



## Corporate Risk Assessment

Activity being assessed: Returning to School		Risk assessment reference number: GODRE/COVID-19/002 Risk assessment created on: 05.08.20 Review date : 27.05.21		
Persons undertaking or affected by the activity				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Employees <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contractor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Service User <input type="checkbox"/> Other				
Hazard	Control measure	Likelihood	Severity	Risk Level <i>Likelihood x Severity = Risk Level</i>
Spread of COVID-19	<p><b>General</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All relevant statutory building checks have been undertaken prior to staff being allowed to re-enter buildings.</li> <li>Special consideration must be given to whether employees who are considered to be in a higher risk category which make them more susceptible to Covid-19 as per Public Health Guidance should be permitted to come into work.</li> </ul> <p><b>Important:</b> For employees who are vulnerable and/or are Black and Minority Ethnic and are therefore considered to be in a higher risk category which make them more susceptible to Covid-19 and are concerned about returning to the workplace, a risk assessment tool has been developed by the Welsh Government which they can complete and share with their Manager. This can then be used as an aide in discussions with the employee to understand any concerns with returning to the workplace and to ensure appropriate control measures can be put in place for the employee to return to a safe environment.</p>	2	3	6

- The risk assessment tool can be accessed [here](#)
- All persons that are contacted via “Test, Trace, Protect” need to adhere to the guidance given.

**Symptoms of Covid-19/ Symptomatic person**

- All staff and volunteers are to be made aware of the symptoms of COVID-19 and watch for those symptoms in themselves and others – stay alert. Look for Flu like symptoms – high temperature, new constant coughing bouts and/or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.
- As well as the above staff are to be made aware of the wider range of symptoms: Flu-like symptoms including any or all of: myalgia (muscle ache or pain; excessive tiredness; persistent headache; runny nose or blocked nose; persistent sneezing; sore throat and/or hoarseness, shortness of breath or wheezing.
- Under no circumstances should learners or staff attend the school setting if they have any COVID symptoms.
- If any person/visitor/pupil is suspected of suffering symptoms (whether they are unwell or not) or who have someone in their households who does, should be sent home immediately, or if this is not possible they should be isolated in a separate room (supervised as necessary) until they can be collected. If the person needs to go to the bathroom while waiting to be collected should use the toilet in the main block. The bathroom will be cleaned and disinfected using standard cleaning products before being used by anyone else. Each school must ensure they have up to date contact details for parent/guardians. Person/visitor/pupil should self-isolate according to the guidance produced by Public Health Wales, and or NHS direct.
- Social distancing from the infected person must be exercised wherever possible to prevent the spread of the infection. Where this is not possible, the appropriate PPE must be worn. Gloves, apron and mask should be worn if a child becomes unwell with symptoms of COVID-19 and needs direct personal care. Eye protection should also be worn if a risk assessment determines that there is a risk of splashing to the eyes such as from coughing, spitting or vomiting. PPE available within school – gloves, aprons, masks. These are located in the isolation room next to the main office. See PPE section of this risk assessment.
- An alternative exit route from the premises has been identified in order to ensure all other primary routes are not potentially contaminated. This is the exit using the main door next to the school office.
- Personal hygiene after contact with the symptomatic person must be exercised to ensure that the spread of the infection is controlled.
- All areas where a symptomatic person has entered are segregated until a deep clean (level 2) is carried out. If it is a classroom, the children will be moved to the meeting room.

- Refer to risk Assessment from Cleaning Services
- AMS cleaning must be notified so they can arrange a deep clean (Level 2) to the affected areas.
- A designated area has been identified where double –bagged contaminated waste can be stored for 72 hours until it can be disposed of safely with the normal waste. This bag will be dated. The area will be the office next to the main office.
- The equipment that the pupil/employee has been in contact with must be withdrawn from circulation and thoroughly cleaned and disinfected before being allowed back into circulation. **Clean hands thoroughly, more often than usual.**

### **Access and Egress**

- Gatherings in the school area will be discouraged. This includes pupils from different bubbles. Each bubble will have their own designated outdoor play area.
- Ensure there is an appropriate queuing system on entry and exit from the school premises. Each class will exit at different staged intervals and Staff must adhere to the timings. (parents will be reminded of these times via Schoop)
- Pupils to be met from school transport by staff and taken straight into their bubble. If pupils are brought to school by their parents they will be met by staff, the staff and SMT will remind parents to maintain a social distance. Parents will not be allowed onto school premises. Staff to advise all pupils on entry to school to maintain a social distance. Markers will be placed at 2-metre gaps.
- Each bubble will have their own entry and exit door.
- All parents and guardians of children are advised on entry to ensure that their children are not symptomatic; if so then entry into the premises will be denied. Parents will be told this via an update letter. There will also be signage on entry.
- Upon entry, each pupil will be required to sanitise their hands. Sanitising stations will be available at all entry points to each bubble. Due to the high alcohol content, the hand sanitiser will be appropriately supervised to prevent accidental ingestion by pupils. Hand sanitiser with high alcohol content should will not be placed in direct sunlight, or near any heat source, as it is highly flammable. An up-to-date COSHH assessment must be available at site.

