



Stormont School

Risk Assessment for Covid-19 Security and Covid-19 Positive Test Results

Revised: 27 June 2022

1. **Context.** This review (dated 27 June 2022) takes account of most recent Government advice from the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA): "Living safely with COVID-19" dated 1st April 2022 which can be found [here](#) .

2. **Review.** The Risk Assessment will be reviewed periodically (at least once per term) or earlier as the need arises.

3. General Principles

Area of Risk	Measures
Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All pupils are expected to attend school unless they feel unwell, including symptoms other than Covid. • For girls who are absent from school because they are unwell the priority is for them to rest and recover. As a result, we will no longer intend to offer remote learning.
Health and Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For those over the age of 18 the measures below will help to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory infections and protect those at highest risk. Things you can choose to do are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get vaccinated. • Let fresh air in if meeting others indoors. • Practice good hygiene (see below). • Wear a face covering or a face mask. • In line with the most recent advice from HCC Face coverings are no longer required in schools, however staff and visitors are free to continue to use them if they wish. • Social distancing measures are also no longer in force. Staff and visitors are requested to take sensible precautions and to respect social distancing measures with colleagues, especially in unventilated rooms indoors.
Symptoms of respiratory infections, including COVID-19	<p>Symptoms of COVID-19, flu and common respiratory infections include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • continuous cough • high temperature, fever or chills • loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell • shortness of breath • unexplained tiredness, lack of energy • muscle aches or pains that are not due to exercise • not wanting to eat or not feeling hungry

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • headache that is unusual or longer lasting than usual • sore throat, stuffy or runny nose • diarrhoea, feeling sick or being sick <p>If you are feeling unwell with these symptoms you should get plenty of rest and drink water to keep hydrated.</p> <p>In some cases, you might continue to have a cough or feel tired after your other symptoms have improved, but this does not mean that you are still infectious.</p>
Confirmed case of COVID-19	<p><u>Pupils</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test, if they can. • Parents are requested to inform the School Office. • After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, they may return to school as the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults. • Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend school as normal. <p><u>Staff</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you have a positive COVID-19 test result, you should stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days after the day you took your test. You can pass on the infection to others, even if you have no symptoms. • If you believe you are unable to work from home during any of this period you should contact the Headteacher/Bursar to discuss your options and ways to mitigate risk. • At the end of this period, if you have a high temperature or feel unwell, continue to follow this advice until you feel well enough to resume normal activities and you no longer have a high temperature if you had one. • Although you may no longer be infectious to others after 5 days, some people may be infectious to other people for up to 10 days from the start of their infection. <u>Avoid meeting people at higher risk of becoming seriously unwell from COVID-19, especially those whose immune system means that they are at higher risk of serious illness from COVID-19, despite vaccination, for 10 days after the day you took your test.</u> • If a member of your household or someone you have had overnight contact with has had a positive COVID-19 test result within the last 10 days you should continue to come to school but as you are at risk of passing the infection to others, even if you do not have symptoms, you should reduce the risk to others by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoiding close contact with others as far as practicable;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear a well-fitting face covering; and • Wash your hands frequently with soap and water and/or use a hand sanitiser. <p><u>Parents and Visitors</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents and visitors will be asked to remain away from School premises if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are feeling unwell or are showing any of the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 or other respiratory infection (see above); • They have had a positive COVID-19 test within the last 10 days; or • They have had close contact • The School will continue to follow the latest Government guidance.
Personal Hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff and pupils are encouraged to sanitise on a regular basis when in school. • Wash hands regularly • Cover your coughs and sneezes (catch it, bin it, kill it)

School Hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleaning of touch points will continue but had been reduced to once per week. • 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.

4. 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"> • Cleaning frequently touched surfaces using wherever possible products with high anti-bacterial properties. • Cleaning Principles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Touch points in the morning each week. ○ 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lateral Flow Test where available • Enhanced cleaning • Monitoring health of self and pupils

5. 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. • Choose alternate (larger) indoor or external venue if possible.
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

6. Response to a Confirmed Case

Parents and staff are requested to contact the School to confirm a positive test result. The School will continue to monitor cases in staff and pupils on an informal basis to help manage the risk to others.

Review

This Risk Assessment replaces earlier risk assessments. It will be reviewed and updated on an as required basis, and in any event at least once per term.

Assessor(s) Name	Signature	Date
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