

## Risk Assessment

Risk Assessment written in line with Waltham Forest Local Authority and Government guidance.

Description of activity being assessed:	Preventing the spread of Covid-19 in a school environment
Year groups covered:	Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6
Locations covered:	All school premises from the school gate, including buildings and outside space
Date of original assessment:	18 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
Agreed by Governing Body	Extra-ordinary Full Governing Body Meeting 20th May 2020
Shared with staff:	20 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
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Formal review process:	Weekly every Friday by Head Teacher and Mary Wilson (School Improvement & Data Manager)
Amendments/Actions:	

Risk Who is at risk	Risk Rating	Mitigating Actions	By Whom	Resources	Date action taken? Date completed?
Children and adults spread Covid-19 via droplets from coughing and sneezing and through contaminated	High Medium	<ul> <li>Good hand hygiene</li> <li>Regular hand washing throughout the day including on arrival, before and after playtime and lunchtime and before leaving for the day – children and staff</li> <li>SSM (Dale) to ensure soap dispensers, hand towels and sanitiser gel replenished daily</li> <li>Bins with lids (25L with swing lid) placed in classrooms and emptied at least daily by SSM</li> </ul>	See individual actions:	Soap, sanitiser gel (60% alcohol) Atlas (cleaning contractors	Continuous
surfaces  People at risk:  Pupils  Staff  Parents/Carers  Visitors  Cleaners  Contractors		<ul> <li>Hand dryers off at all times and children to use paper towels to dry their hands</li> <li>Children will enter the school through door near their toilets, this will lead straight to the toilet for them to wash their hands. Markings on the floor will identify 2m gaps</li> <li>Year 6, Year 1 and Reception will all enter the building through doors which lead straight to the toilets where the children will wash their hands. Markings on the floor will mark 2m spaces where the children will stand.</li> </ul>	Teachers Support Staff Cleaners Teachers	<ul> <li>10 hours daily)</li> <li>Spray bottles with cleaning solution – replenished daily</li> </ul>	Continuous
Higher risk     groups include		Cleaning	Dale	Cloths for wiping –	Continuous

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(elderly, BAME,	Regular cleaning of school and classroom surfaces including door handles,	Staff	replaced	
pregnant,	tablets, keyboards, pencils and whiteboards		daily	
those with	Cleaning solution and wipes in all classrooms.	Dale		
underlying	LSAs/teachers to wipe down surfaces before and after each break, and		Tissues	
health	after children leave each day.	Dale		
conditions)	Cleaners to have clear expectations of what/how to clean each day.	2 6 6	Bin bags	
331131131	Deep clean carried out on a Wednesday and Friday/Monday. (change		Birr & digs	
	overs)	Staff	Bins with lids	
	<ul> <li>Dale to ensure corridor doors and rails and communal surfaces cleaned</li> </ul>	Sidii	DITIS WITH IICIS	
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	three times per day – before school, after playtime, after lunch.	Cleaners		
	Children reminded daily to catch it, bin it, kill it. Children reminded to use			
	tissues.			
	Bins with lids (25L with swing lid) placed in classrooms and emptied at least			Completed
	daily by SSM			27 <sup>th</sup> May
	<ul> <li>Windows and doors to be kept open, school kept well ventilated</li> </ul>	All Staff		2020
	Cleaning will be monitored daily by Dale			
	All cleaning staff to wear gloves.	Teachers		
	Dale to clean between sessions in communal areas and LSAs/teachers to			
	clean between sessions in the classrooms.	Midday		
	Dale to do a daily check of all soap, sanitiser, hand towels to ensure they	assistants		Continuous
	are in plentiful supply for staff and children.			
	Playground equipment to be cleaned daily before being put away and	Dale		
	kept separate for each group/bubble of children.	2 5 5		
	Staff to use solution to wipe all equipment before it is put away – wearing			
	gloves.	Teachers		
	<ul> <li>Staff meeting and written communication about wipe downs.</li> </ul>	icaciicis		
	Communicate expectations to all staff.	Dale		
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	Staff to ensure all soft toys and toys with tricky bits are removed from			
	classrooms and stored safely elsewhere.	To a show (All		
	Staff and cleaning staff to ensure that all toys are cleaned between	Teachers/All		
	sessions, using gloves and appropriate cleaning products	staff		
	4 cleaners, cleaning supervisor and Dale to clean for a total of 12 hours a			
	day.	Midday		
	<ul> <li>Dale to clean classrooms while children are out at play daily.</li> </ul>	assistants		
	Gloves provided in classrooms for staff			
	Dale/cleaners will empty bins on a daily basis			
	Air conditioning and hand dyers off at all times	DSL		
	Essential Visitors	All staff		
	Only allow essential visitors to enter the building and only those who have			
	been arranged previously			Continuous
	<ul> <li>Visitors to wash their hands as soon as they enter, before they leave and</li> </ul>			30
	every hour	All staff		
	<ul> <li>Meetings to be held over zoom or telephone rather than face to face as</li> </ul>	All stull		
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	much as possible	Parents		

