



Acorn Park COVID Risk Assessment

COVID 19 Risk Assessment	Assessment Details	
<p>The site is working to and following the guidance regarding COVID 19. We have a stringent set of health and safety measures that we must meet as part of our Risk Assessment.</p> <p>We want to reassure you that your child's and our staff's safety are of paramount importance.</p> <p>This is a 'living document' that will be updated as government and public health advice changes. We will monitor the controls we have in place and regular site assessments will continue, to enable us to assess the controls we have in place, update and amend risk ratings accordingly.</p>	Assessor name	Peter Marshall
	Name(s) of those assisting	Philippa Whipp, Selina Wightman, Vanessa Goddard, William Duggan
	Assessment date	06.01.2022
	Date to be Reviewed:	Ongoing

Risk Rating Guide

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Hazards	Who is affected (R)Resident (OP)Other Peers (S)Staff (V) visitors/public	Risk Rating before control measures (CxL=)	Control Measures General Proactive Early Intervention Reactive	Risk Rating after control measures (CxL=)
<p>Cross Contamination- Measures to reduce the risk of cross contamination as far as is reasonably practicable.</p>	<p>Residents Staff Pupils Visitors Contractors Public</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>The guidance remains that children and staff should not come onto site if they or any member of their household has COVID symptoms.</p> <p>Temporary suspension of confirmatory PCR tests in education and childcare settings Confirmatory PCR testing following a positive result on a lateral flow device (LFD) will be temporarily suspended from today, Tuesday 11 January. This means that for all education and childcare settings, staff and students who have tested (either at home or through ATS) and reported a positive LFD result will no longer be advised to get a confirmatory PCR test.</p> <p>This change is informed by public health advice. With high COVID-19 rates, the risk of a positive LFD result being false is very small. We therefore don't need to ask people to do a confirmatory PCR unless they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have symptoms (in which case they need to follow the stay at home guidance, self-isolate and order a PCR test) • wish to claim the Test and Trace Support Payment • have been advised to take a PCR test because they are in a clinically vulnerable group • have been advised to do so as part of a research or surveillance programme <p>Education and childcare settings are not expected to trace contacts of a positive case as this will remain the responsibility of NHS Test and Trace. From today, Tuesday 11 January, contact tracing is triggered once a positive LFD test is reported.</p> <p>Students should be strongly encouraged to test twice weekly at home and to report all results to NHS Test and Trace and to their setting. Anyone with a positive LFD test result should self-isolate and follow self-isolation guidance. Information on the new arrangements can be found in the stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection.</p>	<p>9</p>



