

The Spring Partnership Trust

Draft Risk assessment for stopping on site attendance of Spring schools in January 2021 – COVID-19 V3.21

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Schools are expected to achieve the following controls as defined by the Department of Education in order to operate safely. The risk assessment has been written by The Spring Partnership Trust for Castlecombe, Dorset Road, Hayes, Leeson, Midfield and St Mary Cray primary schools. There is a separate risk register for the TSPT central office. Each site has an appendix at the end of the generic Trust risk assessment, including site or provision-specific risks and their treatments.

This risk assessment has been reviewed in the light of the most recent guidance from the DfE which was updated on 31st December 2020 and can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-full-opening-special-schools-and-other-specialist-settings/guidance-for-full-opening-special-schools-and-other-specialist-settings#clinically-extremely-vulnerable-children>

On Tuesday 4th January 2021 Central Government announced Tier 5 and the stopping of on-site attendance except for vulnerable and children of critical workers. The contingency plans were updated on January 1st 2021 and can be found here

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-contingency-framework-for-education-and-childcare-settings/contingency-framework-education-and-childcare-settings-excluding-universities>

Prevention

- 1) Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have COVID-19 symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school
- 2) Clean hands thoroughly more often than usual
- 3) Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
- 4) Introduce enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents and bleach
- 5) Minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible
- 6) Where necessary, wear appropriate personal protective equipment

Response to any infection

- 7) Engage with the NHS test and trace process
- 8) Manage confirmed cases of COVID-19 amongst the school community
- 9) Contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice

Numbers 1-4 must be in place in all schools all the time. Number 5 must be properly considered and schools must put in place measures that suit their particular circumstances. Number 6 applies in specific circumstances.

The risk assessment will be kept under constant review to incorporate any further information and ideas from staff members will help school leaders to adjust and improve the measures in place to reduce transmission of COVID-19 within the schools and their communities.

Part A - How the school buildings will be kept safe

Hazard 1 Buildings not health and safety compliant		Risk rating: LOW
Who and how might someone be harmed? Employees, pupils, parents, visitors and contractors could be injured due to lack of building safety where statutory compliance checks or health and safety checks have not been completed prior to opening		
Measures in place to control risk The aim is to have a safe and legally safe building 1. Statutory compliance reviewed with the premises team. All statutory compliance has been met 2. The Trust COO has reviewed the site H&S compliance with this risk register on an INSET day in August or at some other time prior to opening 3. The school site and every room has been deep cleaned during closure and then locked if not in regular use 4. Cleaning regime has been increased 5. Handles, handrails and other touch points are cleaned first thing every morning		
What else is needed?	Who and when?	Completed
1. New cleaning procedures for the premises team are being put in place including rota in place identifying who is going to clean which areas	COO	4th January
Hazard 2 Infection with Covid-19 due to close contact in classrooms		Risk rating: Medium
Who & how might someone be harmed Employees, pupils, parents, visitors and contractors could become infected with Covid-19 and/or pass on the infection to others		
Measures in place to control risks NB: current guidance is that primary aged children are not expected to social distance or stay 2m apart 1. Groups of key worker or vulnerable pupils consist of no more than a class or year group size of pupils with consistent adults as far as possible 2. If adults have to work with small groups or different classes, ensure good ventilation and regular hand-washing 3. KS2 pupils facing the front of the classroom, sitting next to each other on shared tables 4. Provide pupils with their own table space, chair and a box for their equipment (not EYFS). 5. Designated areas for staff breaks that maintain social distancing and enhanced hygiene management		
What else is needed?	Who and When?	Completed
Could be added to during the consultation process i.e after staff have fed back to the CEO	SLT	4th January
Hazard 3		Risk rating: Medium

COVID-19 infection passed to others in corridors or stairs		
Who & how might someone be harmed Employees, pupils, parents, visitors and contractors could become infected with Covid-19 and/or pass on the infection to others		
1. At Midfield, Castlecombe and Leeson's use of stairs by pupils promoted in a controlled manner. There are no pupil stairs at Hayes or St Mary Cray. 2. Corridor floor markings down the middle to keep pupils on the left hand side of the corridor, in schools where they are particularly narrow such as Midfield. 3. All surfaces that people may come in contact with i.e. buttons, doors, hand rails cleaned regularly 4. Hand sanitiser units installed within and around schools at critical points 5. Internal doors remain open where possible 6. Cleaning records displayed to show record of frequency and time of cleaning each day		
What else is needed?	Who and When?	Completed
1. Floor markings and other signage relevant to new guidance to be kept in place for September	Caretakers	4th January
2. Install door-guards to fire doors that are high use/high contact doors, (not in higher risk rooms such as plant areas and kitchen areas)	Caretakers	4th January
3. Check all door-guard doors to ensure closing operation is working and replace batteries when required	Caretakers	4th January
Hazard 4 COVID-19 infection passed between people at the counter in the school's reception area		Risk rating: MEDIUM
Who & how might someone be harmed Employees, pupils, parents, visitors and contractors could become infected with Covid-19 and/or pass on the infection to others		
Measures in place to control risks 1. School offices should remain closed to the public/visitors during the lockdown 2. Parents reminded about office closure and use remote contact/payment wherever necessary 3. Hand sanitiser available at entrance/reception areas 4. Staff and visitor signing in screens at Midfield, Leeson's and Hayes to be cleaned regularly with anti-bacterial wipes 5. School office workforce to work from home wherever possible		
What else is needed?	Who and when?	Completed
Hazard 5 Fear and concerns relating to COVID-19 infection as a result of poor air circulation inside the buildings		Risk rating: Low
Who & how might someone be harmed Employees, pupils, parents, visitors and contractors could become infected with Covid-19 and/or pass on the infection to others		
Measures in place to control risks 1. Windows and doors are opened before the arrival of staff each day and left open where possible to encourage ventilation 2. Pupils encouraged to wear body warmers over school uniforms where necessary while classroom windows are open		

