

# Risk Assessment St Mary's School

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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 changed, we have chosen to continue with many 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.

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.
School bus	Encourage pupils and parents to avoid school bus if their child shows symptoms of infection.

Possible Challenges update	Solutions to reduce RISK
Start of the day procedures	Pupils coming into school. <b>Infants will enter using the main entrance. Lower Juniors by using the lower gate. Upper Juniors by the Field Gate.</b> 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.	<b>Share with parents the importance of parents to remain outside and not congregating at the gate.</b> Explain reasons for this - social distancing and lowering risk of cross infection spreading into school.
Cloakrooms and Toilets.	Toilets and work areas will be cleaned daily. To improve air flow, some doors and windows will remain open.
Assemblies	These will resume. Good ventilation and airflow will continue in assembly areas.

Break Times	Break will occur 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. <b>The field will continue to be used as much as possible</b>
Toilets becoming crowded.	Staff on duty during break times - limit the number of pupils in toilet areas. Some toilet windows to remain open.
End of day procedures	Hands will be sanitized on exit. <b>Infants will exit using the main entrance. Lower Juniors by using the lower gate. Upper Juniors by the Field Gate.</b>
Staff self-testing	All staff will continue to self-test twice a week. Any members of staff with a positive result will isolate until their LFT is negative /10 days .
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 occur.
Daily, there are many 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 not be allowed contact with pupils without wearing a mask and sanitizing. Peripatetic Music lessons will continue as normal.

## Quality of Education

Possible Challenges	Solutions to reduce RISK
Compensation for the gaps in pupils' knowledge and skills that have developed following their extended absence from school	Pupils throughout the school assessed each half-term. Lead teachers will identify knowledge and skills gaps. A timetable of interventions will be drawn up. Tracking of progress will be monitored.

Curriculum Preparations for the changes to RSE that come into effect in September 2021.	The RSE curriculum will continue to be integrated into the school's curriculum.
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### **Pupils with SEND/ medical needs**

<b>Possible Challenges</b>	<b>Solutions to reduce RISK</b>
Pupils with under-lying health conditions are at a higher level of risk	For pupils with serious under-lying health conditions, parents/carers MUST seek medical guidance. Extra vigilance in relation to pupils with asthma and other related conditions (safety measures will vary from pupil to pupil)
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. Include asthma inhalers.

### **Emotional and Behaviour Considerations**

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. There will be regular hand washing and sanitizing opportunities timetabled into daily routines.
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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	Cleaners to act upon guidance normally linked to ‘deep 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.
Toys and equipment used by the pupils	Classroom toys/ equipment and outdoor toys will be cleaned and disinfected at regular intervals. Regular hand washing and sanitizing during the day to reduce risk of spreading infection.
Cleaning materials.	Leaders will check stock levels and anticipate any shortages in cleaning materials.

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 <b>(37.8°C+)</b> . 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 with their monitoring. If confirmed the child will remain at home. DfE helpline on <b>0800 046 8687</b>
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.
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 LFT / 10 day period.