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		<p>Information on the changes to the self-isolation period for individuals who test positive for COVID-19</p> <p>Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason.</p> <p>Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education setting from day 8.</p> <p>Health and social care workers, including those working in education settings, should follow guidance for their sector on taking LFD tests on day 8, 9 and 10. For more information, visit COVID-19: management of staff and exposed patients or residents in health and social care settings.</p> <p>Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation. Further information is available in the stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection.</p> <p>Daily testing for close contacts of COVID-19</p> <p>People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.</p> <p>Children under 5 are not being advised to take part in daily testing of close contacts. If a child under 5 is a contact of a confirmed case, they are not required to self-isolate and should not start daily testing. If they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 they should limit their contact with anyone who is at higher risk of severe illness if infected with COVID-19, and arrange to take a PCR test as soon as possible. They can continue to attend an education or childcare setting while waiting for the PCR result. If the test is positive, they</p>	
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		<p>should follow the stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection.</p> <p>All staff and Pupils with consent to test will have an allocated LFT supply of test kits to be used in term-time and during school holidays.</p> <p>Close contacts will now be identified via NHS Test and Trace and education settings will no longer be expected to undertake contact tracing.</p> <p>From 14th December 2021, Fully vaccinated contacts of someone with COVID-19 should take rapid lateral flow tests every day for 7 days. If you test positive or develop symptoms, you need to self-isolate for 10 days. People aged 30 or over can pre-book a booster dose appointment 2 months after their second dose. Book your booster vaccination appointment or find a walk-in vaccination site.</p> <p>People aged 18 or over will be able to pre-book a booster dose appointment 2 months after their second dose. You can get your booster dose 3 months after your second dose.</p> <p>You'll need to show your NHS COVID Pass at nightclubs, some venues and large events to show you're fully vaccinated, have had a negative test result in the last 48 hours, or you have an exemption.</p> <p>Working from Home advice does not apply to Acorn Park School Employees.</p> <p>FACE MASKS AND FACE COVERINGS</p> <p>Acorn park School pupils meet the criteria for exemption.</p> <p>The government has directed that you must wear a face covering in most indoor public places, at large venues and events, and on public transport. This includes communal area across the school site especially in Reception. Face Masks SHOULD be worn in enclosed and crowded spaces, corridors, offices and public areas where you may come into contact with people you don't normally meet. From 04 January 2022 all meeting are to be held via Teams until 31 January 2021. Further direction will be given on a regular basis however if meetings are held in person, for whatever reason, then face masks should be worn. Staff are</p>	
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			<p>to wear a face mask when social distancing can't be maintained - i.e. in corridors and dining rooms etc.</p> <p>Continue to wear a face covering on public transport and dedicated transport to school or college. Signage reinforces the requirement in reception, corridors and other areas where social distancing cannot be maintained. All staff and young people will be reminded regularly that they may also choose to wear a facemask at all times if they wish to do so.</p> <p>The emphasis on ventilation is much stronger, consideration should be given to all environments applying common sense considering potential inclement weather conditions. Visitors will need to be 'essential only'.</p> <p>A new clean mask must be worn each day, when disposing of used face masks clinical waste bins are no longer required, utilising domestic waste disposal is acceptable. Resources are to be bagged prior to disposal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All staff must continue to complete twice weekly lateral flow testing, and ensure results are reported as per guidance.• If someone becomes symptomatic whilst on site they should notify their line manager and email aps-slt@acorncare.co.uk The Head of Provision will then arrange parental/ legal guardian contact or advise staff to leave site.• The individual should leave site, or if awaiting collection education staff or pupils should wait in the Treatment room in the Carly building (here they are at least 2 metres away from other people, isolated behind a shut door, with a separate entrance/exit door to the building, and a separate toilet/sink). Open the door for ventilation. The symptomatic person should avoid touching people, surfaces and objects and be advised to cover their mouth and nose with a disposable tissue when they cough or sneeze and put the tissue in the bin. If no bin is available, put the tissue in a bag or pocket for disposing in a bin later. If you don't have any tissues available, they should cough and sneeze into the crook of their elbow. Residential staff and young people should remain within their home in a well-ventilated room as above.• Staff must ensure that PPE is worn. PPE packs are available in each of the COSHH cupboards/ Sluice rooms and the nurse's treatment room.	
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Cross Contamination- Hygiene Measures to reduce risk as far as is reasonably practicable.		12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff must ensure robust hand and respiratory hygiene- We promote the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.• All will be asked to wash their hands/use hand sanitiser immediately on arrival to site. <p>Sanitiser stations are available at the entrance of site, all education buildings, Oaktree and Woodlands.</p> <p>Bottles of hand sanitiser are also available in each room.</p>	8



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Cross Contamination- Measures in the classroom to reduce risk as far as is reasonably practicable.		12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hand sanitiser is allocated to each class. Disinfectant wipes are located in each classroom to ensure a regime of cleaning high touch point areas continuously. Staff have been issued with an individual bottle of hand sanitiser to carry upon their person.• Pupils to have their own labelled resources. Pupils to store these resources in their tray or at their workstation.• Each pupil has an individual desk or workstation in class.• Pupils will sit within class groups whenever possible. When accessing optional subjects, Teachers should consider seating carefully to maintain social distancing between pupils who are not in the same class group• Pupils will come in using external doors wherever possible, to limit congestion in corridors.• Practical equipment needs to be deep cleaned between uses.• Toys and equipment that are difficult to or cannot be cleaned such as beanbags, playdoh and other soft items removed from the classroom and stored securely.• Staff to utilise the email system rather than a home schoolbook. Where books are utilised teachers are to wash hands and surfaces before, during and after pupil books are handled.• Staff and young people are asked not to bring items in from home to limit cross contamination.• All spaces should be well ventilated, windows opened.	6