3. Air conditioning systems turned off		
What else is needed?	Who and when?	Completed
This could be updated following the consultation process	SLT	Ongoing
Hazard 6 COVID-19 infection passed between people as a result of office layout and space		Risk rating: Low
Who & how might someone be harmed Employees, pupils, parents, visitors and contractors could become infected with Covid-19 and/or pass on the infection to others		
Measures in place to control risks 1. Office layouts rearranged where necessary to achieve 1 metre or more metre social distancing 2. All surfaces cleared in shared spaces 3. Leaders monitor usage of spaces regularly 4. Staff avoid sitting facing each other 5. Hand sanitisers in all office spaces 6. Staff members use own equipment only – any shared equipment is wiped between use		
What else is needed?	Who and when?	Completed
1. For areas where regular meetings take place, use signage to help people maintain physical distancing	SLT	4th January
2. Provide seating plans for each location	SLT	January 4th
Hazard 7 COVID-19 infection passed between people as a result of a contaminated workplace		Risk rating: MEDIUM
Who & how might someone be harmed Employees, pupils, parents, visitors and contractors could become infected with Covid-19 and/or pass on the infection to others		
Measures in place to control risks NB: Refer to Infection Control section of the risk assessment for further information 1. Increased formal cleaning regime including contracted cleaners, premises team and all staff members on site 2. Key areas and touch points identified and part of cleaning schedule (keyboards, work surfaces, door handles, doors, entrance areas, toilets, taps etc.) 3. Hand sanitisers placed throughout the workplace 4. Hand wash available at all times in all toilets 5. Each classroom is well supplied with soap and tissue 6. The 'System of controls' including extra personal hygiene management (hand washing etc.) is non-negotiable 7. Single-use handtowels or hand dryers only are used to dry hands 8. Confirmed cases of <i>work-related Covid-19</i> reported to the CFO (Verity Bolton) Contingency cleaning regime ready to use following Covid-19 case on site 9. Correct cleaning products in use for infection control Covid-19		
What else is needed?	Who and when?	Completed
COO to ensure Head Teachers receive updated information surrounding cleaning regimes	COO	4th January

Hazard 8 COVID-19 infection passed between people as a result of a gathering, such as during an emergency evacuation		Risk rating: Low
Who & how might someone be harmed Employees, pupils, parents, visitors and contractors could become infected with Covid-19 and/or pass on the infection to others		
Measures in place to control risks 1. 1 metre or more distances marked out around the buildings to help adults maintain physical distancing 2. No gatherings of people close to the building entrances permitted - remind groups if necessary while keeping a safe distance		
What else is needed?	Who and when?	Completed
1. Signage to remain in place to remind staff about not gathering together too closely	SLT	4th January
2. Revised fire evacuation strategy to be revisited during INSET in September at each school	SLT	4th January
3. Revised fire evacuation strategy to be practiced at every school by pupils and staff at the start of term	SLT	4th January
Hazard 9 COVID-19 infection passed between people as a result of provision of first aid in buildings		Risk rating: Low
Who & how might someone be harmed Employees, pupils, parents, visitors and contractors could become infected with Covid-19 and/or pass on the infection to others		
Measures in place to control risks NB: It is accepted that physical distancing cannot be maintained during the delivery of first aid 1. Review of first aid practice with COVID-19 restrictions in mind 2. First aid certificates have been extended where they have run out 3. Keep physical contact to a minimum when administering first aid e.g. pupils apply own cold pack, wipe, plaster where able to do so 4. Wear a face mask and disposable gloves and an apron when administering first aid 5. Wash hands after administering first aid and ensure the area is cleaned upon completion 6. Only one person can be treated in the first aid room at a time. Organise a waiting area 7. Where possible administer first aid outside 8. If daily medication is administered from 1 st aid rooms, relocate this activity to reduce demand on space		
What else is needed?	Who and when?	Completed
Provide signage outside first aid rooms to remind people how to use these spaces safely	SLT	4th January
Hazard 10 COVID-19 infection passed between people as a result of interaction in shared kitchen and other staff areas		Risk rating: Low
Who & how might someone be harmed		

Employees, pupils, parents, visitors and contractors could become infected with Covid-19 and/or pass on the infection to others		
Measures in place to control risks <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Physical distancing in place for adults and signage in place to remind them of this Taps and kettles to be cleaned before and after use with appropriate cleaning material/wipes Staff to wash their hands before and after eating for at least 20 seconds Staff to dispose of their food waste into the bins provided, clean cutlery and crockery and kitchen areas Staff are encouraged to go outside during breaks Increased cleaning regime in place for shared staff kitchen and staff room 		
What else is needed?	Who and when?	Completed
1. Order or create signage for shared kitchen and staff room	SLT	4th January
Hazard 11 COVID-19 infection passed between people as a result of provision of contract catering or lunchtime provision in the hall		Risk rating: Low
Who & how might someone be harmed Employees, pupils, parents, visitors and contractors could become infected with Covid-19 and/or pass on the infection to others		
Measures in place to control risks NB: Contract catering services have also produced their own risk assessment. PPE masks are not appropriate in the kitchen as due to the nature of heat, steam, touching of face/masks results in poor hygiene standards		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Physical distancing is in place for the kitchen staff Number of kitchen staff required in the kitchen area at one time has been reviewed with Olive dining Classes, key stages or year groups to have an allotted time to eat their lunch before the next group of classes enter the dining hall Tables to be cleaned in between groups eating their lunch Pupils to queue for lunch in their class, year group or key stage groups or be served food to avoid queuing Staff and children will be encouraged to wash their hands before and after eating for at least 20 seconds and frequently during the day Communication with contract cleaning services in place (Verity Bolton) to ensure that the school to be informed of any Covid-19 related staff sickness, without delay 		
What else is needed?	Who and when?	Completed
This could be added to following the consultation process	SLT	4 th January
Hazard 12 COVID-19 infection passed between people when using the toilet facilities		Risk rating: LOW
Who & how might someone be harmed Employees, pupils, parents, visitors and contractors could become infected with Covid-19 and/or pass on the infection to others		
Measures in place to control risks <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Signage displayed to specify number of staff members who can safely use staff toilets at any one time. Limit use to one person at time in small toilet facilities Staff to proceed with caution and be prepared to take a step back when entering small spaces Wash hands for 20 seconds after using the toilet 		

