Risk Assessment – CO	VID-19 (v3.1)	1_March_2021	Pegasus Primary Academy			
Responsible Person	Harry Paget-Wall Collins (Executive Principal) and Ruth Akrigg (Headteacher)					
Other Persons Involved	Paul Saxton- Facilities Manager, Jane Caffyn – Executive Business Manager, Jane Watret - Chair of Governors					
Guidance Material Considered	<ul> <li>DfE – Schools coronavirus (COVID-19) operational guida</li> <li>DfE - Actions for early years and childcare providers dur</li> <li>DfE - Protective measures for holiday and after-school of the protective measures for holiday and after providers of the protective measures for holiday and after providers of the protective measures for holiday and after protec</li></ul>	ing the coronavirus (COVID-19) out clubs, and other out-of-school setting is social care (14 December) fices and Contact Centres (10 Februalistic the home (16 October) chnology	ary)			

### **Details**

# DFE Coronavirus Helpline 0800 046 8687

Covering staff and pupil H&S for the reopening of schools from 8 March 2021 and for those staff who will continue or need to work from home. The term 'school' is used throughout to refer to schools and early years settings as applicable.

To minimise the risk of infection to all persons, the following system of controls has been applied by the school/setting:

### At all times

- 1) Minimise contact with individuals who are required to self-isolate by ensuring they do not attend school
- 2) Ensure face coverings are used in recommended circumstances
- 3) Ensure everyone is advised to clean their hands thoroughly and more often than usual
- 4) Ensure good respiratory hygiene for everyone by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
- 5) Maintain enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents
- 6) Minimise contact between across the setting/site and maintain social distancing wherever possible
- 7) Keep occupied spaces well ventilated

## In specific circumstances

- 8) Ensure individuals wear the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) where necessary
- Promote and engage in asymptomatic testing, where available

### In response to any infection

- 10) Promote and engage with the NHS Test and Trace process
- 11) Manage and report confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community
- 12) Contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice

#### A close contact is defined as:

- Anyone who lives with someone with COVID-19 symptoms or a positive test result (PCR or LFD)
- Anyone in a support bubble or childcare bubble as if they were part of the same household
- Anyone who has had the following contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 via PCR or LFD test.
  - o face-to-face contact including being coughed on or having a face-to-face conversation within 1 metre skin-to-skin physical contact for any length of time
  - o been within 1 metre for 1 minute or longer without face-to-face contact
  - o been within 2 metres of someone for more than 15 minutes (either as a one-off contact or added up together over 1 day)
  - o travelled in the same vehicle or a plane

The symptoms of COVID-19 are: a new and continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of or change in a person's normal sense of taste or smell

Hazard	Who is at Risk	How Can the Hazards Cause Harm	Control Measures Currently in Place		
Infection Control (people)	Staff, Pupils, Visitors	Staff contracting COVID-19  Pupils contracting COVID-19	<ul> <li>An individual RA is available for those who feel they may be at higher risk from infection</li> <li>Clinically extremely vulnerable staff (CEV) are advised not to attend the workplace</li> <li>Staff who are required to quarantine having recently visited a county outside the common travel area will not come into school</li> <li>Any other staff who are not required in school and who can continue to work from home will do so</li> <li>Staff are either taking part in asymptomatic testing in line with DfE guidance, or for those that have not volunteered, weekly health screening is being carried out.</li> <li>Any staff member with symptoms of COVID-19 is sent home to self-isolate for 10 full days and instructed to undertake a COVID-19 test. Their household members are also required to self-isolate pending the results of this test.</li> <li>Close contact self-isolation of staff and their contacts will continue even when an asymptomatic testing programme is in place.</li> <li>Where the PCR test returns a positive result:         <ul> <li>The staff member self-isolates for 10 full days from the day after onset of symptoms and after that they can return if they feel well enough. They can return if a cough or anosmia persists beyond this time.</li> <li>The staff member must notify the school of the test result immediately</li> <li>Where two or more cases occur within 14 days the school contacts the DfE helpline for advice on any further action required</li> <li>The school will carry out close contact tracing to identify any other staff or pupils who will be required to self-isolate</li> <li>The school will review the case against the Group guidance on COVID-19 and ARMS to establish if it was likely that the infection was contracted as a result of occupational exposure and record it on ARMS if it was.</li> </ul> </li> <li>If the test result is negative the staff member can return to school when they feel well</li></ul>		