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			A CO2 monitor will be used once supplied by the government to ensure that classrooms, corridors and then all other spaces have adequate ventilation. Where CO2 levels fall below recommended levels, remedial works will be scheduled to improve airflow and this risk assessment will be updated accordingly. The CO2 monitor is anticipated in November 2021.	
Cross Contamination- Measures in the homes to reduce risk as far as is reasonably practicable.		12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand sanitiser is allocated to each home. Disinfectant wipes are located in each home to ensure a regime of cleaning high touch point areas continuously. • An ongoing regime of deep cleaning by the residential staff. • Staff have been issued with an individual bottle of hand sanitiser to carry upon their person. • Residents to have their own resources. • Support workers are not to sit directly next to young people. If necessary it is safer to sit side by side than in front. • Practical equipment needs to be deep cleaned between uses. • Toys and equipment that are difficult to or cannot be cleaned to be removed and stored securely. • All spaces should be well ventilated, windows opened. 	6
Cross Contamination- reduce contacts and maximise distancing wherever possible and minimise potential for contamination so far as is reasonably practicable- social distancing		15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The site will be classed as one bubble. Children's residential, Education Facilities, Administration, Therapy, and Nursing teams will all be classed as one site bubble. • There may be several staff and pupils who always need to take extra precautions, and we have a social distance lanyard and badge for this purpose. • On entrance into the reception building there is an automatic hand sanitiser for all to use, we have a one way system operating, entrance through the double doors, floor signage is in place for the one way system and social distancing rules apply. • Doors can be propped open where it is safe to do so (bearing in mind fire safety and safeguarding) to aid ventilation and limit people touching the handles. These must be closed when exiting the classroom. 	8



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		15	Classes will close if staffing levels are affected and if it is no longer safe to complete education on site. Classes will move to virtual education. Separate	2



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			<p>details will be sent out from the Head of School to parents and home managers of children residing on site with further information when this occurs. This enables us to ensure that we are not using daily supply agency, and increasing the risk of cross contamination.</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/guidance/safeguarding-and-remote-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19?utm_source=remote_education</p> <p>https://get-help-with-remote-education.education.gov.uk/send</p>	
Cross Contamination- The use of shared spaces and minimise potential for contamination so far as is reasonably practicable		12	<p>Shared classroom spaces will be utilised- for example Art, Science, Library, ICT. Each area will be wiped down by staff at the end of their allocated time ready for the next class. This enables us to meet operational needs and educational aims.</p>	6
Large numbers of young people accessing the refectory and play equipment at once, measure we will put into place to reduce risk as far as is reasonably practicable.	Pupils and staff.	12	<p>Classes will be staggered for break and lunchtimes-</p> <p><u>Breakfast Club</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those pupils accessing the breakfast provision, from 8.50am to 9.15am will go straight from their taxi transport into the refectory. Place their coats on the coat hooks outside the refectory, remove any masks and wash/ sanitise their hands thoroughly. • Any lunchboxes should be placed on the lunchbox trolley. These will then be sanitised and stored ready for access over the lunchtime period. • Same precautions will be taken as with our lunchtime provision- no sharing of cutlery, separate carton/ bottled drinks provided to each pupil. <p><u>Lunchtimes</u></p> <p>Lower 1200 – 1225hrs Downstairs Refectory Upper 1230 – 1300hrs Upstairs Refectory</p> <p>Staff should supervise pupils at all times.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocated sessions for each class to ensure controlled access the play equipment. • The play areas will be monitored by the FAPS team. • Staff to ensure that pupils are limited and well-spaced whilst waiting to use equipment. DO NOT use the equipment if this cannot be maintained. 	8