l	Reception	9.00 - 9.10	2.30			times to be reviewed
<del> </del>	(ey worker	<b>Drop off</b> 8.45 – 8.55	<b>Pick up</b> 3.30		All staff	Drop off
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	Staggered finis One way system	h and start times and	desk each time i.e. no I playtimes/lunchtime ensure social distanc on playaround	es		
	slip sent home. the office as re Children to sit of	More serious accide equired in line with the one child to a desk. I	nts will be dealt with e Safeguarding Policy No children on the ca	by the first aider in v. Irpet, where		
•	have access to will be adminis	o their own first aid ec tered where possible	ovement around scho quipment as will MDAs without the child haved by email rather tha	s. All minor first aid ving to go to the		Continuous
•	hold mini-asser Each year grou	nblies to introduce thup to have different s	nemes, star of the wee tart and finish times.	ek, etc.		
	at a time to be to use Y2 classi	sent to the toilet wit cooms to allow use of	h LSA to avoid anothe different toilets to Re preseeable future. Cl	er child going in. Y1 ception children.	7 0. 6	
•	_	playtime member of	staff on duty stands r preaks. During class ti		All staff	
•	playground. Year 6, year 1 (	and EYFS children wil	l have lunches deliver			
•	distancing rule	s to be adhered to.	en will sit 4 children pe Only KW and Vulneral d about social distan	ble children to eat		
	children in top Corridors to be	and bottom playgro one-way and clear	und. signage and posters v	will be in place.		27 IVIQY
	message.		ground to be vigilant lyground – staggered		All staff SLT	Completed 27 <sup>th</sup> May
.	year group. Th	ere will be no mixing		•		
• •		in 'bubbles' of no mo	ore than 15 at all time ned as a bubble of 15		All staff	Before 1st June
•	Parents not to email or teleph		eption area. All com	nmunication via	All staff	June
•			ption to be put on th			Before 1st

fear 6 9	.30 - 9.45	3.00			after week beginning 1st June
Playtime (15 mins)					
10.30 – 10.45	1IL				
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10.30 – 10.45	6JG				
10.45 – 11.00	6SM				
(W/Vuln	10.00 – 10				
Afternoon play	Organise	d by teachers		All staff	
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Children to have the These will be provide will bring their own. Children to have the and cleaned every of Water fountains will be Water fountains will repuiled up of legionello Children must have to by staff daily. Nursery, Reception and clear communication where children are eschool building at day.	d by school for ir own named way, children more taped up an need to be flush heir own white and Year 1 child in to parents an expected to quo pp-off, there wi	Nursey, Reception of water bottle which rust be able to open a not in use. Hed every week to proposed and pen which the are not able to discarers.	and Year 1, Year on the water bottle. The water be cleaned and or entering the effoor	me tial ed	



## Social distancing staff

- Staff need to use their classrooms or outside area, where possible, to eat/drink
- Staff meetings to be in a larger space, or in smaller phase groups, or via zoom.
- Staff are not able to sit in the staffroom. Items must be thoroughly washed after use. Plates and cutlery to be returned to the staffroom and washed thoroughly. Lunch must be eaten in classrooms or in a designated area outside where social distancing can be adhered to.
- Staff are able to sit socially distanced (minimum of 2m) in an outside designated area during break time and lunchtime.
- Year group staff to identify an area outside where chairs can be put to allow for group of adults to sit and stay socially distanced.
- Use of photocopiers to be "zoned".
- Lunchtimes and break times to be staggered
- Office staff to be on rota
- Office staff will not hot-desk during the day and will use the same desk every time they are in the office where practicable
- Perspex screen to be in place at office window.
- Nursery staff to use toilets in nursery, reception to use disabled toilet in their corridor, year 1 to use toilets in main corridor, year 6 to use disabled toilet near year 6 classrooms.
- Staff to use tissue to turn toilet tap on and off after use. Toilets to be part of Dale's regular daily cleaning