4. Consider how and when to touch flushes, taps and door handles to avoid contaminating surfaces 5. There is an increased cleaning regime in these areas 6. Control system in place for pupil toilet areas.		
What else is needed?	Who and when?	Completed
Include toilet areas in the new cleaning rota	COO	4th January
Remind staff about use of foot or elbow door opening options to reduce hand touching surfaces/doors access egress points	SLT	4th January
Hazard 13 COVID-19 infection passed between people when using meeting rooms		Risk rating: Low
Who & how might someone be harmed Employees, pupils, parents, visitors and contractors could become infected with Covid-19 and/or pass on the infection to others		
Measures in place to control risks 1. Use virtual (WEBEX) meetings if possible or phone calls 2. During lockdown, if meetings are urgently needed, they should be held outside with as few people socially distanced as possible 3. Meeting room doors to remain open 4. Maintain the allotted numbers of people per room or outside 5. Avoid facing people directly in meetings 6. Do not meet in rooms that are poorly ventilated 7. Bring your own equipment to the meeting rooms and leave all surfaces clear 8. Hand sanitiser is available in meeting rooms 9. Establish meeting etiquette while entering and leaving to ensure distancing 10. Record meeting dates, times and attendance for potential tracking requirements		
What else is needed?	Who and when?	Completed
1. Order door stops for all doors that are not fire doors.	SLT	4th January
Hazard 14 COVID-19 infection passed between people as a result of an attack by an intruder		Risk rating: LOW
Who & how might someone be harmed Employees, pupils, parents, visitors and contractors could become infected with Covid-19 and/or pass on the infection to others		
Measures in place to control risks 1. Security policy reviewed to take into account use of multiple gates simultaneously 2. Be vigilant during extended start and finish windows 3. All perimeter gates to remain locked during the school day 4. Visitor entry controlled at front office 5. Risk assessments in place for each pupil with SEND including risk of pupil leaving the school unauthorised		
What else is needed?	Who and when?	Completed

This could be added to following the consultation process		
Hazard 15 COVID-19 infection passed between people as a result of letting the premises		Risk rating: LOW
Who & how might someone be harmed Employees, pupils, parents, visitors and contractors could become infected with Covid-19 and/or pass on the infection to others		
Measures in place to control risks 1. ASC and BC closed to avoid spread of the virus between bubbles 2. Organisations providing clubs after school can only take pupils from the same Key worker bubble and no other pupils 3. Organisations providing clubs after school show a full risk assessment 4. Outdoor lettings to be prioritised 5. Caretakers check that control measures are in place		
What else is needed?	Who and when?	Completed
Check list to return to Business Development officer that all controls are in place	BDO	4th January
Hazard 16 COVID-19 infection passed between people as a result of using water fountains		Risk rating: LOW
Who & how might someone be harmed Employees, pupils, parents, visitors and contractors could become infected with Covid-19 and/or pass on the infection to others		
Measures in place to control risks 1. Water fountains have been switched off 2. Pupils have their own water bottles to use in the classroom 3. Disposable cups made available for pupils without water bottles		
What else is needed?	Who and when?	Completed
This could be added to following the consultation process	SLT	
Hazard 17 COVID-19 infection passed between people as a result of using swimming pools or therapy pools		Risk rating: LOW
Who & how might someone be harmed Employees, pupils, parents, visitors and contractors could become infected with Covid-19 and/or pass on the infection to others		
Measures in place to control risks 1. Swimming pool only open to critical worker and vulnerable pupil's bubbles 2. Pool to be used by a limited amount of pupils per day 3. Only small groups of pupils from the same class bubble to enter the pool at one time 4. Swimming teacher to maintain distance from pupils 5. Changing areas cleaned between groups 6. Area reviewed for touch points, including shared equipment and commonly used equipment 7. Unnecessary equipment removed 8. Updated guidance for use of public swimming pools to be followed when available in September		

What else is needed?	Who and when?	Completed
1. Carry out health and safety inspection in preparation for reopening the pool	Midfield HoS	4th January
2. Complete deep clean before reopening the pool	Caretaker at Midfield	4th January

Part B - How we will continue to control the infection

Hazard awareness

People can catch the virus from others who are infected in the following ways:

- virus moves from person-to-person in droplets from the nose or mouth spread when a person with the virus coughs or exhales
- the virus can survive for up to 72 hours out of the body on surfaces which people have coughed on, etc
- people can pick up the virus by breathing in the droplets or by touching contaminated surfaces and then touching their eyes or mouth

Hazard 18

COVID-19 infection passed between people as a result of close contact in classrooms

Risk rating: LOW

Who & how might someone be harmed

Employees, pupils, parents, visitors and contractors could become infected with Covid-19 and/or pass on the infection to others. Transmission of the virus between staff and pupils and into the wider community

Measures in place to control risks

NB: DFE guidance states that primary aged children cannot be expected to social distance

