



RISK ASSESSMENT – Infection Control



Specific to – Scarlet Fever & Chicken Pox

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Purpose of this document:

This document summarises our assessment of the risks that the school has to manage in relation to the control of infections.

School procedures associated with this Risk Assessment, including reviews and updates, are to be effectively communicated with all stakeholders.

ISSUE	CONTROL MEASURES What will we do to make things safe?	Risk Level pre-action	ACTION REQUIRED/DECISION MADE What will we do to reduce any risks to a tolerable level? What procedures will we have?	Action completed Who? When by?	Risk Level post-action
INFECTON CONTROL - Follow public health advice on managing suspected/confirmed cases of Scarlet Fever and Chicken Pox					
INFECTON CONTROL - Follow public health advice on managing suspected/confirmed cases Scarlet Fever	Ensure that pupils, staff and other adults do not come into school if they Scarlet Fever or Chicken Pox . They should arrange to visit the GP/hospital as appropriate to have the case confirmed. Ensure that pupils, staff or other adults that have been confirmed positive either; Scarlet Fever – 24hrs of antibiotics and feeling well. Chicken Pox – all spots fully scabbed over.	H	Staff, pupils and families will be reminded that they must not attend school with symptoms (rash or spots) and must arrange an appointment with a GP and notify school of the outcome as soon as possible. To be communicated consistently to staff/parents using staff briefings, newsletter and emails to parents/carers and by sharing this risk assessment with all stakeholders (including publication on school website). School will follow local and national guidelines at all times.	LC On-going	M

<p>and Chicken Pox</p>	<p>Ensure anyone who develops Scarlet Fever or Chicken Pox symptoms during the school day is sent home as soon as possible and seek medical attention.</p> <p>Staff who experience symptoms as above whilst at work should discuss with LC. Highly unlikely that staff will contract either illness but in rare cases this does the same procedure as pupils should be followed.</p> <p>Approach to suspected case of scarlet fever or chicken pox during school day in place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which staff member/s should be informed/ take action • Area established (medical room) to be used if an individual is displaying symptoms during the school day and needs to be isolated • Cleaning procedure in place (increase in daily cleaning with an extra touch point clean in place) Terminal clean planned for half term break • Arrangements for informing parent /carer 		<p>All staff to be aware of the procedure that should be followed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupil to be moved to isolation area. • Classroom area around the person must be cleaned. • Everyone who has been in 'close contact' must wash their hands thoroughly with soap and running water/use sanitiser. • Parent/carers to be contacted immediately. • Tissues/paper towels provided for anyone showing symptoms to cover mouth. • Staff to monitor pupil, whilst following strict social distancing • Separate, isolation toilet to be used, if necessary. Toilet to be cleaned and disinfected. • PPE to be stored in agreed location • Isolation area to be cleaned after use • Any tissues/refuse from a person with suspected scarlet fever or chicken pox should be disposed of following guidelines (wearing gloves and <u>double bagged</u>) • Pupil to exit school site via an external route, wherever possible. • On departure, pupil/staff will be instructed to stay at home until they have had antibiotics for 24hrs for scarlet fever or their spots are completely scabbed over. <p>Log of suspected and confirmed cases to be maintained by school office to monitor for outbreaks.</p> <p>Anyone who comes into the above 'close contact' with someone with Scarlet fever or chicken pox do not need to isolate or get a test unless they develop symptoms themselves.</p>		
<p>First Aid / Medical care gives consideration</p>	<p>Relevant policies and procedures have been reviewed and updated to give consideration to risk of transmission</p>	<p>H</p>	<p>The First Aid Policy includes instruction on the use of PPE, and the circumstances in which this should be donned</p> <p>On-going dynamic risk assessment will include sufficient numbers of First Aiders are available (review to take into account numbers and ages of pupils, with a particular focus on Early Years).</p>	<p>LC</p> <p>LC</p>	<p>L</p>

to risk of transmission			Parents/carers contacted following review of care plans – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical care plans continue to be reviewed, where relevant, and risk assessment to be completed – to be shared with parents/staff 	MS/KW	
Ensure good hygiene for everyone					
Robust hand hygiene	Provision of hand-washing / hand-hygiene facilities at entrances and throughout school/setting. (Regularly monitored & maintained).	H	Staff/pupils to continue to wash/sanitise hands throughout the school day. School's enhanced provision of hand-sanitiser stations to be regularly refilled and their use encouraged. All staff and pupils are encouraged to regularly wash/sanitise their hands, especially at the following times: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • on arrival at school • on return from breaks (break and lunchtime) • before eating • after eating • after toileting • after sneezing/coughing/runny nose Supervision of hand sanitiser use given risks around ingestion. Small children / pupils with complex needs should continue to be helped to clean their hands properly. Staff members who support these children should wash their hands more regularly than other staff.	LC / JW / All staff On-going	M
	Building hand hygiene routines for school visitors	H	Visitors to the school to use hand sanitiser on arrival at school and departure	Office staff	M
Robust respiratory hygiene	Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it'	H	Teach children hygiene rules – sneezing (tissues or elbows), coughing (tissues/elbows), runny nose, after sneezing/coughing, toileting, food, use of paper towels, coughing/sneezing into your arm when tissues are not readily available Tissues used to capture sneezes disposed of into bins (catch it, bin it, kill it) Ensure sufficient resources/equipment for children/staff to 'bin it': <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tissues • Hand sanitiser • Bin • Disposable gloves 	All staff On-going JW On-going	L

