

Staffordshire County Council General Risk Assessment Record Form



1. **Section/Service/Team**...Tynsel Parkes CE Primary Academy. 2. **Assessor(s)**...Rachel Chandler/Emma Sandbach
2. **Description of Task/Activity/Area/Premises etc. Academic Year Sept 2021 - Minimising the risk of transmission of COVID-19**

Review Date	Amendments shown in:
29/09/21	Blue

Useful contact information:

(Tynsel Parkes has a separate COVID Management plan including the “COVID 19 Confirmed Case Action Plan” detailing all the key contacts for dealing with an outbreak of COVID in school).

DFE COVID-19 - Educational advice line - 0800 046 8687

Staffordshire County Council: Health and Safety Service - 01785 355777 Infection control concerns, 01785 854004

Public Health England - 0344 225 3560

NHS – 111 (119 to book a test)

Settings are advised to report outbreaks e.g. where they have 2 or more confirmed/suspected cases within 14 days (linked to staff or pupils) to Public Health England and the Local Authority Outbreak Management Team. If they have a single case, they are also encouraged to report this to the Local Authority Outbreak Management Team for early advice and support.

Please report by emailing the council C19LocalOutbreakControl@staffordshire.gov.uk,

The Education and Early Years LA Outbreak control team can be contacted on C19LOC.education@staffordshire.gov.uk

Tynsel Parkes CE Primary Academy’s risk assessments and procedures are accessible to all staff at all times and are located in the school office.

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		<p>(Bathroom to be signed as closed after use and during deep cleaning).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PPE worn by staff caring for the child while they await collection, a surgical mask must be worn. A supply of surgical masks should be kept in each classroom. Children advised to have a PCR test. Adults to leave the building immediately and advised to take a PCR test. The academy asks parents and staff to inform them immediately of the results of a test. Children and adults, are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply: they are fully vaccinated, they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months, they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial, they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons. School close contacts are strongly advised to have a PCR, school to contact trace. PCR test strongly advised for all 	<p>M</p> <p>L</p> <p>L</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review COSHH assessments for hand sanitiser and cleaning materials- if new materials are brought for the school and review and update the COSHH assessments. Signage used to promote hygiene Review stocks of soap, hand sanitiser and number of hand sanitiser stations, tissues. Risk assessment placed on the website. Covid 19 Outbreak Management Action Plan issued to staff. The wraparound care facility will operate. Frequent cleaning and records in place, frequent hand washing promoted. Records of attendance kept. Breakfast club pupils to return to separate trays 	<p>Sept 2021</p> <p>Sept 2021</p> <p>Sept 2021</p>	<p>L</p> <p>L</p> <p>L</p> <p>L</p> <p>L</p>

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		<p>household contacts, stay at home pending results. Pupils to stay at home if sibling tests positive. School cannot legally require isolation – but should encourage families to support setting in preventing wider transmission.</p> <p>If a pupil or member of staff has been in contact with someone who has COVID it is strongly recommended that a PCR test is required, pupils and staff do not have to isolate whilst waiting for results if no symptoms are displayed, but are strongly advised to stay at home pending results.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A small number of home test kits has been supplied to the school, these will be distributed to staff/pupils of Tynsel Parkes only at the Principal's discretion, according to the criteria agreed with the SLT. Control measures in place for clinically vulnerable staff and pupil – See individual risk assessments for the adults and children – where required. Wellbeing support in place for staff and pupils – Curriculum to support pupil wellbeing/ timetabling of 	<p>M</p> <p>M</p> <p>M</p> <p>M</p> <p>L</p> <p>L</p>	<p>and tables.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A cleaning schedule ensures more frequent cleaning of surfaces that are frequently touched, toilets cleaned regularly and pupils are encouraged to clean their hands thoroughly after using the toilets. Cleaning regimes must be stringently adhered to at all times with the Delta strain being more easily spread. Extra cleaning of toilets after lunchtimes. Hand sanitiser station in office entrance for visitors. All adults to sanitise on arrival to school Cleaning check sheets updated throughout the day. Keep all informed of any changes in government guidance. Updated key points issued to all staff 29/09/21. 		<p>L</p> <p>L</p> <p>L</p>

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		<p>lessons. Staff meetings and open door policy to support staffing. Staff timetabling to ensure support for all.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active engagement with NHS Test and Trace service. Aware of LA Local Outbreak Control Plans. The HPT will work with the academy to guide them through the actions they need to take for any confirmed cases or an outbreak. Social distancing maintained wherever possible between adults on site. Staff & visitors must wear masks in school in all communal areas. Staff & Visitors who have been contacted by NHS Test and Trace and identified as a close contact should wear a mask in school for 10 days from the first contact from the NHS. Frequent handwashing promoted – staff to ensure children have regular handwashing time, posters promoting handwashing placed throughout the school and regular time in class to teach how to wash hands appropriately. 	<p>M</p> <p>M</p> <p>M</p> <p>L</p> <p>M</p> <p>M</p>	<p>No staff meetings for rest of autumn term.</p> <p>Staff room – masks at all times unless eating/Drinking, socially distance – if no space use The TP or Kingfisher. Windows open at all times.</p>		<p>L</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand sanitiser available in classrooms, shared spaces, entrance and exit points – all classrooms have hand sanitiser available and hand sanitiser station in office entrance for visitors on site. • Good respiratory hygiene encouraged by promotion of ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ approach – Bins in all rooms, tissues available for children and adults. • Enhanced cleaning of frequently touched surfaces – use of cleaning charts to ensure regular cleaning takes place. • Staff, parents and visitors informed of the measures in place to reduce transmission. • Staff to continue with the twice weekly lateral flow testing. • The safeguarding policy – Sept 2021 has been updated to reflect the changes due to the national lockdown, this is published on our website and has been emailed to all staff. The key changes are regarding the importance of online safety and cyber security. 	<p>L</p> <p>L</p> <p>L</p>			