1. Schools organise pupils into year group, key stage or class-sized bubbles
2. Physical distancing on site between adults e.g in staff room, offices etc.
3. Pupils in KS2 to sit facing the front of the classroom
4. Unnecessary furniture and equipment from classrooms to be removed to create more space
5. Staff to maintain a safe distance between each other as per current government guidelines
6. School reception areas risk assessed and controlled (including regular cleaning) for parent and other visitors
7. Areas currently marked out remain marked out to help people visualize and maintain physical distancing
8. Rooms remain as well ventilated as possible (open windows and doors that are not fire doors)
9. Provision planned so that if resources are shared between classes, they are cleaned before sharing
10. Learning outdoors for a portion of time every day for each class and group

What else is needed?	Who and when?	Completed
1. Store excess furniture and equipment safely elsewhere in the building	SLT	4th January
Hazard 19 COVID-19 infection passed between people as a result of poor infection control		Risk rating: Low

Who & how might someone be harmed		
Employees, pupils, parents, visitors and contractors could become infected with Covid-19 and/or pass on the infection to others		
Measures in place to control risks		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pupils and staff remain in same class or intervention groups 2. Seat pupils at the same desk each day 3. If pupils are taught in different groups, the groups must be consistent (e.g. regular intervention groups of 'sets') 4. Pupils use the same classroom or area throughout the day, except for going to the toilet and learning outside 5. Where there is more than one Reception class, stagger use of outdoor area or cordon off separate areas and rotate if necessary each week 6. Stagger toilet times according to site layout to ensure that any corridors or circulation routes used have a limited number of pupils using them at any time 7. Use direct access to rooms from outside where possible 8. Pupils and staff to wash their hands before eating 9. Tables to be cleaned in between different groups eating their lunch 10. Promote hand cleaning breaks 11. Rooms all contain a supply of soap and running water 12. Assessing specific individual support needed for pupils to follow these measures, for example, 1-1 support to guide, routes round school marked in braille or other meaningful symbols for Tree House pupils at Midfield, social stories to support pupils to understand why and how to follow rules 13. Timetable each class a portion of the day to learn outside 14. Stagger the use of staff rooms to ensure there is a limit on numbers. Keep to physical distancing in these spaces 15. Where possible avoid sharing resources between classes and if necessary, clean between use 16. Communicate with transport providers at Tree House, Midfield to ensure they follow hygiene rules 17. Plan in place for 'safest movement' around the school buildings 18. Allocate each class, year group or key stage their own gate where possible 19. Remove soft toys and furnishings 20. Quarantine books or other resources loaned to pupils for 72 hours after pupils return them to school and before loaning them to another family 		
What else is needed?	Who and when?	Completed
1. Pupils to wash hands before going out to play on equipment and when they come back indoors	SLT	Ongoing
2. EYFS resources to be rotated (with 72 hrs break) and cleaned regularly	SLT	Ongoing
3. Provide facilities for hand washing outside	COO	4th January
4. If staff have to work in other classes, ensure they wash hands before entering, keep a safe distance from pupils and keep the room well ventilated	SLT	4th January
Hazard 20 COVID-19 infection passed between people as a result of poor hygiene		Risk rating: Low
Who & how might someone be harmed		
Employees, pupils, parents, visitors and contractors could become infected with Covid-19 and/or pass on the infection to others		
Measures in place to control risks		

1. Hygiene control non-negotiable, e.g. hand washing and cleaning
2. Handwashing facilities are available in every classroom and in outdoor handwashing stations in all schools. Hand sanitiser is provided in rooms with no sinks
3. Additional cleaning of surfaces that children touch more regularly.
4. Normal detergents will remove traces of the Covid-19 virus. There are supplies of detergent in classrooms
5. All adults and children must:
 - Frequently wash their hands with soap and water for 20 seconds and dry thoroughly
 - Clean their hands upon arrival at the school, before and after eating, and after sneezing or coughing
 - Are encouraged not to touch their mouth, eyes, and nose
 - Use a tissue or elbow to cough or sneeze and use bins with lids for tissue waste
6. Promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' control in group discussion, internet videos, posters
7. Ensure that help is available for children who have trouble cleaning their hands independently
8. Encourage young children to practise these habits through games, songs, and repetition
9. Bins for tissues are emptied throughout the day
10. All spaces should remain ventilated using natural ventilation (opening windows)
11. Prop doors open, where safe to do so (bearing in mind fire safety and safeguarding), to limit use of door handles and aid ventilation
12. Store cleaning products away from pupils
13. Soap and hand towels are regularly topped up at all washing stations
14. Rubbish bins for hand towels are regularly emptied
15. Caretakers to regularly clean the hand washing facilities
16. Hand sanitiser is located at the school entrance and should be used by everyone when entering and leaving
17. Tissues are provided for classrooms and are topped up daily
18. Toilet facilities include antibacterial hand wash
19. Stock levels for hand soaps, hand sanitisers, tissues and other cleaning products are checked regularly by caretakers

What else is needed?	Who and when?	Completed
This could be added to during the consultation process	COO and SLT	Ongoing
Hazard 21 COVID-19 infection passed between people as a result of inadequate cleaning		Risk rating: Low
Who & how might someone be harmed Employees, pupils, parents, visitors and contractors could become infected with Covid-19 and/or pass on the infection to others		
Measures in place to control risks See also risk assessment from contract cleaning staff for assurance on social distancing and methods for cleaning the school site each day in particular to the cleaning required for door handles and taps etc		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cleaning schedule for school buildings covering frequent contact points, e.g. door handles, taps, flush handles, toilet door handles, bannisters, telephones, keyboards etc and ensuring these are thoroughly cleaned and disinfected regularly 2. Thorough cleaning of rooms at the end of the day 		