## Social distancing staff

- Reminders for parents to socially distance, posters around school
- One way system for drop off and collection
- Markings outside the school provided by the Borough

Dale

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	At pick up SSM and DH or HT to be outside to remind parents to keep their			
	distance			
	<ul> <li>Teaching planning</li> <li>Teachers should plan lessons to avoid activities which encourage contact including:</li> <li>Avoid passing things around a circle – snack bowls, puppets</li> <li>Avoid PE equipment that has to be shared</li> <li>All staff to support cleaning of equipment after use – teachers to plan time for this into sessions.</li> <li>Marking policy / handling of books</li> <li>Books will not be marked by class teacher, verbal feedback will be given</li> <li>Children will be given their own reading book and work books which only they can touch. This will be kept with the individual child's items and is to be used on their day</li> <li>Use of outdoor space</li> <li>Outdoor equipment will be used for KS 2 Key Worker and Vulnerable group. All other bubbles will be given their own equipment which will be cleaned after use. Multiple groups do not use the same equipment.</li> </ul>			
	Cones to section off different areas to be used by the children			
	<ul> <li>Playground structure in top playground to be by Key Worker and Vulnerable children</li> </ul>			
Medium	<ul> <li>Children, young people and students whose care routine already involves the use of PPE due to their intimate care needs should continue to receive their care in the same way:</li> <li>Staff should wash hands thoroughly after each intervention with a child.</li> <li>Gloves must be disposed of immediately.</li> <li>If a child, young person or other learner becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus while in their setting and needs direct personal care until they can return home. A fluid-resistant surgical face mask should be worn by the supervising adult if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained. If contact with the child or young person is necessary, then disposable gloves, a disposable apron and a fluid-resistant surgical face mask should be worn by the supervising adult. If a risk assessment determines that there is a risk of splashing to the eyes, for example from coughing, spitting, or vomiting, then eye protection should also be worn.</li> </ul>	support staff	PPE, gloves, sanitiser, soap.	Continuous

Regular 1:1 support for children with EHCPs may not be available due to staff shielding.	Medium	<ul> <li>EHCP children in school will need support from an additional adult – it doesn't have to be the same adult as usual, but additional training may need to be considered where there are medical needs. Individual risk assessments must be completed.</li> <li>Staff need to be allocated according to need.</li> <li>Any additional training needs to be provided quickly in order to ensure the safety of both the child and the staff member.</li> </ul>	1:1 support staff	Training. Individual risk assessments	Continuous
Insufficient teaching staff to meet the needs of the school People at risk: Pupils Staff Parents/Carers Visitors Cleaners Contractors Higher risk groups include (elderly, BAME, pregnant, those with underlying health conditions)	High	<ul> <li>Phased return commencing with Year 6, followed by Year 1 and Reception and Nursery. Staff on rota system and teachers moved internally to ensure coverage.</li> <li>Full return – all year groups and all children – a further risk assessment will need to be carried out following government guidelines around all primary school children being expected to return to school.</li> <li>LSAs and /or supply teachers used to 'plug gaps' where necessary.</li> <li>Staff to report sickness absence following the usual procedure – CN/AA to ensure sufficient staff.</li> <li>SLT to monitor advice from Unions and respond accordingly (to be led by LA)</li> </ul>	SLT Support staff	Supply Teachers	Begin 1st June.
Insufficient support staff to meet the needs of the school  People at risk:  Pupils Staff Parents/Carers Visitors Cleaners Contractors Higher risk groups include (elderly, BAME, pregnant, those with underlying health conditions)	High	<ul> <li>Where a member of support staff is allocated to work 1:1 with a child, they will either be replaced internally or with supply.</li> <li>Where neither of those is possible, a risk assessment will be carried out. Where the risk assessment indicates it is not safe for the child to remain in school, parents will be asked to collect.</li> <li>Where a member of support staff is unable to attend and this would not impact the education or welfare of the children, no replacement will be made.</li> <li>SLT will keep an overview of who is in school, who is available and where resources need to be moved or added to (with supply) on a daily basis.</li> <li>This will be communicated clearly to staff as needed and to parents as appropriate.</li> <li>Staff to report sickness absence following the usual procedure – CN/AA to ensure sufficient staff.</li> <li>Garvin to deputise in the event that the SSM (Dale) in unable to work.</li> <li>A qualified first aider will be on site at all times.</li> </ul>	SLT All staff  Garvin Dale	Supply Support Staff	To be monitored daily
An adult or child in school presents with Covid-19	High Medium	If staff or children become unwell with a new continuous cough, a high temperature or loss of taste or smell in the workplace, they will be sent home and advised to follow the stay at home guidance.	SLT	Public Health -	Monitored daily