### **Social Distancing**

- Social distancing must be maintained at all times for staff wherever possible to reduce the risk of the spread of the COVID-19 virus. E.g. movement around school, staffrooms, children in classrooms, office staff, bursar, caretaker, etc

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Due to the size of some corridors within the building, it will sometimes be difficult to keep a distance of 2 metres when passing another employee. In order to reduce this problem and to limit the amount of time employees are in contact with each other, employees should not congregate or have discussions in corridors. Masks are to be worn by staff when moving around school.</li> <li>• Where possible non-contact activities should take place when children are in the activity area(s).</li> <li>• Do not use play equipment / activities that may encourage close contact at frequent intervals. Play equipment must be cleaned thoroughly throughout the day.</li> <li>• Try not to conduct team building type exercises where close proximity is required.</li> <li>• Careful consideration must be given for any employee/pupil requiring a Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEP) to return to work.</li> <li>• In order to avoid the use of shared fridges and taps in staffrooms staff are encouraged to bring in their own food and drink in cool bags. Staff will be advised to use Personal flasks for hot refreshments, again reducing the need to use communal facilities.</li> <li>• The staff room has been assessed and only 3 staff are allowed at any one time. A second room will be available for staff breaks if needed. No more than 3 adults are allowed at any one time. Staff will be given an allocated staff room to use. There will be a kettle in each room for staff to use.</li> <li>• If communal equipment is needed (e.g. fridge, kettle) general cleaning wipes, cloths and screen to be provided in staff room, to allow staff to wipe down touch points (such as fridge door handle) after use. Staff encouraged to wash hands thoroughly after touching communal equipment. The microwave will be available and will need to be cleaned after every use.</li> <li>• No sweets/snacks to be brought into work for sharing between staff.</li> <li>• Use of shared printers/photocopiers to be kept to a minimum. Only one person at a time should be within the printing/photocopying area.</li> <li>• The photocopier is to be wiped down before and after use.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Cleaning and Hygiene</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The frequency of wiping down of high-touch areas will be increased throughout the day. High-touch areas include bathrooms/ toilets (not the toilet bowls), railings, tables/ desks /chairs, toys, equipment, door handles, sinks, light switches, etc. Disposable gloves and disposable aprons will be provided if required. These are to be wiped at breaktime, before and after lunch as a minimum.</li> <li>• Cleaning will take place on the Principle of “Teach Germs a lesson” by using the school cleaning colour coded system.</li> </ul>			
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- Social distancing should be adhered to. If it is not possible then face coverings should be worn.

**Face Coverings**

- All visitors to the school setting should use a face covering. This includes parents and carers when in the school yard dropping off and picking up pupils.
- Parents who are exempt from wearing a face covering will be asked to contact the school. Their child(ren) will be met at the cool gate by member of staff. They will also be taken to the school gate at the end of the day.
- Face coverings should be triple layered and must cover the mouth and nose. When putting coverings on, and while they are on, you should only handle the straps, ties or clips. Do not touch the front of the face covering, or the part of the face covering that has been in contact with your mouth and nose. You should also wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser before and after removing. When not wearing the face covering it should be stored in a sealable plastic bag. Do not give it to someone else to use. You must throw away your face covering if it is damaged. The face covering should be washed as per the manufacturer’s instructions at the highest temperature appropriate for the fabric. If wearing a disposable face covering, this should be disposed of once the member of staff has finished wearing it.
- Face coverings should be worn at all times when moving around the school, both indoors and outdoors.
- Face coverings should be worn in all communal areas.
- Face coverings should be worn when teaching. If pupils need to see a member of staff face then a visor should be worn for this time only and then the face covering replaced.
- If a member of staff is exempt from wearing a face covering they must wear the lanyard to demonstrate this

**Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

- When using PPE hands must be washed both before and after use.
- Staff who will be required to use PPE will be provided with information on how to don and doff it correctly. This poster will be displayed in the main entrance.

**Routine activities**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff are to wear masks when meeting the children at the start of the school day and when dismissing them. Visors are to be worn when teaching as a minimum. Masks can be worn as an added protection.</li> </ul> <p><b>General clean of premises</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disposable gloves and disposable aprons must be worn.</li> </ul> <p><b>Suspected coronavirus (COVID-19)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gloves, aprons and a fluid-resistant surgical mask should be worn if a child or young person becomes unwell with symptoms of COVID-19 and needs direct personal care.</li> <li>• Eye protection should also be worn if a risk assessment determines that there is a risk of splashing to the eyes such as from coughing, spitting, or vomiting.</li> <li>• A Level 2 clean must take place when cleaning the areas where a person suspected of having COVID-19 has been. The risk assessment identifies the PPE required when undertaking this activity as being disposable gloves, disposable apron, FR(IIR)SM and goggles.</li> </ul> <p><b>Intimate care including administering first aid</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changing table- Before using the changing table it will need sterilizing. After using it will need to be cleaned thoroughly. Full PPE must be used throughout.</li> <li>• Gloves and aprons should be used when providing intimate care to a child or young person. This can include personal, hands-on care such as washing, toileting, or first aid and certain clinical procedures such as assisted feeding.</li> <li>• Fluid-resistant surgical mask and eye protection should also be worn if a risk assessment determines that there is a risk of splashing to the eyes such as from coughing, spitting, or vomiting.</li> <li>• Gloves, fluid repellent gown, FFP3 mask and eye protection are indicated when undertaking aerosol generating procedures such as suction.</li> <li>• Gloves and aprons should be used when cleaning equipment or surfaces that might be contaminated with body fluids such as saliva or respiratory secretions.</li> </ul>			
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### Movement around/use of premises