3. Hard surfaces to be cleaned using standard cleaning products and disposable cloths/paper towels throughout day (this can be completed by school staff, including non-cleaning staff – check allergy to cleaning products first)
4. Follow manufacturer's instructions for dilution, application, PPE and contact times for all detergents and disinfectants
5. Hand towels and hand wash are checked and replaced as needed by premises or cleaning staff
6. Enhanced cleaning regimes for toilet facilities, particularly door handles, locks and the toilet flush
7. Only use cleaning products supplied by the school/contract cleaners

When cleaning a contaminated area

Cleaning staff (trained cleaning staff) to:

- Wear disposable gloves and disposable apron
- Wash hands with soap and water once they remove their gloves and apron
- Wear fluid resistant surgical mask if splashing likely
- Dispose of cloths and mop heads used
- Wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds and dry thoroughly after all PPE has been removed
- Double bag PPE then store securely for 72 hours before throwing away in the regular rubbish

NB: For a deep clean/disinfection (e.g. following a suspected/confirmed case) use a combined detergent disinfectant solution at a dilution of 1000 parts per million (ppm) available chlorine (av.cl.) **or** a neutral purpose detergent followed by disinfection (1000 ppm av.cl.). PHE advice the [COVID-19: cleaning of non-healthcare settings guidance](#)

What else is needed?	Who and when?	Completed
Ensure cleaning schedule contains the above information	SLT	Ongoing

Hazard 22

COVID-19 infection passed between people as a result of exposure due to close contact with inadequate PPE

Risk rating: LOW

Who & how might someone be harmed

Employees, pupils, parents, visitors and contractors could become infected with Covid-19 and/or pass on the infection to others

Measures in place to control risks

NB: Most staff in schools will not require PPE beyond what they would normally need for their work, even if they are not always able to maintain a safe distance of from others

PPE is only needed in a very small number of cases including:

- Pupils whose care routinely already involves the use of PPE due to their intimate care needs should continue to receive their care in the same way
- A child becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus while in the school setting and needs direct personal care until collected from home and you cannot keep more than 2m apart

See guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safe-working-in-education-childcare-and-childrens-social-care/safe-working-in-education-childcare-and-childrens-social-care-settings-including-the-use-of-personal-protective-equipment-ppe>

PPE is required if a child or member of staff falls ill and requires direct personal care on site:

1. Fluid resistant surgical masks are available in the medical room and classrooms for supervising adults
2. Disposable gloves and disposable aprons are also available if necessary
3. Wear eye protection if there is a risk of splashing or droplet infection from coughing, spitting, vomiting
4. PPE is also available for the provision of intimate care
5. When supervising on the gate, staff should remain 1 metre or more away from adults.

What else is needed?	Who and when?	Completed
This could be added to following the consultation process	SLT	Ongoing

Part C – How we will continue to manage the risk to individuals

Hazard 23		Risk rating: LOW
COVID-19 infection passed between people and infecting people with underlying medical conditions		
Who & how might someone be harmed		
Employees, pupils, parents, visitors and contractors could become infected with Covid-19 and/or pass on the infection to others who become severely ill		
Measures in place to control risks		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify staff who are now classed as 'clinically extremely vulnerable'/shielded or who live within someone 'clinically extremely vulnerable'/shielded and discuss any concerns. From January 4th, Clinically extremely vulnerable staff should work from home and should not attend the workplace 2. Meet with staff who are pregnant and complete a risk assessment. Women who are 28 weeks pregnant or more and who have any underlying health condition should work from home and should not attend the workplace. 3. Heads to work with wellbeing teams to put in place measures to encourage good mental health in the workplace such as regular staff catch ups or staff meetings via Zoom or Webex. Leaders to keep in touch with staff, especially those isolating or living alone. 4. TSPT HR to be notified of individual cases and to give advice to Heads 5. Give parents and staff members the opportunity to talk about their concerns relating to attending school 6. Identify those staff or pupils who are, or who live with someone who is, symptomatic or a confirmed case of COVID-19 and understand their needs/concerns 7. Ensure that parents and carers understand that pupils must not attend if they, or a member of their household, has COVID-like symptoms or a positive test 8. Update risk assessments for children with EHCPs and put controls in place 9. Identify pupils under the care of a specialist health professional and work with parents/carers to complete a risk assessment 10. Provide regular contact and home learning for pupils not able to attend school due to advice from specialist health professional 11. Plan to resume taking attendance registers as normal 		
What else is needed?	Who and when?	Completed
1. Family workers, SENDCOs to carry out risk assessments on any pupils under the care of a specialist health professional	SLT	Ongoing
Hazard 24		Risk rating: LOW

Lack of appropriate levels of staffing so that the school site and the pupils on site cannot be safely managed		
Who & how might someone be harmed Employees, pupils, parents, visitors and contractors are the victim of accidents due to lack of supervision		
Measures in place to control risks <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure adequate number of staff in attendance to maintain an appropriate ratio with pupils and ensure key roles such as first aiders and DSLs is maintained. 2. Non-class based leaders and support staff to provide cover if necessary 3. Designated safeguarding leads, first aiders, fire wardens and premises staff on site every day 4. Ensure everyone understands new arrangements from September for the reorganisation of the school day/week 5. Decisions on staffing levels are dependent on numbers and needs of pupils present in school. Review weekly 6. Options such as partial closure may be required in event of severe staff shortages 		
What else is needed?	Who and when?	Completed
This could be added to following the consultation process		
Hazard 25 A member of staff or a pupil becomes ill with Covid-19 symptoms whilst on site at school		Risk rating: Medium
Who & how might someone be harmed Employees, pupils, parents, visitors and contractors could become infected with Covid-19 and/or pass on the infection to others		
Measures in place to control risks <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If a child or staff member develops symptoms compatible with Covid-19, they should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 7 days. Their fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days 2. Whilst the pupil is waiting to be collected by a parent or carer, they should be supervised from outside a well-ventilated room by one of the adults from their group. This adult will need to wear a disposable mask, gloves and apron 3. All staff and pupils who are attending school have access to a test if they display symptoms of Covid-19 and will be asked to get a test in this scenario 4. Following the incident, schools must then follow the COVID-19 cleaning of non-healthcare settings guidance Decontamination in non-healthcare settings 5. If the pupil or staff member tests negative, they can return to the school and the fellow household members can end their self-isolation. 6. Where the pupil or staff member tests positive, the rest of their group should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of that group do not need to self-isolate unless the child or staff member they live with subsequently develops symptoms 7. As part of the national test and trace program, if other cases are detected within the cohort or in the wider setting, Public Health England's local health protection teams will conduct a rapid investigation and will advise the school on the most appropriate action to take. In some cases, a larger number of other children may be asked to self-isolate at home as a precautionary measure – perhaps the whole class, site or year group. Where settings are observing guidance on infection prevention and control, which will reduce risk of transmission, closure of the whole school will not generally be necessary 		
What else is needed?	Who and when?	Completed
This could be added to following the consultation process		
Hazard 26		Risk rating: Medium