Lateral Flow Testing Programme	Staff (inc. volunteers )	Additional measures required to support testing that is carried out	<ul><li>Guid</li><li>Trai</li><li>with</li><li>Log</li></ul>	Year 1 / Year 2 (Enter Field Avenue or Pegasus Road) Year 3 / Year 4 / Year 5 / Year 6 (Enter Field Avenue or Pegasus Road)  testing is carried out in strict adherence to to de') ining – The school has followed the 'How to the Lateral Flow Test.  istics – Staff test on a Sunday and Wednesd	8.40am 8.50am the procedures contained in the "NHS Hotologuide". All staff have been part of the bridday. These report the results to specific en	2.55pm (Exit Pegasus Road)  3.05pm (Exit Pegasus Road)  w to Guide: Lateral Flow Testing" (the 'How to defing informing them of how and what to do
				2by2 (Main gate, Harebell Road)  Nursery (Main gate, Harebell Road)  Reception (Enter-Harebell Road, Exit-Pegasus Road)		Pick Up Socially Distanced  12:00-3:00  12:00-3:00.  3pm (Exit the grounds through Pegasus Road gate)
		Visitors contracting COVID-19	<ul> <li>All visitors to site carefully managed and identification details recorded and held for 21 days to support the Test and Trace process.</li> <li>Details of any specific local procedures are communicated to all visitors before they come to site.</li> <li>Parents are advised to drop children off alone, i.e. not to come with partners or family and not to congregate at the school entrance.</li> <li>Contractors attending while school is operational are notified that the school is operational and their access requirements reviewed on a case by case basis.</li> <li>Central office staff visiting schools are eligible for inclusion in asymptomatic testing but this is not a condition of entry and all normal infection control practices will still be followed.</li> <li>Parents visiting school are requested to make an appointment: prefer contact is virtual teams meeting or phone call.</li> <li>Volunteers can come onto site and are offered flow testing kits. They will participate in the school's track and trace system. Volunteers will work with specific bubbles of children and follow all social distancing and school risk assessment.</li> <li>Parents will follow the one way system at the end of the day. Parents of children in Year 1 to 6 will enter through the Field Avenue gate and leave through the Pegasus Road gate. Parents with children in Reception will enter through the Harebell Road gate and leave through the Pegasus Road gate. Nursery and 2by2 parents will enter and exit following the painted one way system through the main gate on Harebell Road. Information shared with parents on 03.03.21.</li> </ul>			
			up t if th	to 10 days. The symptomatic household me ney do not have any COVID-19 related symp ically extremely vulnerable pupils are advis oils/children who are required to quarantine	mber should arrange a test. If this test restorms.  ed not to attend school at this time (med	atible with COVID-19, they must self-isolate for sult is negative the pupil can return to school ical letter needed to support) the common travel area must not come into

			<ul> <li>isolate and take a PCR Test. Any invalid tests are repeated and in a second invalid the member of staff must take a PCR Test and self-isolate.</li> <li>Results</li> <li>Participants may return to work or class while awaiting their result.</li> <li>Anyone in receipt of a positive LFD test result needs to self-isolate for 10 full days after the test.</li> <li>Those undertaking home tests must report their results to Test and Trace and the school and in the case of a positive result, self-isolate and arrange a PCR confirmation test</li> </ul>
Suspected / confirmed case in school	Staff/ pupils	Potential contamination of surfaces and for person to person spread	<ul> <li>Pupil/staff member sent home and instructed to arrange a COVID-19 test. The school may provide a PCR test kit where doing so may increase the likelihood of a test being completed.</li> <li>Pupils with symptoms are isolated in a dedicated room with an open window. Where this is not possible, they are kept at least 2m away from all other persons. This is the First Aid room in the Café.</li> <li>If a bathroom is required while awaiting collection this will be cleaned and disinfected immediately after use using normal cleaning products.</li> <li>Cleaning and disinfection of the area is carried out in accordance with DfE guidance <u>COVID-19: cleaning of non-healthcare settings</u>.</li> <li>Once the symptomatic pupil has been collected the medical lead will clean down the First Aid room.</li> <li>Symptomatic pupils should either be collected by a family member or walk, cycle or scoot home. Where transport is required the school will have regard to the principles contained in <u>Safe Working in Education Childcare and Children's Social Care Settings</u></li> <li>Any staff member who provided close-contact care (with or without PPE) is only required to self-isolate if the symptomatic person subsequently tests positive, they develop symptoms, they are instructed to do so by Test and Trace or PHE, or they test positive from an LFD test as part of a community or worker programme.</li> <li>PPE, i.e. disposable face masks (type IIR), disposable gloves, disposable aprons and eye protection is supplied for providing care to suspected cases but is only required where 2m separation cannot be maintained.</li> </ul>
Infection Control (practices)	Staff, Pupils, Visitors	Operational practices in place to minimise the risk of the spread of infection	<ul> <li><u>Face Coverings</u></li> <li><u>Early years and Primary</u></li> <li>Face coverings will be worn by staff and adult visitors when moving around corridors, in communal areas and anywhere that social distancing between adults is not possible (subject to any exemptions)</li> <li>If face coverings are visors these will need to have a mask as well.</li> <li>Staff that are needed for positive handling for a pupil being unsafe are to wear face masks and shields to protect themselves from spitting. Risk Assessments in place for those pupils that pose a risk to themselves or others.</li> <li><u>All</u></li> <li>Face coverings are required by law for those &gt;11yrs using public transport. The school supports safe disposal and hand hygiene practices for those arriving with these</li> <li>The school holds a small supply of disposable face coverings</li> <li>Pupils, staff, and visitors are briefed in the safe wearing, removal and storage of face coverings including hand hygiene</li> </ul>

