



Newtown Primary School
 Covid 19 Risk Assessment
 September 2021

Hazard/Activity	Persons at Risk	Risk	Control measures in use	Residual Risk Rating H / M / L	Further Action Required	
					Yes	No
Awareness of policies and procedures	Staff Pupils others	Inadequate information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All staff, parents, governors, visitors and volunteers are aware of all relevant policies and procedures. All staff have access to all relevant guidance and legislation including, but not limited to, the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR) 2013 The Health Protection (Notification) Regulations 2010 Public Health England (PHE) (2017) 'Health protection in schools and other childcare facilities' DfE and PHE (2020) 'COVID-19: guidance for educational settings' The relevant staff receive any necessary training that helps minimise the spread of infection, e.g. 	Med		X

			<p>infection control training.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school keeps up-to-date with advice issued by, but not limited to, the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DfE • NHS • Department for Health and Social Care • PHE • Staff are made aware of the school's infection control procedures in relation to coronavirus via email or staff meetings and contact the school as soon as possible if they believe they may have been exposed to coronavirus. • Parents are made aware of the school's infection control procedures in relation to coronavirus via letter and social media – they are informed that they must contact the school as soon as possible if they believe their child has been exposed to coronavirus. <p>Pupils are made aware of the need to tell a member of staff if they feel unwell.</p>			
Disruption to the running of the school in cases of local outbreak	Staff Pupils Others	Infection Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school has an up-to-date COVID contingency Plan– the plan is reviewed as necessary. • The school adheres to and keeps up-to-date with the latest local and national advice about school closures – advice is sought from the local HPT or DfE helpline where required. <p>Follow Government advice and follow any instructions</p>	Med		
Use of Transport	Staff Pupils Others	Infection Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We recommend that they are worn in enclosed and crowded spaces where you may come into contact with people you don't normally meet. This includes public transport and dedicated 	Med		X

			<p>transport to school "</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School will follow director of public health advice in cases of local outbreak. <p>Schools put into place any actions or precautions advised by their local HPT.</p>			
Cleaning of school	Staff Pupils Others	Infection Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All hard surfaces to be cleaned on a regular basis, this will include All door handles All tables and chairs used by staff and pupils Toilet flushes and regular cleaning of toilets. All classrooms to have spray disinfectant and cloths. Regular cleaning of surfaces will reduce the risk of spreading the virus. 	Med		X
Ventilation class/office	Staff Pupils Others	Infection Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where appropriate open external windows, internal doors and external doors to improve natural ventilation. <p>If external doors are opened, ensure that they are not fire doors and are safe to do so.</p>	Med		X
Poor hygiene practice	Staff Pupils Others	Ill Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You should continue to ensure that children clean their hands regularly, this can be done with soap and water or hand sanitiser Staff and visitors are encouraged to wash their hands with soap or alcohol-based sanitiser (that contains no less than 60% alcohol) and follow infection control procedures in accordance with the DfE and PHE's guidance. Sufficient amounts of soap (or hand sanitiser 	Med		X

			<p>where applicable), clean water and paper towels are supplied in all toilets and kitchen areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils are supervised by staff when washing their hands to ensure it is done correctly, where necessary. • Pupils are discouraged from sharing cutlery, cups or food. • All cutlery and cups are thoroughly cleaned before and after use. • Cleaners to carry out daily, thorough cleaning that follows national guidance and is compliant with the COSHH Policy and the Health and Safety Policy. • A senior member of staff arranges enhanced cleaning to be undertaken where required – advice about enhanced cleaning protocols is sought from the HPT/PHE 			
Spread of Infection	Staff Pupils Others	Lack of infection control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spillages of bodily fluids, e.g. respiratory and nasal discharges, are cleaned up immediately in line with guidance, using PPE at all times. • Parents are informed not to bring their children to school or on the school premises if they show signs of being unwell and with symptoms of COVID-19. They will then be instructed to take a PCR test. • Staff and pupils do not return to school before the minimum recommended exclusion period (or the 'self-isolation' period) has passed, in line with national guidance. • Pupils who are unwell are not taken on school trips or permitted to enter public areas used for teaching, e.g. swimming pools. 	Med		X

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents notify the school if their child has an impaired immune system or a medical condition that means they are vulnerable to infections. The school in liaison with individuals' medical professionals where necessary, reviews the needs of pupils who are vulnerable to infections. <p>Any additional provisions for pupils who are vulnerable to infections are put in place by the headteacher, in liaison with the pupil's parents where necessary.</p>			
Classroom Management	Pupils Staff	Infection Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is no longer required for forward facing tables etc however care should still be taken on table management in a classroom setting. Outbreak management plans should cover the possibility of reintroduction of restrictions on mixing for a temporary period in case of local outbreak. It would be sensible to revert back to previous control measures in the event of a local outbreak. 	Med		X
Assemblies	Pupils Staff	Infection control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no restrictions in place for holding assemblies and singing in the school hall. Assemblies will be twice weekly in the hall 	Med	X	
Lunchtimes	Pupils Staff	Infection Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunchtime arrangements will be split into EYFS & KS1 and KS2 Tables must still be cleaned on a regular basis throughout dinner time activities. 	Low	X	
Playtime and using equipment			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previous playtimes and groups can be reinstated and no restrictions in place regarding using and sharing play equipment. Playtimes will be KS1 and KS2 separate 	Low	X	

