



## Hassocks Infant School Covid-19 Risk Assessment

Due to increased rates of infection, additional control measures to reduce the spread and transmission of Covid-19 have been implemented in the school. These control measures are based on guidance from the Local Authority, Department for Education and the local Health Protection Team.

This risk assessment details the measures in place which are over and above the existing risk assessment for Covid-19.

In the event of an outbreak or rising numbers of confirmed cases of Covid-19, the school will “step up” its response and may temporarily introduce some of the additional control measures identified in our contingency plan.

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**Approved by:** Adrian Bates-Holland

**Position:** Head Teacher

**Date:** 29.11.21

<b>Significant Hazards and Associated Risks</b> Those hazards which may result in serious harm or affect several people	<b>Those who might be harmed</b> Persons at risk from the significant hazards identified	<b>Control Measures (CM's):</b> Controls, including relevant sources of guidance (e.g. Generic Risk Assessments, Guidance from Provider, etc.). Specific CM's not included in the generic RA (e.g. briefings, actions by leaders / participants, qualifications / experience of supervisors)	<b>Review Additional CM's required?</b> If existing CM's cannot be met or circumstances have changed	<b>Residual Risk Rating (High / Medium / Low)</b>
Risk of transmission of Covid-19 due to increasing rates of infection in the school and local community.	Adults and children Wider school community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☆ Parents should notify the school if a child tests positive for Covid-19 using the normal absence procedures.</li> <li>☆ Staff should inform the Head Teacher if they test positive for Covid-19.</li> <li>☆ The school will record the test result and monitor numbers of positive cases.</li> <li>☆ Contact tracing in school will not take place in line with national guidance. The number of cases of Covid-19 will be monitored and the Head Teacher will contact the local Health Protection Team for guidance in the case of an outbreak.</li> <li>☆ Parents and carers will be informed when there are 5 or more cases in a class or group.</li> <li>☆ The school will have a contingency plan and will be prepared to step measures up or down following guidance from the local Health Protection team.</li> </ul>		Significantly reduced
Risk of transmission of Covid-19 due to contact with an infected individual.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☆ Staff, parents and members of the school community should continue to follow national guidance on testing and isolation.</li> <li>☆ Individuals who have symptoms of Covid-19 should take a test in line with national guidance.</li> <li>☆ Individuals who test positive for Covid-19 should not attend school and should follow government guidance on self-isolation.</li> </ul>		Significantly reduced

Risk of transmission through aerosols.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☆ Staff and visitors to the school are supported to wear a face covering if they wish to. A small stock of face coverings will be maintained in the First Aid room.</li> <li>☆ Staff will be encouraged to wear face coverings when administering first aid.</li> <li>☆ Staff should wear a face covering when supervising a child who is symptomatic and waiting to be collected.</li> <li>☆ The school will follow <a href="#">guidance on the use of PPE</a>. Face masks, disposable gloves and aprons will be accessible for all staff to use.</li> </ul>		Significantly reduced
Close contact with an individual who is displaying symptoms of Covid-19.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☆ Any child or adult who develops symptoms of Covid-19 during the school day should go home.</li> <li>☆ Children who develop Covid-19 symptoms should wait in the First Aid room or the Nurture Room until they are collected by an adult. They should be supervised by a designated adult.</li> <li>☆ The isolation room should be locked after use and a sign added to the door advising that the room is closed until it has been thoroughly cleaned.</li> </ul>		Significantly reduced

Transmission of Covid-19 through contact with infected surfaces.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☆ Children and staff should wash their hands thoroughly and regularly throughout the day.</li> <li>☆ As a minimum, children should wash their hands when they arrive at school, before eating, after visiting the toilet and after coughing or sneezing.</li> <li>☆ Classroom staff will regularly remind children of the importance of good hygiene and how to wash their hands thoroughly.</li> <li>☆ Children will be reminded about the “catch it, bin it, kill it” approach. A “sniffle station” will be available in every classroom with access to a lidded bin, soap and visual prompts.</li> <li>☆ Hand sanitiser and access to a sink / soap will be provided for visitors to use.</li> <li>☆ Cleaners will ensure that frequently touched surfaces are cleaned thoroughly at the end of each day.</li> <li>☆ The school will follow <a href="#">national guidance on cleaning in educational settings</a>.</li> </ul>		Significantly reduced
Increased risk of transmission of Covid-19 through crowded and poorly ventilated spaces.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☆ Classroom staff should ensure that teaching spaces are adequately ventilated by opening doors and windows.</li> <li>☆ When it is too cold to keep doors and windows open, staff should refresh the air by opening doors and windows at break times, lunch times and times when the room is not being used.</li> <li>☆ The fan in the PPA room should be turned on when a number of staff are working in this space to ensure a supply of fresh air.</li> </ul>		Significantly reduced

Increased risk of illness to individuals who were identified as vulnerable and expectant mothers.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☆ Individuals with underlying health issues should seek advice from their GP or health specialist. The school will complete an individual health care plan / risk assessment to ensure that individual needs are supported in line with medical advice.</li> <li>☆ A risk assessment will be completed for expectant mothers. Expectant mothers should seek expert guidance from their midwife.</li> </ul>		
Risk of harm to vulnerable children who are self-isolating and not attending school.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☆ Designated Safeguarding Lead to maintain a list of vulnerable children.</li> <li>☆ DSL to ensure that regular Keeping in Touch calls take place when children are self-isolating to offer support to families.</li> <li>☆ Social workers and / or Early Help workers working with and supporting the family will be notified of the absence.</li> <li>☆ Support will be offered to families to assist with home learning where this is needed.</li> </ul>		Significantly reduced
Risk of contact with an infected individual during an educational visit or extra-curricular activity.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☆ A risk assessment will be completed for all educational visits. The risk assessment should be shared with the Head Teacher, in line with school policy.</li> <li>☆ Actions to reduce the risk of Covid-19 will be considered as part of the risk assessment process. The school will follow national and local guidance.</li> <li>☆ All external club providers will be provided with a copy of this risk assessment.</li> </ul>		Significantly reduced

The school will continue to review and update this risk assessment in line with local and national guidance.