Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School

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Reducing the Risk of COVID-19

Summary

This risk assessment sets out the measure that should be taken to minimise the risk of anyone in school contracting coronavirus in line with the Government's next phase of the COVID-19 response introduced February 2022.

These precautionary measures should be followed by all stakeholders at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School & Nursery.

The following Risk Assessment will be kept under review and updated as necessary to ensure it remains in line with further guidance and updates.

More information can be found on :
https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus
https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england

ISSUE	RISK	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE	WHEN
1. Minimising contact with individuals who are unwell or have symptoms	Failure to remain vigilant and act swiftly in instances of suspected or confirmed cases increases risk of infections occurring in school and the wider community	Pupils, staff and other adults should not come into the school if: ● They have a positive test ● They have more than one coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms (a new continuous cough, a high temperature; loss of or change in their normal sense of taste or smell Following a positive test: ● Isolate for 5 days ● Test on day 5 ● Test on day 6 Following two consecutive negative tests, return to school is permitted. Pupils or staff members developing symptoms i school must be: ● Sent home and advised to follow latest guidance ● Pupils must be sent home with a responsible adult. ● Pupils awaiting pick up should be isolated in a separate, closed room with appropriate ventilation ● Follow social distancing guidelines ● All members of staff supervising pupils waiting to go home should wear PPE and follow social distancing guidelines.	All staff, pupils and visitors	As necessary

		Any member of staff or pupil who has been in close contact with a symptomatic person should not self-isolate unless ● They develop more than one COVID-19 symptom ● They subsequently test positive Everyone should wash hands for 20 seconds after any contact with someone who is unwell. The area around the individual must b cleaned once they have left the building		
2. Appropriate use of face coverings	Failure to follow recommended advice could undermine confidence amongst staff/parents and contribute to the spread of infection	If there is an outbreak ● Face coverings should be worn by all staff and visitors in communal areas or classrooms.	All pupils, staff and visitors	As per Government guidance
3. Clean Hands thoroughly more often than usual	Not following required hand washing routines can contribute to the spread of infection	Ensure soap and hot water in every toilet Hand sanitiser stations are placed around the school Ensure hand washing requirements/opportunities for pupils/students are built into behaviour expectations and daily routines	Site Manager Site Manager All staff	Ongoing
4. Ensure good respiratory hygiene	Follow ‘Catch-it, bin it, kill it’ approach	Provide lidded bins in classrooms and other key locations around the site for disposal of tissues. Ensure a good supply of disposable tissues to	Site Manager	Ongoing

		implement the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach in each classroom and enough to top up regularly Encourage as much natural ventilation into spaces as possible while maintaining comfortable temperatures.		
5. Enhanced cleaning routines	Not establishing and following enhanced cleaning routines can contribute to spread of infection	Agree cleaning routines with cleaning staff	Site Manager/Cleaners	Ongoing
6. Social Distancing	Failure to minimise contacts and mixing of pupils/groups increased transmission in the case of an outbreak	Based on Government guidelines reduction in the mixing of pupils should be considered.	Headteacher/SLT	As necessary
7. Use of PPE	Failure to follow PPE guidance will increase risk of transmission of infection and put individuals at unreasonable risk	Use of PPE ● Where a pupil becomes unwell with COVID-19 symptoms and 2m distance cannot be maintained ● Where a pupil has routine intimate care needs ● Ensure ongoing training in the use of PPE where required	All staff	ongoing
8. Staff and pupils previously considered clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV)	Additional risk due to medical status	● Staff should follow individual risk assessment protocol where appropriate (pregnancy, underlying medical conditions, etc)	All staff	Ongoing

9. Communication with staff	Failure to establish consistent set of principles that are in line with national guidance could lead to challenge from Unions, staff, Pupils and Ofsted	● Schools to follow and implement regular updated Government and PHE guidance https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus	Headteacher	ongoing