## **Good Hand and Respiratory Hygiene**

- Soap and running water or hand sanitiser is readily available
- Hands are cleaned by all pupils, staff members and visitors, using soap or sanitiser on arrival, after break, when changing rooms, before and after eating, and after using the bathroom.
- Skin friendly cleansing wipes used for those who need assistance in cleaning hands and sanitiser use supervised where necessary
- 'Catch-it, bin-it, kill-it', promoted throughout school.
- The school provides tissues and sufficient bins to support disposal of waste.
- The school considers support for those who may have difficulty or those who spit or use saliva as a sensory stimulant. See above
- Children are to wash their hands on entry to the school before school and after breaks using the outside sinks and before they go home.

## Cleaning

- A cleaning schedule is in place showing increased frequency with a focus on areas used by multiple groups and frequently touched surfaces in line with normal procedures and cleaning risk assessment. No requirement for additional PPE to be worn for routine cleaning.
- Cleaning following confirmed/suspected case carried out in accordance with PHE guidance <u>COVID-19: cleaning of non-healthcare</u> <u>settings</u>
- Where cleaning is contracted out the school maintains a record of what enhanced processes have been implemented.

### **Grouping and Measures Within Classrooms**

#### Early Years

- Normal group sizes in place, but mixing between groups minimised wherever possible
- o No expectation that young children distance within their groups
- Parents and carers are encouraged to limit the number of settings their child attends
- o Focus is on consistent groupings and the robust practising of the other points in the system of controls

## • Primary and Secondary

- Consistent grouping practised as much as possible
- o Mixing between groups is minimised and secondary pupils are encouraged to maintain social distancing within groups
- o Mixing in wider groups for specialist subjects, wraparound care, on transport, or in the case of boarding pupils is managed
- All staff can operate across multiple classes and year groups but will practise social distancing where possible.
- A record is made of group/bubble composition and any close contact that takes place between children and staff in different groups
- o In primaries, staff practise distancing from pupils and staff whenever circumstances allow
- o In secondaries, staff endeavour to remain at the front of the class, 2m away from each other and children
- o Pupils sit side by side and facing forwards where possible.
- o Education and care support for those with complex needs is provided as normal.

## • Wrap-around provision/extra-curricular activities

- Only provided for vulnerable children, young people or,
- Other children, where the provision is:
  - reasonably necessary to enable their parents and carers to work, search for work, undertake education or training, or attend a medical appointment or address a medical need, or attend a support group
  - being used by electively home educating parents as part of their existing arrangements for their child to receive a suitable full-time education
  - being used as part of their efforts to obtain a regulated qualification, meet the entry requirements for an education institution, or to undertake exams and assessments
- O Children are kept in the same groups as during the normal day. If this is not possible groups are limited to 15 and efforts are mare to keep these groups consistent at each session
- As part of the support for catch-up, pupils are placed in interventions this can be across classes but will be suitable distanced, facing forwards and not sharing equipment.
- Reception Class is one bubble to support pupil needs and learning environment and forest school.