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<p>Spread of infection on play equipment- measures to reduce risk</p>	<p>All site.</p>	<p>12</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular hand washing promoted. • Staff to utilise the individual bottles of hand sanitiser provided- young people to use before getting onto equipment, and again once they come off the equipment. • Staff to remind young people not to touch their face and to cough and sneeze into a tissue or arm. Staff to ensure the equipment is not licked. • No consumption of food or drink on play equipment or in the playground area. • Pupils using play equipment will be encouraged to sanitise their hands after use. Parents/ legal guardians can choose to opt their child out of outdoor play equipment use. 	<p>6</p>
<p>Enhanced cleaning to reduce the risk as far as is reasonably practicable.</p>		<p>12</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings • We have introduced enhanced cleaning across site. • Individual hand sanitisers have been supplied to each member of staff, these are to be refilled once empty. • Each classroom/ office has a hand sanitiser for use. • Each classroom is provided with disinfectant wipes to ensure an ongoing regime of cleaning surfaces, desks, doors, light switches and door handles. Staff will also be responsible to ensure their phones, keyboards and monitors are kept clean. • Reception staff have been provided with disinfectant wipes to ensure that doors, desks, screens are wiped between visitors and high touch points are cleaned continuously throughout the day. • Staff to ensure that photocopiers are wiped down after use. • Regular deep cleaning of the site- Our on-site housekeeping team will continue to work hard to ensure all areas are clean, disinfected and safe for all. They are following the government guidance on cleaning, usage of PPE, and disposal of rubbish. They will continue to concentrate on- Classrooms-Desks, door handles, cupboards, frequently touched surfaces, grab-rails in corridors/ on stairs, toilet seats, doors, sinks and 	<p>6</p>



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			<p>taps, light switches, plug sockets, dispensers, phones, touch screens, water coolers, conference rooms, and training rooms.</p> <p>Staff are responsible to ensure that their desks, keyboards and mice are kept clean.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Housekeeping Team to wear disposable gloves and aprons for cleaning.• All disposable cloths, PPE must be double bagged into a Black bin bag and tied.• Contaminated waste must be brought down to the bin store near Laundry. There are three black bins especially for COVID waste. The waste will stay in the bin for 72 hours, after that time it will be disposed of in the normal waste by Housekeeping. <p>https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-disposing-of-waste</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Housekeeping to use a disposable cloth, first clean hard surfaces with warm soapy water. Then disinfect with Dettol disinfectant or Bio Guard disinfectant.• If an area has been heavily contaminated, such as with visible bodily fluids, from a person with suspected coronavirus (COVID-19), staff to use protection for the eyes, mouth and nose, as well as wearing gloves and a long sleeved apron.• Hands to be washed regularly with soap and water for 20 seconds, and after removing gloves, aprons and other protection used while cleaning.• Laundry-Wash items in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Use the warmest water setting and dry items completely. Dirty laundry that has been in contact with an unwell person can be washed with other people's items.• Do not shake dirty laundry, this minimises the possibility of dispersing virus through the air.	
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PPE Usage on site to reduce risk as far as is reasonably practicable.		15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Face Shields, Masks, Safety Glasses, Gloves, Aprons, Arm protectors, Foot protectors and all in one protective suits are stocked on site.• PPE packs are available in each building in the COSHH cupboards/ Sluice rooms and the nurse's treatment room. In each pack is instructions on putting on, taking off and disposing of PPE appropriately. Please follow this guidance.• We will ensure we have sufficient and ongoing supplies of PPE, site stock levels will be monitored consistently by the housekeeping manager, and the facilities manager will be notified of any issues.• House managers are to check stock levels and liaise with the housekeeping manager to ensure sufficient stock levels are maintained.• We will ensure that we have sufficient and ongoing supplies of consumables- toilet roll/ tissues	6