- Children will be in bubbles of not more than 30. Each class will be in a bubble of their own. Children will not be permitted to cross bubbles.
- Staff will be allowed to cross bubbles but this will be kept to a minimum.
- Each bubble will be allocated a break time and area to have this break.
- Lunch will take place in each bubble. Children will be allowed to bring their own packed lunch or can purchase a packed lunch from school.
- Children are not to bring equipment to school from home eg pencil case. School will provide all necessary equipment.
- Where possible only rooms with windows that can be opened will be used. Appropriate doors will be kept open for ventilation if possible
- Staff/pupils to be reminded to follow the one-way systems in place.
- Fans are not to be used.
- The use of Play equipment / toys that require high levels of shared use is to be limited.
- Shared equipment such a trikes / bike or other ride on toys, are wiped down and cleaned at regular intervals at the start / end and throughout the day.
- Activities that require physical contact should not be conducted.
- Gym mats etc. that encourage shared use should not be used.
- Movement around the school will be kept as low as practicable to minimise the risk of cross contamination in the school environment, and eliminate the need for a deep clean between classes.
- The handling of cash should be discouraged.
- Water fountains should not be used.
- Each bubble will have their designated toilet to use. Staff are attached to each bubble will have their designated toilet to use.
- Staff who deliver intervention must do so abiding by the 2 metre guidance.

### Meetings

- Some face to face meetings are re-introduced. They are to take place in the largest classroom ensuring good ventilation and social distancing is in place.
- Avoid non-essential travel around the building e.g. If you need to speak with someone in another part of the building, use the telephone, skype, 'teams' etc. to communicate with them. Staff to leave mobile phones on in order to do this. Staff are to stay in their own bubbles. An allocated member of staff is to deliver the breakfast club provision to the classes.



**Mental Health and Wellbeing**

- Management will promote mental health & wellbeing awareness to staff during the Coronavirus outbreak and will offer whatever support they can to help.
- Health and Wellbeing during COVID-19 information is available via the home screen on the NPTCC intranet, which provides a wide variety of useful tools such as contact information for support services, online stress control classes etc.

**Emergency procedures such as fire, first aid**

- The emergency evacuation procedure has been reviewed and communicate to staff/pupils. Regular fire drills will take place to ensure amended procedure is understood to all parties. Ensure there are sufficient numbers of appropriately trained first aiders available. They should follow the training they have received and use PPE as detailed previously. Only deliver CPR by chest compressions and use a defibrillator (if available) don't do rescue breaths. Practice good hygiene by washing/sanitising hands before and after administering first aid.

**Personal Protective Equipment**



Aprons must be worn



Eye Protection must be worn



Head Protection must be worn



Safety Harness must be worn



Ear Protection must be worn



Safety overalls must be worn



Safety boots must be worn



Respiratory equipment must be worn



Hi Viz clothing must be worn



Protective gloves must be worn



Face Protection must be worn

Other

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**Additional risk information**

In the event of an incident/accident, please contact your nearest first aider.  
 All incidents/accidents must be recorded on NPT's Online Accident Reporting System.  
 Suitable information, instruction and training on how to use, store and maintain Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) correctly to be provided.  
 All staff to have regard for their and others health and safety at all times.

**Please identify how this risk assessment has been communicated**

Team brief / Team meeting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
One to one	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Email	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>

Emergency Procedures	
Contact name:	Penny Argyle
Contact number:	01792 860048
Contact number (out of hours):	07974282982
Hospital:	
Emergency Services:	

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Position:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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Risk assessments must be reviewed as a result of change in working practices / legislation or following an incident / accident									
Reviews	Key		Likelihood of Injury						
Review date :	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Severity</b>		5	5Y	10R	15	20	25
Reviewed by:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Very Unlikely</b> - This will probably never happen/occur</li> <li><b>Unlikely</b> - Do not expect it to happen/recur but it is possible it may do so</li> <li><b>Likely</b> - Might happen or recur occasionally</li> <li><b>Very Likely</b> - Will probably happen/recur, but it is not a persisting issue/circumstance</li> <li><b>Certainty</b> - Will undoubtedly happen/recur, possibly frequently</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Negligible</b> - Minor injuries or discomfort. No medical treatment or measurable physical effects.</li> <li><b>Minor</b> - Injuries or illness requiring on site first aid. Temporary impairment.</li> <li><b>Medical Treatment</b> - Injuries or illness requiring hospital treatment.</li> <li><b>Major</b> - Injury or illness resulting in permanent impairment.</li> <li><b>Fatal</b> - Fatality.</li> </ol>		4	4	8	12	16	20
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