Personal Protective Equipment Face Coverings	Pupils Staff	Infection Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face coverings are no longer advised for staff and visitors in classrooms or communal areas • We recommend that they are worn in enclosed and crowded spaces where you may come into contact with people you don't normally meet. This includes public transport and dedicated transport to school." • School will follow director of public health advice in cases of local outbreak. <p>Schools put into place any actions or precautions advised by their local HPT.</p>	Low		X
Ill Health	Staff Pupils Others	Coronavirus symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff are informed of the symptoms of possible coronavirus infection, e.g. a cough, loss or change to sense of smell or taste and high temperature and are kept up-to-date with national guidance about the signs, symptoms and transmission of coronavirus. • Any pupil or member of staff who displays signs of being unwell, such as having a cough, fever or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste, and believes they have been exposed to coronavirus, is immediately taken out of the class, and placed in the medical room, where they will not come into contact with others and are supervised at all times. • For pupils the relevant member of staff calls for emergency assistance immediately if pupils' symptoms worsen. • The parents of unwell pupils are informed as 	Med		X

			<p>soon as possible of the situation by a relevant member of staff. They are then advised to take PCR test and inform school of the results.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Where contact with a pupil's parents cannot be made, appropriate procedures are followed in accordance with those outlined in governmental guidance.• Unwell pupils who are waiting to go home are kept in the medical room where they can be at least two metres away from others.• Areas used by unwell staff and pupils who need to go home are appropriately cleaned once vacated, using a disinfectant and care to be taken when cleaning all hard surfaces.• If unwell pupils and staff are waiting to go home, they are instructed to use different toilets to the rest of the school to minimise the spread of infection.• Any pupils who display signs of infection are taken home immediately, or as soon as practicable, by their parents – the parents are advised to contact NHS 111 immediately or call 999 if the pupil becomes seriously ill or their life is at risk.• Any members of staff who display signs of infection are sent home immediately and are advised to contact NHS 111 immediately			
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			<p>or call 999 if they become seriously ill or their life is at risk.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any medication given to ease the unwell individual's symptoms, e.g. Paracetamol, is administered in accordance with the Administering Medications Policy. 			
Positive Cases			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School no longer need to do contact tracing as close contacts will be identified via NHS Test and Trace. School will support NHS Test and Trace when required to help identify close contacts <p>From 16th August 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From 16 August 2021, children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case. Instead, children will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so. Staff / Pupils with a positive lateral flow test result should self-isolate in line with the stay at home guidance and get a PCR test to check if they have COVID-19 and continue to self-isolate If the PCR test is taken within 2 days of the positive lateral flow test, and is negative, it overrides the self test and the pupils/staff can return to school as long as the individual doesn't have COVID-19 symptoms 	Med		X

Poor management of infectious diseases	Staff Pupils Others	Lack of Infection control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff are instructed to monitor themselves and others and look out for similar symptoms if a pupil or staff member has been sent home with suspected coronavirus. • Staff are vigilant and report concerns about their own, a colleague's or a pupil's symptoms to the Headteacher or SLT as soon as possible. . • The school is consistent in its approach to the management of suspected and confirmed cases of coronavirus. • The school is informed by pupils' parents when pupils return to school after having coronavirus – the school informs the relevant staff. • Staff inform the headteacher when they plan to return to work after having coronavirus. • A nominated person monitors the cleaning standards of school cleaning contractors and discusses any additional measures required with regards to managing the spread of coronavirus. 	Low		X
Lack of communication	Staff Pupils Others	Unsafe Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school staff reports immediately to the headteacher about any cases of suspected coronavirus, even if they are unsure. • The headteacher contacts the local HPT or follows the advice given from and discusses if any further action needs to be taken. • Schools put into place any actions or precautions advised by their local HPT. • Schools keep staff and parents adequately updated about any changes to infection control procedures as necessary. 	Low		X
Admitting children into school	Pupils Staff	Infection Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In most cases, parents and carers will agree that a pupil with symptoms should not attend the school, given the potential risk to others. If a 	Low	X	

			<p>parent or carer insists on a pupil attending your school, you can take the decision to refuse the pupil if, in your reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with COVID-19.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your decision would need to be carefully considered in light of all the circumstances and current public health advice. 			
CEV children	Pupils Staff	Infection Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All CEV children should attend their education setting unless they are one of the very small number of children under paediatric or other specialist care who have been advised by their GP or clinician not to attend 	Low		X
Admitting people into school	Pupils Staff	Infection Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils, staff and other adults should not come into school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test result or have been instructed to quarantine Anyone staff or pupils within the school who appear to have COVID-19 symptoms are sent home, advised to avoid using public transport and, wherever possible, be collected by a member of their family or household and to follow public health advice In the case of a pupil awaiting collection, they should be taken to a room away from other pupils and supervised If the member of staff is in close contact with the child then they should wear appropriate PPE A window should be opened for fresh air ventilation if possible Any rooms that have been used for this purpose should be cleaned after they have left As anyone within the household should follow 	Med		X

			the PHE guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection, then any siblings within the school will be identified and also sent home.			
Staff CEV	Staff	Infection Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEV people are no longer advised to shield but may wish to take extra precautions to protect themselves and to follow the practical steps set out in the CEV guidance to minimise their risk of exposure to the virus • Staff should attend their place of work if they cannot work from home • The school will follow DHSC updated guidance 	Low	X	
Education Visits	Pupils	Infection Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If booking new visits ensure that the school have adequate financial protection in place • From the start of the Autumn school term you can go on international visits. • You should be aware that the travel list (and broader international travel policy) is subject to change and green list countries may be moved into amber or red. • The travel lists may change during a visit and you must comply with international travel legislation and should have contingency plans in place to account for these changes. • The school should have a contingency plan in place to account for any changes in the government travel list • Full risk assessments must be undertaken. 	Low		X