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Procedures for Educational day visits to reduce risk as far as is reasonably practicable		12	<p>Education day visits can resume from 12.4.21. A full and thorough risk assessment should be completed prior to the visit.</p> <p>Staff to ensure that they minimise the numbers of staff and young people travelling to allow for distancing, staff must wear masks, and young people where possible. Hands should be sanitised before and after the journey. Windows should be open to allow ventilation where possible.</p>	
Procedures for the Therapy and Wellbeing Team to reduce risk as far as is reasonably practicable.		15	<p>In order to continue to provide therapeutic intervention to students at APS, members of the Therapy and Wellbeing Team will need to adopt some different measures to those outlined in this document.</p>	6



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			<p>The national OFG guidance for clinical teams for Therapy intervention will be continuing for all the therapy areas e.g. speech therapy, psychological therapies and occupational therapies.</p> <p>However, virtual therapy has moved back to face to face contact, now that all clinical staff have received the second COVID vaccination. For those students who are not in school, therapy will be delivered to parents in various forms to suit the needs of the parent, e.g. on teams for a session or sending activities home for parents to do etc.</p> <p>For those students who are in school the therapy team will be working with the education staff with regards to individual sessions about how these will be facilitated.</p> <p>Students and accompanying staff will be accessing the Arnold Centre for therapy sessions as well as the Puffin Room in the Thunberg building.</p> <p>All colleagues working in offices to return to wearing face masks / coverings (unless medically exempt) whilst moving around the office.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of the Therapy and Wellbeing Team will wear face coverings in the refectory and within the school where there are communal areas. • Members of the therapy team will wear grey lanyards to identify them to others as staff that work across site bubbles • If a face to face session takes place social distancing will be maintained between therapy staff, students and accompanying staff. • Any items of equipment that cannot be easily washed / disinfected should be allocated for use only by that student and stored. <p>For further detailed information of the measures in place to support the safe delivery of therapy intervention, please refer to the additional risk assessments in place.</p>	
<p>Procedures for visitors on site to reduce to reduce risk as far as is reasonably practicable.</p>		<p>15</p>	<p>Non-essential visitors will be discouraged and offered the opportunity to conduct a virtual meeting in preference to meeting on-site.</p> <p>Where an essential visit is required:</p> <p>The Government advice is that asymptomatic testing should be undertaken twice a week with a gap of 3-4 days between each test so that individuals are able to establish if they could be infected with the covid-19 virus. All visitors should, therefore, now be able to conduct a lateral flow test at home or in their place of work prior to visiting the children's home.</p>	<p>8</p>



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			<p>Test results should be uploaded to the Government's Covid-19 results portal and individuals will receive an email and/or text confirming the result of their test and guidance on next steps.</p> <p>The use of virtual visits should be the exception and only as a result of public health advice or when it is not practicable to have a face-to-face visit because of coronavirus (COVID-19) as set out in the Guidance for Children's Social Care Service. Visits should not be prevented from taking place where it would be beneficial to the child, or where there is a legal obligation for the visit to take place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Risk Assessment to be completed regarding the visit, and shared with all parties. • A health questionnaire will be completed upon arrival to site, a copy of the safeguarding leaflet and details of our COVID RA will be provided upon arrival. • Their temperature will be taken. If their temperature is above 37.4 they will be shown to a separate waiting space, provided a glass of water and after 15 minutes the temperature will be retested. If it remains high they will be asked to leave site. • Visitors will be asked to wear masks when social distancing is not feasible. • Catering delivery drivers to deliver outside of the kitchen. • Any contractors to site completing statutory checks will be asked to complete a lateral flow test on arrival to limit any cross contamination. • Interviews will now be held on site, with the above guidance followed. <p>Instructions on how visitors can access testing kits remains unchanged and can be found on the Gov.UK webpage Order coronavirus (COVID-19) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p>	
Travelling to and from site and transportation, measures to reduce risk as far as is reasonably practicable.	Staff, contractors, Pupils	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is encouraged that public transport is not used and a private vehicle is used to and from the workplace. Face coverings MUST be used when on all forms of public transport as per government guidance • Where staff are car sharing they should wear masks and use sanitiser as they would on public transport. 	8