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transfer (depending on such things as the surface type, its moisture content and temperature).		<p>during the school day when required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storerooms and cupboards accessed by one person at a time. • Tasks organised so that the shared use and passing of work equipment is limited. Work equipment to be cleaned before and after use. • Contractors delivering services using school facilities, such as catering, and cleaning asked to provide copies of their risk assessment for managing exposure to COVID-19. • School trips in enclosed spaces or using coach transport suspended for the autumn term. Visitors for enrichment are permitted but no crossover between classes allowed. All visitors to classroom must have an LFT on morning of visit. • Encourage all visitors and student placements to take the vaccine. Students on placements without vaccines will need to be informed to isolate if there is a case in their class. 	<p>M</p> <p>L</p> <p>L</p>	<p>cleaning services to reduce exposure to COVID-19.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School kitchen to comply with the government’s guidance for food businesses on coronavirus (COVID-19). • Risk assessments received from Hi Spec and Dolce 		<p>L</p> <p>L</p> <p>L</p>

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	<p>Staff and casualty. Transmission may occur when providing First Aid</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wash/sanitise hands before and after treating a casualty. Wear PPE provided (such as disposable gloves, disposable apron). When directly treating people with symptoms of COVID-19 a fluid repellent surgical mask should be worn and eye protection may be needed where there is a risk of fluids entering the eyes due to repeated coughing, spitting or vomiting. – Children to go to designated room and parents contacted immediately to collect. When performing CPR phone an ambulance and use compression only CPR until the ambulance arrives. 	<p>M</p> <p>M</p> <p>H</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First aiders instructed on the safe “donning and doffing” of PPE. Maintain stocks of PPE. Staff to inform office staff if stocks are running low. There is no way to minimise this risk if CPR is performed. 		<p>L</p> <p>L</p> <p>H</p>

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<p>Resuscitation Council UK Statement: It is likely that a child having an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest will be known to you. We accept that doing rescue breaths will increase the risk of transmitting the COVID-19 virus, either to the rescuer or the child. However, this risk is small compared to the risk of taking no action as this will result in certain cardiac arrest and the death of the child.</p>						
<p>Staff Transmission may occur when supervising pupils taken ill with symptoms of COVID-19 and need direct personal care until they return home.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase ventilation in the room if possible. • PPE provided for supervising adult. • Fluid resistant surgical mask if a 2-metre distance cannot be maintained. • Where contact with the pupil is needed: Fluid resistant surgical mask, disposable gloves and disposable apron. • Staff to dispose of PPE equipment in appropriate way – double bag and put in designated bin. 	<p>L</p> <p>M</p> <p>M</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain stocks of PPE. • Supervising adult instructed on the safe “donning and doffing” of PPE. 		<p>L</p>
<p>Staff and pupil. Transmission may occur when staff administer medicines or supervise pupils who self-administer.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervising staff to maintain 2m social distance. 	<p>M</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review medication plans to assess PPE requirements (if any) for staff administering medication. 		<p>L</p>

4. Tick (✓) if any of the identified hazards relate to any of the following specific themes:

Hazardous Substance	Manual Handling	Display Screen Equip	Fire	Work Equip / Machinery	Stress	Individual Person such as Young Person New/ Expectant Mother or Service User
					✓	✓

If any are ticked a specific risk assessment form must be completed separately. For example a COSHH form must be completed if a hazardous substance is used.

5. Risk Rating

The risk rating is used to prioritise the action required. Deal with those hazards that are high risk first.

Risk Rating	Description	Action Priority
High	Where harm is certain or near certain to occur and/or major injury or ill-health could result	Urgent action
Medium	Where harm is possible to occur and/or serious injury could result e.g. off work for over 3 days	Medium priority
Low	Where harm is unlikely or seldom to occur and/or minor injury could result e.g. cuts, bruises, strain	No action or low priority action

6. Assessment

Signature of Assessor(s):

Print Name: Rachel Chandler/Emma Sandbach

Signature of Line Manager:

Print Name:

Date Assessed: 1st September 2021

Review Date: 29/09/21

7. Communication and Review

This risk assessment should be communicated to all employees and relevant persons who may come into contact with the hazards being assessed. The assessment must be reviewed annually or following a significant change, accident or violent incident.

Risk assessment emailed to all staff for 1.9.2021

Key Links:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/schools-covid-19-operational-guidance>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures>