knowledge and skills that have developed	Pupils throughout the school will be assessed each half-term. Lead teachers will identify knowledge and skills gaps. Interventions will continue and tracking of progress will be monitored.

Pupils with SEND/ medical needs

Possible Challenges	Solutions to reduce RISK
Work towards individual SEND targets	Timely assessment of pupils linked to their specific targets, short, sharp interventions will be planned throughout the day and week to accelerate progress towards individual pupil targets.
Medicines in school may become out-of-date	The Principal will check all medications is in date and inform parents/necessary bodies if they need to be replaced medication. Most importantly asthma inhalers as COVID is a respiratory infection.

Emotional and Wellbeing Issues

Children may require additional support if they struggle with the return to routine of school.	Providing a structured day in school and the encouraging children to spend time together in the outdoor environment. Also providing active projects to look forward to in Forest School, Dance, Science etc.
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Hygiene/cleanliness

Maintaining regular levels of hand washing/hygiene	Pupils to apply anti-bacterial alcohol-based hand sanitizer as they enter the building at the start of the day and exit the building at the end of the day.
When pupils sneeze or cough they will spread germs/bacteria, especially younger pupils/children.	As we do already, educate pupils about the need to cough/sneeze into a tissue or their elbow – dispose of tissue in a designated pedal bin within each classroom.
Keeping the school clean to a higher level of cleanliness	cleans' as part of their daily procedures - focus on door handles, all surfaces, toilets. Regular cleaning of IT equipment, especially keyboards, with alcohol wipes and disinfectant Dettol spray is also available.

A medical kit containing oxygen meters, individual face shield, pairs of gloves, computer wipes, face mask, soap and sanitizer will be available to members of staff in classrooms.

Possible COVID-19 and other infections

Pupil begins to show symptoms when in school/college (cough and/or temperature developing. Check pupil temperature (37.8°C+). Blood oxygen level less than 92% hypoxia (low oxygen). 96% + normal.	Pupil isolated and sent home as soon as possible - parents of classmates informed so they can be extra vigilant. If confirmed the child will remain at home.
We have PPE in school, and this will be required if pupils develop symptoms and need assistance.	PPE in the medical room in which the pupil will be isolated.
If a member of staff begins to show symptoms when in school (cough and/or temperature developing) of infection.	Member of staff to be sent home, if positive for COVID he/she will be asked to remain at home and return after a negative.