



Stormont School

Risk Assessment for Covid-19 Security and Covid-19 Self-testing

Revised: 22 November 2021

1. Context. This review (dated 22 November 2021) continues to take account of the latest advice from Director of Public Health, Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) in his letter to schools and parents dated 3 November 2021, and the Risk Assessment Checklist for Local Authorities published [here](#). Changes to the last review dated 5 November 2021 are highlighted in yellow.

2. General Principles

Area of Risk	Measures
Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All pupils are expected to attend school. • For girls who are self-isolating as a result of a confirmed case of COVID-19 the priority is for them to rest and recover. • We are only able to offer remote learning where the majority of a class are self-isolating and then only if the girls are well enough to engage with that learning. As an alternative worksheets may be sent home at the discretion of the class teacher.
Health and Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In line with the most recent advice from HCC Face coverings will be worn by staff when inside school buildings and at collection and drop-off. • Visitors to the School (including parents) will be required to complete a self-declaration form on arrival and wear face coverings inside to protect staff and pupils. • Social distancing measures are removed but staff are requested to take sensible precautions and to respect social distancing measures with colleagues.
Suspected case of COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff and pupils may not come to school if they are presenting any of the symptoms associated with Coronavirus (a new continuous cough, high temperature, loss of smell or taste); they should remain at home and undertake a later flow test and/or PCR test. • The School will follow the latest Government Guidance to isolate the individual, supervise until collection and clean areas after use.
Confirmed case of COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The School will follow the latest Government guidance following a confirmed case. In addition, the School will report to HCC Public Health authorities when outbreak criteria have been met. • Public Health England (PHE) and NHS track and trace will deal with positive cases.
Personal Hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff encouraged to maintain their twice weekly lateral flow testing at home prior to coming into school. • Staff and pupils encouraged to sanitise on a regular basis when in school.

School Hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced cleaning regime and the cleaning of touch points at the start of the school day and periodically throughout the day will continue. Hand sanitisers will continue to be replenished around the School. Classrooms and other inside space should remain ventilated as far as possible commensurate with the weather. Where applicable, sensible precautions relating to the sharing of equipment and utensils to be applied to equipment subject to separate regulations.
External Factors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular liaison with staff and parents where there is a suspected/confirmed case of COVID-19 within the household. Parents are requested to notify the School Office via email to admin@stormontschool.org where they have a suspected/confirmed case of COVID-19 in the family setting. Details are to include type and date of test/result. Regular monitoring of local schools and advice from Hertfordshire Education Services Helpline.

3. Prevention Measures

Prevention	Control Measures in Place	Further Action Required
Minimising contact with individuals who are unwell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring that staff, pupils, parents and visitors do not come into school if they have COVID-19 symptoms, or are within their isolation period, and ensuring anyone developing those symptoms during the school day is sent home. Ensure there is a procedure in place for a suspected case of COVID-19 within school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reminder to staff Letter to parents Notice to visitors
Cleaning hands more thoroughly than normal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean hands thoroughly more often. Ensure hand sanitisers are regularly checked and replenished. Pupils and staff should remember to wash their hands/sanitise on arrival and frequently during the day. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reminder to staff Reminder to pupils Set time in the school day for younger pupils Ensure hand washing/sanitisation supplies are stocked
Ensuring good respiratory hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach. Ensure good ventilation in classrooms and offices. Pupils and staff are reminded to avoid touching their nose, mouth and eyes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reminder to staff Reminder to pupils Ask staff and pupils to provide their own mini pack of tissues

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Enhanced cleaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces using wherever possible products with high anti-bacterial properties. Cleaning Principles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Touch points first thing in the morning and then periodically throughout the day All classrooms will be cleaned once per day All toilets and washrooms will be cleaned at least twice per day. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor and review requirement for more frequent/deep clean of classroom where there is a suspected case of COVID-19 detected in school.
Minimising contact between individuals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anyone who has helped someone with symptoms and any pupils who have been in close contact with them do not need to go home to self-isolate unless they develop symptoms themselves (in which case, they should arrange a test) however additional hygiene measures should be taken to mitigate the risk of spread. However, if a school or setting is currently in an outbreak situation, sibling isolation is required until the end of the latest isolation period if one or both siblings test PCR positive or earlier if both children test PCR negative. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lateral Flow Test Enhanced cleaning Monitoring health of self and pupils

4. Minimising Contact and Maintaining Social Distancing

Area of Risk	Approach
Large gatherings of staff, pupils and/or parents in enclosed spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will continue to monitor and review planned events on a case by case basis. Minimise numbers and avoid over-crowding in small spaces. Ensure room is well ventilated. Ensure face coverings are worn, especially for parents/visitors. Choose alternate (larger) indoor or external venue if possible.
No social distance between staff and pupils not wearing a face covering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respect minimum distances and maximise use of space available. Avoid close contact where possible, especially when not wearing a face covering
Transfer of virus through touch (handshake, hug and contact points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular cleaning of hands and use of hand sanitiser Avoid handshakes and hugs Thorough and regular cleaning of contact points

5. Lateral Flow Testing

Area of Risk	Associated Risks	Control Measures in Place	Additional Control Measures?
Self-testing not conducted in accordance with guidelines and supervised where required.	Inaccurate result. Possible asymptomatic staff or pupil attends school.	Reminder to staff and parents to conduct tests in accordance with instructions.	No
Positive results not reported.	Asymptomatic staff or pupil attends school and risks spreading virus.	Encourage staff and pupils to report via school communications and assemblies and form tutors.	No
Detailed results no longer reported, collated and recorded by the school.	No check to confirm whether staff or pupil should not be on site.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reporting tool in place. • School recording cases where known • DfE Daily Return for the time being 	No

6. Response to a Suspected Case

Anyone who displays symptoms of COVID-19 must get a PCR test without delay. Tests can be done with the Home Test Kit or booked online through the NHS testing and tracing for coronavirus website or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet.

If someone tests negative, if they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to COVID-19, they can stop self-isolating. They could still have another virus, such as a cold or flu – in which case it is still best to avoid contact with other people until they are better.

If someone tests positive, they should follow the <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

7. Response to a Confirmed Case

Parents and staff are required to contact the School and confirm the test result and any advice they may already have been given by NHS Test and Trace. The School will engage with Hertfordshire local advice and services helpline by contacting COVID.EYSEducation@hertfordshire.gov.uk

8. Managing a Confirmed Case of COVID-19 in the School Community

The School will monitor the number of positive cases and seek to break chains of infection by whatever means possible, but we will always do this in the context of maximising high quality, face-to-face education. We will be guided by government advice found in the “Contingency Framework: education and childcare setting”

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1011704/20210817_Contingency_Framework_FIN_AL.pdf

If we have a number of confirmed cases, or an overall rise in sickness absence where COVID-19 is suspected, we may have an outbreak, and will work with the local health protection team who will be able to advise on the additional action is required. In some cases, health protection teams may recommend that a larger number of other pupils self-isolate at home as a precautionary measure.

Review

This Risk Assessment summarises and replaces earlier more detailed risk assessments published 22 May 2020 to 6 July 2021. It will be reviewed every two weeks and updated as necessary.

Assessor(s) Name	Signature	Date
S B Wilson Interim Bursar or L A Martin Headteacher		14 September 2021
S B Wilson Interim Bursar or L A Martin Headteacher		28 September 2021
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