COVID-19 infection passed between people as a result of work related travel and being in close proximity to people infected with Covid-19 for an extended period of time		
Who & how might someone be harmed		
Employees, pupils, parents, visitors and contractors could become infected with Covid-19 and/or pass on the infection to others		
Measures in place to control risks		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minimise non-essential travel 2. Midfield to work with Tree House transport provider and families on safe travel risk assessment 3. Minimise number of staff travelling together in any one vehicle, using fixed partners, increasing ventilation and avoiding sitting face to face 4. Avoid public transport as much as possible – consider walking or cycling options 5. Avoid travelling at the busiest times 6. Follow government advice on face coverings 7. Only complete off site visits if you can safely walk to the location 		
What else is needed?	Who and when?	Completed
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Staff members to flag up with team leaders if they are concerned about their journey to work 2. Team leaders to support staff members to find the safest journey to work Leaders and staff members to adopt a flexible approach to start times while staff members are working out a new route to work 	SLT	Ongoing
Hazard 27		Risk rating: MEDIUM
High volume of change in a short period of time and related communication and training		
Who & how might someone be harmed		
Employees may experience stress and anxiety as a result of the volume and level of change experienced		
Measures in place to control risks		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide clear consistent and regular communication to improve understanding for all staff throughout the changing scenarios of the pandemic 2. Reduce workload through sharing as much advance planning, assessment preparation and other regular school duties as possible throughout the Trust 3. Cut back number of staff meetings in school to a minimum, providing power points or other on line learning to be carried out at home 4. Work across the Trust to share workload, e.g. Trust subject leader planning, monitoring and review 5. Follow Trust feedback policy which incorporates changes to written feedback expectations 6. Providing information as early as possible before any changes to working practices 7. Keep all risk assessments/changes in risk updated as government guidance is updated and consult with staff 8. Provide information to staff on changes to work environment and procedures in advance of those changes 9. Consider those employees who may be at increased risk in the planning of work activities 10. Direct staff to Government, NHS, PHE and resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS guidance, how to wash your hands video (20 second rule) • NHS advice on CV19; risks, symptoms, how CV19 is spread, how to avoid catching or spreading germs • Information posters displayed at key points and throughout premises • Hygiene requirements (handwashing etc.) and practise of social distancing 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government track and trace information 		
What else is needed?	Who and when?	Completed
1. Plans for all subjects and year groups reviewed regularly by teachers 2. Planning meetings continue to take place weekly across the Trust so that remote learning practice improves and where practice is strongest, this has impact more widely	EHT	Ongoing 4 th January
Hazard 28 Stress and anxiety concerning full opening of schools		Risk rating: MEDIUM
Who & how might someone be harmed Concern relating to catching virus may cause stress and anxiety affecting the body and leading to physical and/or mental illness		
Measures in place to control risks <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Leaders to have individual risk assessments for staff who are Extremely clinically vulnerable or pregnant. Line managers to identify staff with stress or anxiety and work with TSPT HR to refer to occupational health as per Trust policy Provide staff with opportunities to talk and share their experiences and fears Give staff language to talk about their fear/anxiety – normalise it Provide clear communication between all staff relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed work activities Calls/contact time Access to resources e.g. Employee Assistance Programme (EAP) 		
What else is needed?	Who and when?	Completed
This could be added to following the consultation process and as guidance on shielding is updated		

Part D – How we will manage the long term risk of the lock down on pupil's wellbeing and academic attainment		
Hazard 29 Concern relating to the second lock down+ or trauma during lock down may cause stress and anxiety affecting children's bodies, leading to physical and/or mental illness		Risk rating: MEDIUM
Who & how might someone be harmed Pre-statutory school aged and statutory school aged pupils		
Measures in place to control risks <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Leaders to have individual risk assessments for pupils known to be vulnerable, Leaders have control measures in place in case positive handling is necessary EHCPs are reviewed and updated in line with risk assessments Each school has a plan in place to communicate with parents/carers of new Reception children and an induction plan Each school has a plan for transition so pupils have an opportunity to communicate with their new Attendance officers and Family workers to track attendance daily with SLT and communicate with parents/carers who are anxious 		