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local authority transport also require young people to wear face masks and distance whilst travelling to and from school. Young people or Staff who wear face masks to site must be able to safely store their mask in a ziplock sandwich bag and if they wish to wear a face mask in school must have a clean mask to put on once they arrive at school and have another clean mask to wear for their return journey. Masks must be disposed of correctly. All must hand sanitise before and after touching their masks. Staff have been issued with a personal hand sanitiser, and should use this. When the bottle is empty please take it to Housekeeping to be refilled. All vehicles are to have all the high touch points wiped after use. Vehicle disinfectant fogging cannisters are available where necessary. Staff will have access to disinfectant wipes to utilise between trips. House managers will ensure that they minimise the numbers of staff and young people travelling to allow for distancing, staff must wear masks, and young people where possible. Hands should be sanitised before and after the journey. Windows should be open to allow ventilation where possible. There is separate guidance regarding home visits completed off site by APS staff. This can be supplied upon request. <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-transport-guidance-for-operators/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-transport-guidance-for-operators#personal-protective-equipment</p>	
Measures to reduce risk as far as is reasonably practicable at lunchtimes in the Refectory.		12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hand sanitisers provided in the lower and upper refectory spaces. Floor markings to promote distancing whilst waiting for lunch. One way system, in operation in the lower refectory- one door to enter and one for exiting. Classes to be split into different sittings to enable distancing. A member of the housekeeping team present over the lunch sittings to ensure a constant cleaning of tables, chairs, handles and surfaces between sittings. Cutlery will be wrapped individually. 	8



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff to ensure that there is no sharing of food or drink. • All serving will be done by catering staff. • Doors and windows to remain open to aid ventilation. • All items to be disinfected via the dishwasher. • Should catering staff fall ill, the freezers are well stocked. We will revert to packed lunches. They will be prepared to order and left in picnic boxes in the refectory for staff to collect. When returned all boxes will be put through dishwasher and bags sanitised. • Staff to have their Food Safety in Catering Level 2. • Food handlers to wash hands frequently before and after handling food, moving between areas, after coughing and sneezing. <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-free-school-meals-guidance/covid-19-free-school-meals-guidance-for-schools https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-food-businesses/guidance-for-food-businesses-on-coronavirus-covid-19</p>	
Measures to reduce risk as far as is reasonably practicable whilst using RPI's on site		15	<p>Reasonable precautions to use whilst mitigating the effects of a face mask snapping whilst in a hold- Reduce Time in the hold Transfer the hold between staff Direct face away from the young person Ask another staff member to replace the snapped mask with a new one.</p>	10
			<p>The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Self-Isolation) (England) Regulations 2020 apply to those working within children's homes or residential special schools as follows-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The regulations place a legal duty on adults who have tested positive for COVID-19, and their close contacts, to self-isolate for designated periods. Where a child tests positive, the duty to ensure the child self-isolates (so far as reasonably practicable) is placed upon their responsible adult (the adult with parental responsibility for that child, or who has custody or charge of that child for the time being). • Local public health experts will work with us – on an individual basis, taking account of our current situation – to determine who needs to isolate and how we should respond. • Where local public health teams notify individual members of staff that they are required to self-isolate, the legal duty will apply, and they 	