### Measures Elsewhere

- Groups are kept apart where possible. Assemblies/worship are held one group at a time.
- Timetabling reviewed to keep groups apart and minimise movement around the site as much as possible.
- Break and lunch are staggered whenever possible to minimise mixing of groups with dining hall surfaces cleaned between groups.
- Staff spaces are reviewed against the guidance on <u>Office and Contact Centres</u> to support distancing and hygiene
- Staff room use is minimised except where social distancing and enhanced cleaning can be reliably practised.
- Assemblies are to remain virtual: review Summer Term.

### Other Considerations

- Specific assessments are carried out for those with SEND needs to help with adjustments as necessary
- Supply/peripatetic teachers can move between schools but will minimise contact and socially distance as much as possible.
- Specialist staff e.g. therapists work as normal.
- Parents are informed of the processes in place for drop-off and collection, including discouraging gathering at the school gates
- Dual registered children can attend, but the two settings will liaise to agree controls.
- Equipment:
  - o Personal items, e.g. pens and pencils will remain individual and be cleaned between users where this isn't possible
  - o Classroom resources are used freely within the bubble/group, but are subject to regular cleaning
  - Resources shared between groups are cleaned frequently, i.e. always before being used by another group, or quarantined for 48 hours between use (72 hours for plastic items).
  - o Outdoor play equipment is cleaned more frequently
  - o Pupils are advised to limit the amount of equipment they bring to school
  - o Resources can be taken home by pupils and staff and are subject to the same rules re cleaning and rotation as above.

## Early years:

- Messy play is carried out either with materials assigned to individual groups or, with materials cleaned or replaced between groups. Hand hygiene is robustly practised in all groups.
- Parents can settle their children but need to abide by any local rules re face-coverings and the setting's visitor procedures. Their time on site and contact with others should be limited.
- o Supervised toothbrushing is carried out using the dry-brush method.
- o Subject Specific risk assessment are in place for Forest School, Music & Physical Education please see website.

			Dedicated school transport  Consistent grouping applied where possible  No one with symptoms or a close contact is to travel  Social distancing practised as far as possible  Children sit within their groups/bubbles as far as possible  Ventilation of fresh air maximised  Hands cleaned before boarding and again on disembarking  School vehicles cleaned more frequently  Those over 11 years old must wear face coverings
			Public Transport  Steps are taken to depress demand at peak times (Stagger start/finish times)  Walking, cycling, scooting to and from school are all promoted  Face coverings are required by law on public transport for all over 11 years old.
Infection Control (premises)	Staff, Pupils, Visitors	Changes to or introduction of physical control measure to minimise the risk of the spread of infection	<ul> <li>Any unnecessary furniture removed to aid distancing between groups</li> <li>Demarcation of playground spaces, classrooms and offices where social distancing controls are difficult to manage</li> <li>Room capacities considered to ensure spaces cannot become suddenly overloaded by persons from different groups e.g. print rooms, lifts</li> <li>The whole school is kept well ventilated insofar as the ventilation systems allow and whilst maintaining a suitable teaching and working environment. Mechanical ventilation systems are set to 'fresh air' mode where possible. Single room systems continue to operate as normal</li> </ul>

	Dollar		<ul> <li>Windows are opened where possible, where temperature allows it, and where doing so does not create undue risks. Where no mechanical ventilation is provided, windows are fully opened at least at every break time to vent the room</li> <li>Non-fire doors are propped open to support ventilation and to remove need for hand contact</li> </ul>
Delivery of 'higher risk' subjects	lessor scient Dram requi staff close there incres	ons such as nce, D&T, ma and PE uire pupils and f to work in e proximity easing the risk offection	<ul> <li>Subject leads continually review their departmental risk assessments against sector specific guidance for the planned activities and update these accordingly.         <ul> <li>CLEAPSS guidance referred to in planning science, D&amp;T and Art</li> <li>AfPE and national governing body guidance referred to in planning physical activities</li> <li>Music Mark and DCMS Performing Arts guidance referred to in planning music, dance and drama</li> </ul> </li> <li>Music and Drama         <ul> <li>Consistent groupings are maintained wherever possible</li> <li>Singing and wind instrument playing takes place in in larger rooms with players, singers, and any other persons 2m apart, and with ventilation maximised. Where possible outdoors if the weather permits.</li> <li>Choirs and ensembles will only take place where social distancing and high levels of natural airflow can be maintained</li> <li>Wind players positioned so that air is not blown into another player</li> <li>Backing tracks/accompanying music operated with volume levels as low as possible.</li> <li>Microphones used where possible and amplification is required; if shared they are cleaned between each user</li> <li>Performances with an audience to not take place at this time.</li> <li>Robust handwashing practised, before and after handling equipment/instruments</li> <li>Any shared equipment is cleaned regularly and always between users</li> </ul> </li> <li>Physical Activity         <ul> <li>Consistent groupings maintained</li> <li>Equipment thoroughly cleaned between groups</li> <li>Outdoor lessons prioritised where possible. Indoor spaces have natural ventilation maximised</li> <li>Use of external facilities is risk assessed on a case-by-case basis</li> <li>Team sports only carried out where NGB has published guidance on ho</li></ul></li></ul>