6. Trust in-house professional counselling available for pupil referral by SENDCo 7. Close and regular communication between school and parents/carers 8. Pupils have access to 'listening ear', 'worry box' or similar facility 9. Jigsaw 'recovery' PSHE curriculum timetabled for at least 1 hour per week and ideas discussed with pupils 10. At least one session of outdoor learning timetabled for each class per week 11. More PE and non-contact sports lessons wherever possible 12. Every school to introduce 'the daily mile' for pupils and staff		
What else is needed?	Who and when?	Completed
This could be added to following the consultation process	SLT, Family worker, SENDCo	
Hazard 30 Pupil's gaps in knowledge in core subjects inhibit new learning and cause anxiety		Risk rating: HIGH
Who & how might someone be harmed Pre-statutory school aged and statutory school aged pupils		
Measures in place to control risks 1. Regular diagnostic assessment for reading, mathematics, spelling and grammar. Outcomes used to plan tutor groups and track catch-up progress every six weeks. Tracking used to report to parents (verbally on the phone) in lieu of normal parent meetings 2. Pupil survey to find out how children feel about the lessons they have missed/pressure to 'catch up' 3. Nursery and Reception curriculum adapted to focus on speech and language 4. Year 1 and 2 curriculum adapted to revisit phonics and embed early reading skills through read, write Inc 5. White Rose and PiXL resources used in Mathematics, spelling and grammar lessons to revisit key elements of the curriculum missed in the Spring and Summer terms 6. Diagnostic assessment used to form the curriculum for tutor groups 7. Staff to consider running ½ hr tutor groups 3Xtimes per week after school for pupils most in need of catch up/FSM pupils 8. Additional teaching staff allocated to Year 6 cohort in all schools 9. Senior leaders allocated teaching time to support pupils close gaps		
What else is needed?	Who and when?	Completed
This could be added to following the consultation process	SLT, EHT, CEO	

Hazard 31 Optional LFD testing for staff is not managed effectively		Risk rating: MEDIUM
Who & how might someone be harmed Staff who are non-symptomatic carriers of COVID-19 could infect others who live with them or other adults or children in school		
Measures in place to control risks 1.The rationale for LFD self-testing for staff is explained clearly by senior leaders in schools.		

Instructions for the tests are communicated and followed accurately so results of testing are as reliable as possible 2. Staff with a positive LFD result are required to self-isolate and must take a follow-up PCR test.		
What else is needed?	Who and when?	Completed
This could be added to following the consultation process	SLT, EHT, CEO	

Hazard 32 The relevant privacy notice is not circulated to staff prior to them using the tests.		Risk rating: MEDIUM
Who & how might someone be harmed Staff do not know how their information will be stored and used which might lead to a breach of GDPR		
Measures in place to control risks 1. Relevant privacy notice circulated to staff prior to self-testing. Staff confirm they understand what data will be stored and how.		
What else is needed?	Who and when?	Completed
This could be added to following the consultation process	SLT, EHT, CEO	

Hazard 33 1 to 1 Google Meets lead to safeguarding concerns		Risk rating: MEDIUM
Who & how might someone be harmed Staff and/or children may be subjected to safeguarding concerns		
Measures in place to control risks 1. Parents will give written consent for 1-1 Google Meets to occur 2. Google Meet sessions will be recorded by the staff member 3. Where possible, staff member to work in a room that has windows and ensure curtains are open so other people can see in 4. Staff to consider surroundings (avoid bedrooms) or use a digital background to protect their privacy, 5. Staff member to maintain a professional relationship (for example by working at a desk and dressing appropriately for work) 6. Staff member to relay any concerns to the school's DSL as soon as possible		
What else is needed?	Who and when?	Completed
This could be added to following the consultation process	SLT, EHT, CEO	

Key:

Level of risk	Suggested action
LOW	Control measures are adequate but continue to monitor and review to ensure that they remain satisfactory and appropriate
MEDIUM	Control measures need to be introduced within a specified time period. Continue to monitor and review
HIGH	Unless control measures can be immediately introduced to reduce the risk so far as is reasonably practicable, the task or activity should be suspended

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Annex A – Specific risks identified at Midfield Primary School

Hazard Appendix 1a		Risk rating: MEDIUM	
Risk of not wearing face coverings in communal areas and when working in close proximity with children			
Who & how might someone be harmed			
Concern relating to the spread and catching of the virus (staff, pupils and families)			
Measures in place to control risks			
<div>1. It is recommended, if you can, to wear a face covering in spaces where you will come into contact with people from other bubbles (outside of your classroom bubble). Within the school setting this includes: movement through the building, entrances, exits, foyers, corridors, toilets, staff room, dining room, gate duty and seeing children out</div> <div>2. When working with younger children for example in nursery, YR, Tree House (when not whole class teaching) or when working with children 1:1 (any year group) or in a small group when distancing is reduced or impossible in a confined space, during these times the use of a visor is recommended</div> <div>3. Face coverings enhance other measures and other measures remain equally as important such as socially distancing and hand washing</div> <div>4. Senior leaders and office staff to wear face coverings when walking around the school, classrooms and when meeting with others</div> <div>5. Some individuals may be exempt from face coverings and there is an expectation for others to be sensitive to their needs.</div> <div>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own</div>			
What else is needed?		Who and when?	Completed

1. Outside agencies visiting – staff arranging visits to advise visitor of new guidance and expectation	SMT	Ongoing
2. Contractors visiting	Admin	Ongoing
Hazard Appendix – 1b Risk of the spread of CV19 due to the lack of natural ventilation in classrooms and other rooms		Risk rating: MEDIUM
Who & how might someone be harmed Concern relating to the spread and catching of the virus (staff, pupils and families)		
Measures in place to control risks 1. Natural ventilation – opening windows or doors (in cooler weather windows should be opened just enough to provide constant background ventilation, and opened more fully during breaks to purge the air in the space). Opening internal doors can also assist with creating a throughput of air. 2. To balance the need for increased ventilation while maintaining a comfortable temperature, the following measures should also be used as appropriate: 3. Increasing the ventilation while spaces are unoccupied (e.g. between classes, during break and lunch, when a room is unused) 4. Allow for additional and suitable indoor clothing. 5. Rearranging furniture where possible to avoid direct draughts		
What else is needed?	Who and when?	Completed
1. Class teacher and class teams to take responsibility for managing adequate ventilation in their classroom 2. SMT/Admin team to take responsibility for offices 3. Other areas, shared responsibility	All staff	Ongoing