			Pupils with complex needs, involving struggles to maintain good respiratory hygiene or use of saliva as a sensory stimulant should be considered within individual risk assessments.	KW On-going	
Use of PPE	School staff have a good understanding of the circumstances in which PPE is required, and how this should be donned/removed/disposed of safely.	H	Most school staff will not require PPE beyond what they would normally need for their work. If a child, young person, or student already has routine intimate care needs that involve the use of PPE, the same PPE should continue to be used.	MS Sept 2021	L

Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes

Enhanced cleaning regime	Toilets and facilities will be cleaned regularly in line with the school's enhanced cleaning regime.	H	Additional contact cleaning during the school day will be in place until half term. (In Nursery, reception and year 1) Bins (particularly those containing tissues) emptied throughout day. Waste, including used cleaning resources, to be disposed of after one use	JW/LC On-going	L
	The First Aid room is cleaned frequently	H	The First Aid room is cleaned after each use	Office staff On-going	L
	Enhanced cleaning regime of shared resources to be maintained. Equipment used by pupils and staff will be cleaned at the end of each day All soft toys, blankets, playdough and sand to not be used until half term.	M	All classes (5 rooms) will continue to be provided with cleaning resources for staff to use as and when required (staff to request replenishment from the Site Manager as required) Soft toys and blankets to be cleaned during half term Soft furnished chairs to be sprayed each evening	Class staff On-going	L
	Increased use of hazardous substances by a wider range of staff to be managed in line with COSHH management – minimising the risk of chemicals leading to ill-health or fire	M	Suitable storage and management of flammable hand sanitiser is in place All chemicals used for the cleaning of school buildings and equipment are COSHH assessed, stored and managed appropriately Chemicals provided in classrooms are stored out of reach of pupils Appropriate PPE is available for all cleaning.	LC/JW	L

Additional safety measures/information

Minimise contact between individuals/	Some emphasis will continue to be given to maintaining some distinct 'groups' to reduce the risk of transmission and outbreaks across the school.	M	School staff should use a cautious approach with arrangements and mixing of groups, particularly indoors.	All staff	L
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shared resources	RESOURCES FROM PUPILS' HOMES Pupils to limit the amount of equipment they bring into school each day to essentials	H/M	In Nursery, Reception and Year 1 Equipment coming into school to continue to be limited to essentials. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lunch boxes • hats • coats • books • bags • water bottles 	Class Teachers	M
		H/M	On-going consideration to be given toward items coming in from home. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • limiting items to those that contribute to pupil education and development (e.g. homework, reading books) 	Class teachers	M
	STAFFROOM	H	STAFFROOM Cups, plates, glasses, cutlery washed immediately after use or placed in dishwasher – used items <u>must not</u> be left in sink	All staff	M
Extra-curricular provision	Extra-curricular provision to operate in line with wider protective measures in operation across the school, giving particular consideration to enhanced hygiene measures	H	Pupils to wash their hands/use hand sanitiser on arrival/dismissal.	LC/MS	M
Lunchtime arrangements	Lunchtime arrangements as normal	H	Pupils to be discouraged from passing / sharing cutlery or drinking cups Tables must still be deep-cleaned on a regular basis throughout dinner time activities	All staff	M
	Arrangements for School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme (SFVS) - for pupils aged 4-7 - in place so that the risk of contact is reduced.	H	The fruit/vegetable bags will be left for collection in the atrium each morning. Class LSAs to collect for their class. Fruit / veg to be washed before distribution (in line with SFVS fact-file). Fruit / veg to be 'handed' to pupils (staff to wash hands), rather than pupils 'helping themselves'.	Class Teachers	L
Pupil attendance	School attendance remains mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age and it remains a priority to ensure that as many children as possible regularly attend school. Staff to understand how arrangements for recording attendance/absence.		Pupil absence to be recorded as code I (illness) – where pupils are unable to attend because they have a confirmed case of Scarlet Fever or Chicken	Office staff	
Staff workforce	Consideration given to the risk of exposure with particular attention on CEV staff.	M	CEV staff may wish to take extra precautions to protect themselves, and to follow the practical steps set out in CEV guidance to minimise their risk of exposure to the illnesses.	All staff	L

Communication of safety measures	School safety procedures, including reviews and updates, are to be effectively communicated with all stakeholders.	M	The school informs parents, pupils, employees and visitors of the protective measures that are in place	LC	L
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