			Educational Visits			
			Early Years – Trips to outdoor spaces for the purposes of exercise are manged in line with the principles contained in the sector specific guidance			
			Primary– Trips will not take place at this time.			
			Parent and Child Groups			
			Will take place with a limit of up to 15 participants and are individually risk assessed with the system of controls rigorously applied			
Anxiety, stress and worry	Staff, pupils (parents indirectly)	Those coming to work or school may be anxious, worried our stressed	<ul> <li>The workforce and any Union reps have been involved in the development of this risk assessment and associated control measures</li> <li>This risk assessment and its findings have been shared with staff and published on the school website.</li> <li>Staff have access to Group's occupational health and counselling service</li> </ul>			
Intimate Care/Higher Dependency Pupils	Staff, Pupils	Intimate care brings people within close proximity of each other thereby increasing the risk of infection	<ul> <li>Staff providing intimate care to use PPE as they would do normally for providing care in line with children's needs</li> <li>No specific PPE is required unless the child in question is symptomatic (see Suspected/confirmed case in school section).</li> </ul>			
Failure to follow local rules	Staff, Pupil, Visitors	Persons fail to follow local rules due to lack of awareness or persons who violate local rules	<ul> <li>Risk assessment developed in collaboration with staff and Union reps and shared with all parties</li> <li>All staff reminded of their duty to follow these control measures and to support staff or pupils who may fail to follow these in a constructive manner</li> <li>Transgressions will be escalated through existing behaviour/disciplinary arrangements</li> </ul>			
The school lapses in following national/ group guidelines and advice	Staff, Pupil, Visitors	Lack of awareness leads to failure to follow required controls	<ul> <li>Central office to ensure that Coronavirus pages on the Hub are kept updated</li> <li>Important updates/changes included in CEO's Heads Bulletins</li> <li>Regular key guidance updates issued by Group H&amp;S Manager</li> <li>Headteacher to ensure that all relevant guidance is followed and communicated to staff</li> <li>Senior Leaders keep themselves up-to-date with advice issued by, but not limited to, DfE, NHS, Department of Health and Social Care and PHE, and review this risk assessment accordingly</li> <li>The LGB is kept informed on changes in guidance and school approach</li> </ul>			

Other Risk Assessments	Staff, Pupils	Other risk assessment that aren't updated and therefore become invalid	<ul> <li>Extra-curricular provision/wraparound care is carried out line with the principles outlined in this risk assessment</li> <li>Fire safety procedures have been amended to support COVID-19 infection control arrangements</li> <li>Staff training schedule monitored and any slippage identified and managed</li> </ul> DSE
Temporary Home Workers	Staff	from home having DSE issues, accidents or suffering wellbeing or stress issues	<ul> <li>Staff are allowed to take home peripherals and chairs from office</li> <li>Guidance on setting up a suitable workstation provided on HSE website</li> <li>Additional equipment needs are reviewed on a case-by-case basis</li> <li>First Aid/Accidents</li> <li>Any accidents to be logged onto ARMS and line manager to be notified</li> <li>Wellbeing/Stress</li> <li>Guidance on wellbeing provided on Hub coronavirus pages – dedicated wellbeing section</li> <li>Managers to maintain regular contact with their employees, preferably by video link.</li> </ul>

Details of any additional control measures for consideration	Target for completion	Date of completion	Completed By
Playground Spraying and new drop off and collection times to be released	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March		Ruth Akrigg

Assessment completed by: Harry Paget Wall Collins / Ruth	rigg Date:	1_3_21 Date of next review:	31_3_21
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