Annex B – Specific risks identified at the Nursery at Midfield School in addition to the risk assessment

Hazard 2a - Attachment needs due to separation		Risk rating: HIGH
Who & how might someone be harmed Infection passed from child to adult or adult to child if they are infected or asymptomatic		
Measures in place to control risks 1. Conversation with parents and carers to determine need and usual comfort methods to settle the child (Use of PPE if appropriate) 2. Implement a reduced timetable if and where necessary 3. Stagger the arrival and departure time of children 1. Enhanced hand washing and hygiene practices following the guidance given		
What else is needed?	Who and when?	Completed
• Working with parents to support their anxiety and provide strategies to ensure effective transitions within the setting	Nursery, EYFS Lead & Nursery Lead	Ongoing

Hazard 2b - Nappy Changing and Intimate care		Risk rating: HIGH
Who & how might someone be harmed Nursery team members working within the setting, could contract the virus		
Measures in place to control risks <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nursery Team wear PPE (gloves, face shields, face masks and apron when carrying out personal care routines) 2. Staff follow the nappy and intimate care procedures 3. Ensure that PPE (aprons and gloves) are disposed of safely in accordance within the guidelines given within this risk assessment) after changing 4. Staff must wash their hands up to their forearms using the hand washing procedures 5. The Nursery changing table, sink & other surfaces that are touched need to be cleaned between each child being changed. Cleaning is in accordance with Trust guidelines laid out within this risk assessment 		
What else is needed?	Who and when?	Completed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure procedures follow current government guidance • Nursery team members to work with parents to support pupils being toilet trained 	Nursery, EYFS Lead & Nursery Lead	Ongoing

Hazard 2c – Possibility of Covid spreading during mealtimes		Risk rating: HIGH
Who & how might someone be harmed Infection passed from child to adult or adult to child if they are infected or asymptomatic		
Measures in place to control risks <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Where possible children are spread around the table ensuring appropriate distance 2. No sharing any utensils, food or drink 3. Children and staff wash their hands before and after meals 		
What else is needed?	Who and when?	Completed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure procedures follow current government guidance 	Nursery, EYFS Lead & Nursery Lead	Ongoing

Hazard 2d - Social distancing with young children and their understanding of this		Risk rating: HIGH
Who & how might someone be harmed Possibility of transmitting Covid -19 to other pupils and staff members		
Measures in place to control risks <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A queue and wait system to reduce the spread of the virus 2. Parents do not enter the Nursery provision 3. Explaining social distancing to children using quality texts and child friendly language 		
What else is needed?	Who and when?	Completed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not going out into the local community at present on class trips and excursions 	Nursery, EYFS Lead & Nursery Lead	Ongoing

Hazard 2e - Limiting sensory toys and materials		Risk rating: HIGH
Who & how might someone be harmed Infection passed from child to adult or adult to child if they are infected or asymptomatic		
Measures in place to control risks <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regular cleaning of water tray and toys 2. Limiting sensory objects e.g. dough 3. Avoid using materials and soft toys 		
What else is needed?	Who and when?	Completed
	Nursery, EYFS Lead & Nursery Lead	Ongoing

Hazard 2f – Staff room social distancing, seating and eating arrangements are adapted		Risk rating: HIGH
Who & how might someone be harmed Infection passed from adult or adult if they are infected or asymptomatic		
Measures in place to control risks <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Staggered lunch breaks 2. Following hand washing procedures 3. Regular cleaning of the staff room and used surfaces 		
What else is needed?	Who and when?	Completed
	Nursery, EYFS Lead & Nursery Lead	Ongoing

Annex C – Specific risks identified at TreeHouse at Midfield School

Hazard 3a Covid-19 infection passed on during close contact personal care routines		Risk rating: HIGH
Who & how might someone be harmed Members of staff working in Tree House – could contract the virus and become ill which could lead to a fatality		
Measures in place to control risks 1. Members of staff to wear gloves, face shields, face masks and apron carrying out personal care routines 2. Aprons & gloves disposed of safely in accordance with guidelines within this risk assessment 3. Changing table, sink & other touched surfaces cleaned between each child being changed - cleaning in accordance with guidelines laid out within this risk assessment		
What else is needed?	Who and when?	Completed
Lowering exposure to bodily fluids; work on toilet training for children who are ready for it	CB	Ongoing
Hazard 3b High levels of anxiety around the changes and unusual routines in school and the wider community resulting in physical destructive behaviour		Risk rating: MEDIUM
Who & how might someone be harmed Children and members of staff working in Tree House – potential physical harm to children and adults and resources – bruises, broken skin, broken bones, head injury		
Measures in place to control risks 1. Adults the children know will conduct the learning and care of the children in school 2. Continued use of well taught hygiene routines and personal space practices remain in place from March 2020 3. Social stories shared with children to help them understand COVID-19 and the context of the virus 4. All members of staff to conduct themselves as role models and to be calm and positive with the children when engaging and supporting hygiene protocols. 5. PRICE trained member of staff available on site at all times 6. Continued use of the positive behaviour strategies; de-escalate primary & secondary strategies before making a choice to restrict movement 7. Use of Zones of Regulation to check in on children's well-being throughout the day		
What else is needed?	Who and when?	Completed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued review of stress & anxiety presenting in children Potentially liaise with families on how to support child with anxieties at home around COVID-19 Continued check in with families who are supporting children at home with their learning Reduced timetable for children not adapting but impacting on other children's anxiety in school 	CB	Ongoing