

Kingsley Primary School Covid-19 Risk Assessment

On the 21st of February the Prime Minister set out the next steps regarding the Government's COVID-19 response. We will learn to live with the virus and reduce disruption to children's education. The government's priority is to support schools to deliver face-to-face, high quality education to all pupils. If there is a need for future re-instatement of control measures as advised by the DfE or Public Health England then a review of past measures will be completed.

Directorate: Education		Service area: Whole School		Date of assessment: April 2022	Date of previous assessment: N/A	Review date: Jan 2023 (unless Government guidelines change before this date)
Section: Kingsley Primary School		Work activity: Schools Covid-19 Risk Assessment – Living with Covid-19		Persons involved in assessment:		Number of pages:
No.	HAZARD AREA/ACTIVITY	Person at Risk	SIGNIFICANT RISKS TO HEALTH & SAFETY	Control Measures		RISK OF ACCIDENT/ DANGEROUS OCCORANCE High/Medium/Low
1.	Awareness of Policies and procedures	Staff Pupils Others	Inadequate Information	All staff, parents and Governors are aware of relevant policies and procedures. Information shared through emails, letters to parents, website and school app. The school keeps up to date with advice issued by LA, DfE, NHS, PHE. Staff and parents are aware of the need to tell a member of staff if they or their child feels unwell.		Low
2.	Tracing Close contacts and isolation	Whole School Staff Pupils Visitors contractors	Transmission of infection	Public Health advice for people with Covid-19 and their contacts changed from February 24th 2022. Contacts are no longer required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests and contact tracing has ended. If a child tests positive they should try to stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people for 3 days after they have taken a test. Children who live with someone who has a positive test result should continue to attend as normal. Any staff that have tested positive should try and stay at home for 5 days from the day they took the test. Children with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or mild cough, who are otherwise well can attend school.		Low
3.	Face coverings	Whole School Staff Pupils Visitors Contractors	Transmission of infection	Face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors in the classrooms or communal areas. Staff and pupils should follow wider advice on face coverings for outside of the school setting. Although face coverings are not advised to be worn, the Director of Public Health might advise that face coverings should temporarily be worn in communal areas or classrooms. Face masks are available in school if they are required in the future.		Low

4.	Stepping measures up and down	Whole School Staff / pupils / visitors / contractors	Covid-19 outbreaks	School has contingency plans outlining how school will operate if the need to take extra measures in exceptional circumstances – see Emergency Plan Given the detrimental impact that restrictions on education can have on children and young people, measures should only ever be considered as a last resort, kept to effecting the minimum number of individuals/groups as possible and for the shortest amount of time possible. No decisions will be made without consulting the LA or Public Health to gain further advice.	Low
5.	Hygiene	Whole School Staff Pupils Visitors Contractors	Spread of infection <u>Hand Hygiene</u> <u>Respiratory Hygiene</u> <u>Use of personal protective equipment (PPE)</u>	Frequent and thorough hand cleaning as regular practice. Pupils and staff to regularly clean hands with soap and water. Hand washing facilities are in every classroom. The 'Catch it, bin it, kill it' approach continues to be very important and should be followed in school. The 'e-bug' website contains free resources including materials to encourage good hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene. Most staff in school will not require PPE beyond what they normally need for their role. If a child already has routine intimate care needs that involve the use of PPE, the same PPE should continue to be used. PPE is supplied within school. Additional PPE for COVID-19 is only required in a very limited number of scenarios: • if an individual child, young person or student becomes ill with COVID-19 symptoms and only then if close contact is necessary • when performing aerosol generating procedures (AGPs) Depending on how close you need be to an individual with COVID-19 symptoms you may need the following PPE: • Face masks • disposable gloves • disposable plastic aprons • eye protection (for example, a face visor or goggles) How much PPE you need to wear when caring for someone with symptoms of COVID-19 depends on how much contact you have: • A face mask should be worn if you are in face-to-face contact. • If physical contact is necessary, then gloves, an apron and a face mask should be worn.	Low