symptoms (continuous cough or high temperature)  People at risk: Pupils Staff Parents/Carers Visitors Cleaners Contractors Higher risk groups include (elderly, BAME, pregnant, those with underlying health conditions)		<ul> <li>In the case of a staff member or child becoming unwell, the line manager/parent will discuss arranging a Covid-19 Test and follow the instructions given by Public Health England/NHS</li> <li>Line managers will maintain regular contact with staff members during this time</li> <li>If advised that a member of staff or child has developed Covid-19 and were recently at the school, the management team will contact publichealth@walthamforest.gov.uk to discuss the case, identify people who have been in contact with them and will take advice on any actions or precautions that should be taken</li> <li>Line managers will offer support to staff who are affected by Coronavirus or has a family member affected</li> <li>If staff members have contracted Covid-19 from work this must be reported on the AIR line call 03300 586 469 so an investigation can be completed and a RIDDOR report made, where required</li> <li>CN/AA to ascertain risk measure associated with staffing</li> <li>In the period during which the child is waiting to be collected, where possible, they should remain in the designated 'sick bay' area in the main reception and will be kept distanced from other children.</li> </ul>	Parent	Waltham Forest RIDDOR	Continuous
Increased risk of infection for Vulnerable and Critically Vulnerable Staff, Children, and members of the child's family  People at risk: Pupils Staff Parents/Carers Visitors Cleaners Contractors Higher risk groups include (elderly, BAME, pregnant, those with underlying health conditions)	High Medium	<ul> <li>Staff to work from home where possible to support shielding measures</li> <li>All staff who are in school to have been cleared to be at work via medical advice</li> <li>All staff to be informed that they need to notify SLT re any changes in their circumstance</li> <li>Staff to indicate if they encounter any risk that has not already been identified and dealt with</li> <li>Staff and SLT to check in with each other and seek support if needed</li> <li>Due consideration for BAME staff, support from SLT and adjustments made if necessary</li> <li>Staff who are clinically extremely vulnerable must continue to follow shielding measures and are advised to work from home</li> <li>Staff who are clinically vulnerable should work from home where possible, IF, clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable) individuals cannot work from home, they will be offered the safest available on-site roles, staying 2 metres away from others wherever possible. Where there is a likelihood staff will have to spend time within 2 metres of other people, the school and member of staff will carefully assess and discuss whether this involves an acceptable level of risk.</li> <li>Children</li> <li>Children classed as clinically extremely vulnerable will still be expected to shield and be supported at home</li> </ul>	SLT  All Staff  Parents	Government guidance	Continuous

		<ul> <li>Parents who have Children who are Clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable) are advised to follow medical advice</li> <li>The number of shared resources removed from site by pupils and staff will be limited</li> <li>Shielded/clinically vulnerable household members</li> <li>If a child, young person or a member of staff lives with someone who is clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable), the government guidance will be followed and they will be advised they can attend</li> <li>If a child, young person or staff member lives in a household with someone who is extremely clinically vulnerable, the government have advised they only attend an education or childcare setting if stringent social distancing can be adhered to and, the children are able to understand and follow those instructions. This may not be possible for all children as they may not have capacity to adhere to the instructions on social distancing. If stringent social distancing cannot be adhered to, these children will not be expected to attend. They will continue to be supported to learn or work at home.</li> </ul>	All staff		
Staff may suffer anxiety or stress on return to work  People at risk:  Staff  Cleaners  Higher risk groups include (elderly, BAME, pregnant, those with underlying health conditions)	High Medium	<ul> <li>Staff to receive a guide through the school systems and procedures on the morning before children arrive to go through fire exits/procedures, safe cleaning expectations, rules for children and social distancing expectations.</li> <li>Whole staff email to explain expectations beforehand.</li> <li>SLT to monitor staff and take feedback on a regular basis.</li> <li>All staff to recognise that this is a stressful situation and not to put pressure on themselves to do more than is reasonable or achievable.</li> <li>SLT to provide opportunities to share and discuss issues/concerns – either face to face or via zoom/surveys – so that general issues can be addressed early.</li> <li>Support from Vanessa</li> <li>Clear communication to all staff around what is/isn't expected, routines, safety measures, risk assessments, etc.</li> <li>Staff well-being to be added as a fixed agenda item to SLT meetings.</li> <li>Half-termly opportunities for staff to provide feedback – media to be agreed.</li> </ul>	SLT  Vanessa  All staff	Sign-posted resources	Morning of children's return Monday 1st June
Children are emotionally traumatised on return due to upheaval, bereavement, etc.	High Medium	<ul> <li>Sign-posting of resources to staff to support generally and specifically as needed.</li> <li>Timetables clearly identify ring-fenced PSHE /Circle time for developing 'habits' – e.g. daily well-being check-in (1-5) meditation etc.</li> <li>Baseline assessment of children's emotional health and well-being and physical activity carried out by teachers</li> <li>Children who are showing signs of emotional stress/trauma to be provided with support, school will work closely with parents.</li> </ul>	SLT  All teachers  All staff	Place2Be New PSHE curriculum Learning Mentors	Continuous