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			<p>should notify us as their employer. Where a member of staff is notified that a child in their care is required to self-isolate, this should be reported to the home manager and staff should ensure the child adheres to advice so far as reasonably practicable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where NHS Test and Trace instruct individuals to isolate on the basis that they are potential contacts, the duty will also apply. • However in some instances residential staff have volunteered to isolate within the children's home. This should always be at the discretion and agreement of both the staff and the care home manager, taking all of the individual circumstances into account. Any member of staff isolating on-site must ensure they continue to isolate themselves from anyone else in the setting who is not. • isolation for residential settings and safe working in education, childcare and children's social care • The home's business continuity plan will be followed. • The Housekeeping manager will liaise with the house manager to ensure continual supplies of PPE are stocked. • Testing kits to be obtained to ensure that staff and young people are able to access tests via the HPT. • SLT to review staff annual leave or holiday requests to ensure sufficient leadership on site at all times. • The Head of Care will set daily check-ins with home managers to keep them appraised and offer of support. Line managers to do the same for their staff teams, to ensure all communication is clear to all staff. • https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-childrens-social-care-services/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-local-authorities-on-childrens-social-care#residential-provision-childrens-homes-residential-schools-registered-as-childrens-homes-and-foster-care 	
Children's home- enforcing a temporary deprivation of liberty			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The amendment made to regulation 20(3) of the Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 allowed a children's home to enforce a temporary deprivation of liberty where powers under Schedule 21 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 were being exercised in relation to isolation of a young person who was infectious or suspected of being infectious with coronavirus (COVID-19) to prevent the virus from spreading. • The savings provision means that where a child was being deprived of their liberty in a children's home as permitted by regulation 20(3) on 25 September 2020, this can continue as though the amendment made to 	



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			<p>regulation 20(3) is still in force. This will only be for the duration of the period that the child is subject to the relevant powers in Schedule 21 of the Coronavirus Act 2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In general, the permitted maximum period for the exercise of powers in the Coronavirus Act is 14 days, unless the requirement has been set at a shorter period by a Public Health Officer or it is extended by a Public Health Officer. • Any decisions relating to the exercise of these powers will continue to be recorded and there is a requirement for their use to be monitored. • https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-childrens-social-care-services/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-local-authorities-on-childrens-social-care#residential-provision-childrens-homes-residential-schools-registered-as-childrens-homes-and-foster-care <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-management-of-exposed-healthcare-workers-and-patients-in-hospital-settings/covid-19-management-of-exposed-healthcare-workers-and-patients-in-hospital-settings#guidance-for-health-and-social-care-staff-on-covid-19-symptoms-test-results-and-being-identified-as-a-contact-of-a-case</p>	
<p>Lateral Flow Testing- Recording test results</p>			<p>All staff must continue to complete twice weekly lateral flow testing, and ensure results are reported as per guidance.</p> <p>Residential Staff and Young People- must use the UON of 99882623- social care service</p> <p>Changes are came into effect from 2 June and designed to enables the government to monitor more clearly the effectiveness of the testing programme in preventing outbreaks in children’s homes. Importantly, they will also highlight any areas or groups of children, staff or visitors who are not engaging in testing – so they can identify potential barriers. Instructions on how visitors can access testing kits remains unchanged and can be found on the Gov.UK webpage: Order coronavirus (COVID-19) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p> <p>Please see further guidance sent on 1.6.21.</p> <p>This means that, for children, staff and visitors, you will need to take into account the updated recording pathways for each who have completed asymptomatic LFD rapid-tests:</p> <p>Annex A – Guidance on uploading lateral flow device test results for children Annex B – Guidance for staff on uploading lateral flow device test results</p>	



