

COVID-19: Medical risk assessment

Please note: this risk assessment should be undertaken in conjunction with the guidance on school reopening issued by the Department for Education on 11 May 2020 as follows:

[Actions for educational and childcare settings to prepare for wider opening from 1 June 2020](#)

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): implementing protective measures in education and childcare settings](#)

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Date of assessment:	November 2020	Review interval:	November 2020	Date of next review:	January 2021
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Related documents	
Trust/government documents:	Government guidance: Actions for educational and childcare settings to prepare for wider opening from 1 June 2020 Coronavirus (COVID-19): implementing protective measures in education and childcare settings Coronavirus (COVID-19) Collection: guidance for schools and other educational settings Actions for schools during the coronavirus outbreak Coronavirus (COVID-19): implementing social distancing in education and childcare settings Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance for educational settings COVID-19: cleaning in non-healthcare settings COVID-19: Planning guide for primary schools

Risk matrix

Risk rating High (H), Medium (M), Low (L)		Likelihood of occurrence				
		Highly likely	Likely	Possible	Unlikely	Highly unlikely
Likely impact	Catastrophic impact	Highly likely	Likely	Possible	Unlikely	Highly unlikely
	Major impact	Highly likely	Likely	Possible	Unlikely	Highly unlikely
	Minor impact	Highly likely	Likely	Possible	Unlikely	Highly unlikely
	Negligible impact	Highly likely	Likely	Possible	Unlikely	Highly unlikely
	No impact	Highly likely	Likely	Possible	Unlikely	Highly unlikely

Areas for concern	Risk rating prior to action (H/M/L)	Control measures	In place? (Y/N)	Outstanding Actions/Comments	Residual risk rating (H/M/L)
1. Managing infection risk from symptomatic pupils, staff and visitors					

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1.1 Managing pupils, staff or visitors with symptoms					
Infection is transmitted by pupil, staff member or visitor with symptoms of Covid-19	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff and parents/carers required to adhere to self-isolation guidance if they or someone in their household is symptomatic Separate Covid-19 treatment rooms/areas established for symptomatic pupils, staff or visitors Staff send pupils displaying symptoms to Covid-19 treatment room Staff or visitors displaying symptoms notify SLT and isolate in Covid-19 treatment room until released to leave site Separate toilet established for symptomatic individuals Pupils displaying symptoms kept in Covid-19 treatment room until collected by parent/carer All symptomatic individuals advised to seek a Covid-19 test as soon as possible, notifying school of the result Staff overseeing children with symptoms to maintain social distancing as far as possible Staff required to wear PPE if unable to maintain social distance while caring for a pupil Staff wash hands after being in contact with a symptomatic pupils, staff member or visitor Covid-19 treatment rooms and toilets cleaned thoroughly after use by cleaning staff wearing PPE 	Yes		High
2. Providing first aid					
2.1 Administering First Aid					
First Aid required by a pupil, visitor or member of staff who is not displaying Covid-19 symptoms	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff and pupils do not attend school if displaying symptoms of Covid-19 Before administering first aid, patient to be asked if they have any of the Covid-19 symptoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temperature/fever Persistent dry cough Loss of taste or smell Staff administering first aid maintain social distancing as far as possible Staff administering first aid maintain good hand hygiene by washing hands before and after administering first aid 	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	Medium

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	Yellow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other normal first aid procedures apply. It is optional to wear additional PPE whilst treating a child or staff member who does not present symptoms of Covid-19 			Yellow
First Aid required by a pupil, visitor or member of staff who is displaying Covid-19 symptoms	Red	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patient moved to identified Covid-19 treatment rooms (following social distancing guidelines) unless they cannot be moved Staff administering first aid maintain social distancing as far as possible Staff administering first aid maintain good hand hygiene by washing hands before and after administering first aid Staff to wear appropriate PPE: aprons, Fluid Resistant Surgical Masks (FRSM – Type IIR), eye protection (if risk of bodily fluids entering eyes) and gloves before entering the room to administer first aid. Parents/carers collect child from school as soon as possible Staff members/visitors to leave site as soon as possible 	Yes	•	Yellow
Insufficient staff available who are first aid trained	Yellow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staffing rotas take account of requirements for trained first aiders on site Additional first aiders trained if possible Trained first aiders deployed from other Trust schools 	Yes	•	Green

GUIDANCE FOR FIRST AIDERS

Try to assist at a safe distance from the casualty as much as you can and minimise the time you share a breathing zone.

If they are capable, tell them to do things for you, but treating the casualty properly should be your first concern. Remember the 3P model – preserve life, prevent worsening, promote recovery.

Preserve life: CPR

Call 999 immediately – tell the call handler if the patient has any COVID-19 symptoms

Ask for help. If a portable defibrillator is available, ask for it

Before starting CPR, to minimise transmission risk, use a cloth or towel to cover the patient's mouth and nose, while still permitting breathing to restart following successful resuscitation

If available, use:

- a fluid-repellent surgical mask
- disposable gloves
- eye protection
- apron or other suitable covering

Only deliver CPR by chest compressions and use a defibrillator (if available) – don't do rescue breaths

Prevent worsening, promote recovery: all other injuries or illnesses

If you suspect a serious illness or injury, call 999 immediately – tell the call handler if the patient has any COVID-19 symptoms

If giving first aid to someone, you should use the recommended equipment listed above if it is available

You should minimise the time you share a breathing zone with the casualty and direct them to do things for you where possible

After delivering any first aid

Ensure you safely discard disposable items and clean reusable ones thoroughly

Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitiser as soon as possible