People at risk:  Pupils  Staff  Parents/Carers  Visitors  Cleaners  Higher risk groups include (elderly, BAME, pregnant, those with underlying health conditions)		<ul> <li>Staff to ensure that PSHE is given high priority on weekly timetables.</li> <li>Staff to carry out a baseline assessment of all children and monitor closely for changes/concerns.</li> <li>Children of concern will be referred either to Vanessa or Angela for Learning Mentor support.</li> <li>Parents will be kept informed and where necessary additional referrals will be made.</li> <li>Children and teacher to spend time outlining boundaries and expected behaviour in their bubble.</li> <li>Teacher to hold regular circle time/PSHE sessions to address areas of concern</li> <li>DSL and SENDco will be in regular contact with vulnerable pupils, including pupils with social worker and SEND needs.</li> </ul>	Vanessa Angela		
Increased anxiety or stress amongst parents and carers re sending children back to school  People at risk:  Parents/Carers	High Medium	<ul> <li>Regular communications sent to parents to inform them of the controls in place, what they are required to do, with signage put in place at drop off and pick up times.</li> <li>Communications to parents signpost government/Local Authority guidance and outline clearly the mitigating measures school has in place and where measures (e.g. social distancing of Reception children) are not possible so that they can make informed decisions.</li> <li>Parents are informed that currently they will not be fined should they choose not to send their children to school and, where possible, staff will be providing an online curriculum which is close to that which is being provided in school.</li> <li>All office staff kept well informed so they are able to give parents the information they need to make informed decisions and to give them reassurance.</li> </ul>	SLT  All Staff  Parents  Office Staff	Website	Continuous
Risk of infection during travel to school	High Medium	<ul> <li>Staff, parents, children and young people are encouraged to walk or cycle where possible</li> <li>Staff and parents are encouraged to read government advice Coronavirus (COVID-19): safer travel guidance for passengers</li> <li>Staff using public transport should do so in line with government guidance</li> </ul>	SLT Parents All staff	Government guidance on safer travel	Continuous
Attendance of children at school may be sporadic which could lead to safeguarding issues		<ul> <li>Registers to be kept on Sims – completed by class teacher.</li> <li>First-day calling for children we have not been advised by parents are being routinely kept at home.</li> <li>Parents reminded to keep school informed with attendance</li> <li>Any notification of a suspected case of covid at home to be logged and parents to be told to self-isolate for 14 days and call 111</li> </ul>	Office staff Parents	SIMS	Continuous
Emergency evacuation (e.g. fire alarm)	High Medium	<ul> <li>Staff to ensure that they tap in and out of school to register their attendance in the building</li> <li>Emergency Plan to be followed</li> <li>Where possible assembly points will allow for social distancing.</li> </ul>	All staff SLT	Emergency Plan	Continuous Monday 1st June

increases risk of	Emergency areas in the playground to be set up for social distancing		
infection	Staff to discuss individual travel needs and requirements with SLT where arrangements can be made to accommodate and solve issues.		
People at risk:			
<ul><li>Pupils</li></ul>			
<ul> <li>Staff</li> </ul>			
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<ul><li>Visitors</li></ul>			
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