				Wear eye protection if there is a risk of fluids entering the eye, for example, from coughing, spitting or vomiting. If the pupils showing symptoms have a wait until they can be collected then they will be taken to a waiting area with good ventilation whilst they are collected from school. Staff will wear appropriate PPE where required.	
6.	Cleaning	Whole School Staff Pupils Visitors Contractors	Spread of infection	School is cleaned daily by HBC cleaning staff and is compliant with all COSHH requirements. An o-zone machine is available to use from HBC if it is needed following a number of positive cases in an area. Adequate cleaning supplies and facilities around school Staff are encouraged to regularly wash/clean hands after using shared equipment such as telephones and photocopiers Regular cleaning of surfaces will reduce the risk of spreading the virus. In the event of an outbreak in an area, extra cleaning will take place.	Low
7.	Ventilation	Staff Pupils Visitors Contractors	Transmission	CO2 monitors are available around school to conduct checks on ventilation to quickly identify if ventilation needs to be improved. If this highlights a need for ventilation then windows can be opened. If levels are consistently over 800ppm and ventilation cannot be improved, then options include reducing the numbers of people in the room, reducing the time spent in the room or temporarily vacating the room. Checks are completed on air conditioning systems in line with requirements. School should balance the need for increased ventilation while maintaining a comfortable temperature.	Low
8.	Testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of Covid-19	Staff Pupils	Spread of Infection	School will follow public Health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of Covid-19. Most Covid-19 specific guidance/requirements for educational settings have now been withdrawn from GOV.UK. From the 1st of April most individuals can no longer access free testing and it is not recommended that children and young people are tested for Covid-19 unless directed to by a health professional. We can now begin to manage the virus like other respiratory infections. If you have symptoms of a respiratory infection, such as COVID-19, and you have a high temperature or do not feel well enough to carry out normal work activities, try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people, until you no longer have a high temperature or until you no longer feel unwell. It is particularly important to avoid close contact with anyone who you know is at higher risk of becoming seriously unwell if they are infected with COVID-19 and other respiratory infections, especially those whose immune system means that they are at higher risk of serious illness, despite vaccination.	Low

9.	Vaccination	Staff Pupils	Infection control	The government recommend that all school staff and eligible pupils take up the offer of a vaccine.	Low
10.	Attendance Vulnerable Children/staff	Staff Pupils	Disruption to Education	Children and young people can continue to attend education settings unless their clinician has advised otherwise. Discussions will be had on an individual basis to assess any risks and put in place any control measures that are required to keep the individual safe so they can access school safely. Most people who were identified as CEV are now well protected after receiving their primary and booster vaccination doses. For most people who were CEV, they are no longer at substantially greater risk than the general population, and you are advised to follow the same guidance as everyone else on staying safe and preventing the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), as well as any further advice you may have received from your doctor. Pregnant women are strongly advised to get vaccinated. If you are pregnant and you develop symptoms of COVID-19, it is important that you contact your GP, midwife or maternity team, or 111. Guidance for pregnancy and COVID-19 can be found on the NHS website. The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) also has a range of information on COVID-19 in pregnancy and vaccination. An expectant mother risk assessment will be completed as normal.	Low
11.	Remote Education	Pupils	Infection Control	If school are advised to re-introduce measures to help control virus transmission remote education will be offered. Where appropriate school will support pupils who are isolating for reasons such as: • Local outbreaks • Advised from public Health Laptops are available for children who do not have access to a computer or laptop at home. Google classrooms is used for children to access work at home. Regular contact is made with a child that is not attending school due to their long term health needs. Individual children who are required to isolate and are well enough to complete work, will get work sent home. This will be assessed on an individual basis taking into account the age of the child requiring work.	Low
12.	Education Recovery	Pupils	Loss of Education	Tutoring is offered before, during and after school hours. Additional interventions and initiatives are planned on a daily basis towards education recovery. Identified children are monitored and progress tracked regularly by leadership team.	Low
13.	Pupil and Staff Wellbeing and Support	Pupils Staff	Anxiety, low attendance in school	Support offered throughout school with an open door policy. Our Outreach Team, trained counsellor and Safeguarding Team are available if pupils or staff need to speak to someone. School works with outside agencies such as Impact and Alliance. Take part in national events such as Mental Health week, Walking Month etc.	Low

				Various information provided around school. Action for Happiness activities displayed in shared areas Better Health at Work award	
14.	School Workforce	Staff Pupils	Staff shortages	Staff follow normal absence procedures if they feel unwell If you have a positive COVID-19 test result, try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days after the day you took your test. School have staff available to cover classes if /when needed. School has worked with various staffing agencies if supply staff is needed.	Low
15.	Educational Visits	Staff Pupils	Spread of virus	School can now take part in educational visits. Individual trip risk assessments are to be completed.	Low
16.	Wraparound Provision and extra- curricular activity	Pupils	Infection Control	Restrictions are no longer needed within Breakfast club and Kidszone. Considerations will be made regarding the staff to pupil ratio in the event of staffing shortages due to Covid 19.	Low