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			<p>Annex C – Guidance for professional visitors on uploading lateral flow device test results.</p> <p>Annex D – Guidance for non-professional visitors (incl. birth relatives) on uploading lateral flow device test results.</p> <p>Education staff and Young People must use the UON of 26327452- an education provider</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-asymptomatic-testing-in-schools-and-colleges/coronavirus-covid-19-asymptomatic-testing-in-schools-and-colleges</p>	
Lateral Flow testing on site			<p>Where a positive LFD is identified staff and pupils will be asked to leave site and obtain a confirmatory PCR test. Children residing on site will be asked to return to their home, and the home will isolate whilst waiting for the PCR results. Once obtained if positive they will then isolate for 10 days.</p>	
Lateral Flow testing at home			<p>Staff will begin home testing twice weekly from 8.3.21.</p> <p>Any Pupils that have been completing lateral flow testing on site will be given home testing kits week commencing 15.3.21 to be continued through the Easter holidays.</p> <p>If anyone tests positive with an LFD they must self-isolate in line with the stay-at-home guidance. If a confirmatory PCR test is then taken within 2 days of the positive LFD test, and is negative, it overrides the LFD test, and the individual can return to school.</p> <p>Although staff and pupils are home testing we will continue testing visitors, contractors, pupils that require on site testing, and agency staff on site.</p> <p>Regular rapid testing is now also available for parents, their households and support or childcare bubbles. The government is encouraging all families to participate in twice weekly testing to help stop the spread. Parents and other adults in the household can access tests by:</p> <p>Ordering tests online www.gov.uk/order-school-household-tests</p> <p>Getting an assisted test at work, if it is available</p> <p>Attending a test site to get tested (where you will be able to see how to take the test) or pick up tests to do at home. To find out more on school household testing visit-</p>	



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			Households and bubbles of pupils, students and staff of schools and colleges: get rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	
Wellbeing Support			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Head of Care and the Head of Education will ensure that there is a good wellbeing support for the children and staff directly affected e.g. diversionary/social activities, educational, information on sleep, diet, exercise, socialisation, anxiety and peer support. Therapy team to assist. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/promoting-the-health-and-wellbeing-of-looked-after-children--2 https://youngminds.org.uk/ https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/	
Ofsted: coronavirus (COVID-19) rolling update			<p>Inspection activity will mainly be on site. In the notification call before an inspection, providers and inspectors will agree safety measures to ensure the inspection is COVID-19 secure. Inspectors will also take a lateral flow test before arriving at the setting.</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ofsted-coronavirus-covid-19-rolling-update?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=434e4028-a3dd-48e3-80ad-5a0a1baafaad&utm_content=daily</p>	

Amendments to COVID RA

Date	Amendment
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29.11.2021	OMICRON exception to test and trace. Face Masks SHOULD be used in crowded place where social distancing cannot be achieved. Face Masks MUST be work on shops and when using public transport.
29.10.2021	Visitors will be encouraged to meet virtually unless essential. All Visitors will be requested to complete and share evidence of a recent negative LFT. Facemasks in all areas where social distancing cannot be maintained will be recommended. A CO2 monitor will be used to ensure that sufficient airflow is maintained across the site, with remedial works and updated RA to follow any adverse tests
16.8.21	Children and Adults who have been double vaccinated no longer need to self-isolate is identified as a close contact. They will be contacted by the test & trace team and complete a PCR
12.8.21	Updated advice- management of staff and exposed residents in social care settings.
19.7.21	No longer need to avoid mixing at lunchtime, no longer needed to wear face masks in classrooms and communal areas.
7.6.21	Ofsted: coronavirus (COVID-19) rolling update, daily contact testing study
16.5.21	Update on face mask, social distancing and change of government guidance- stage 3, visitor guidance update
9.4.21	Updated face mask advice
30.3.21	Update that a confirmatory PCR is now required for both home and on site positive LFT's
26.3.21	Amendment to bubbles and lunchtime arrangements for staff and pupils, following SLT
17.3.21	Amendment to risk rating following positive behaviours witnessed
11.3.21	Update regarding YP home LFT's
3.3.21	Update regarding staff home LFT's
22.2.21	Updated Risk ratings following discussion with Ofsted
30.11.21	Updated Risk Assessment to comply with Govt guidelines effective from 29.11.21. Face Masks mandatory on Public Transport and Communal areas. Confirmed cases of the Omicron variant of COVID-19, irrespective of vaccination status and age, will be contacted directly and required to self-isolate immediately and asked to book a PCR test.

By signing below you are confirming that you are adhering to the risk assessment above:

Date	Name
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