Risk Assessment Parkfield Community School September 2021 (ver 3)

This risk assessment will be regularly updated based on Government advice/regulations and circumstances within our school. Please refer to www.gov.uk for the latest guidelines.

The use of this or any other Risk Assessment will NOT make any building COVID safe

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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	 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: 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. infection control training. The school keeps up-to-date with advice and guidance issued by, but not limited to, the following: 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, email/text, Arbor 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. Staff, pupils and families are clear on reporting arrangements following the outcome of the tests. The dedicated staff member who initiates the contact tracing process is Linda Vaughan. If a parent or carer insists on a pupil attending school, we can take the decision to refuse the pupil if, in our reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with COVID-19. Any child or member of staff who has had a positive lateral flow test must self-isolate and get a confirmatory PCR test within 48 hours Pupils are made aware of the need to tell a member of staff if they feel unwell. 		
Measures are not in place to accommodate mandatory attendance	Staff Pupils Others	 Parents are aware that attendance is mandatory from September 6th when school reopens for children. Engagement of appropriate services for families not engaging with school Brokerage of access to Forward Thinking Birmingham resources to support mental health and wellbeing, including anxiety of returning to school for pupils and parents. Family Connect support explored if required. 		•

Disruption to the running of the school in cases of local outbreak	Staff Pupils Others	Infection control	 The School has an Outbreak Management Plan which will be implemented should a local outbreak occur. This will only be implemented with support from the local HPT, PHE or DfE 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. Follow Government advice and instructions 		✓
Number of staff available is lower than that required to teach classes in school	Staff Pupils Others		 The health status and availability of every member of staff is known and is regularly updated by DHT. Including all teaching and non-teaching staff (EY practitioners, DSL, SENCO, Paediatric 1st Aid/ 1st Aider or emergency 1st aid for children 3-5 years, domestic/kitchen staff etc.) Full use is made of those staff who are isolating due to a positive test but who are well enough to teach lessons remotely Parkfield will consider staffing changes to cover absence if and when appropriate. We may need to alter the way in which we deploy our staff and use existing teaching and support staff more flexibly. Use of teaching assistants and pastoral staff to supervise classes if needed. Contingency planning with the MAT is in place and additional resource identified, for example bringing additional teachers in to help, for example supply teachers, teachers on temporary agreed loan from other schools, or teachers provided by our trust or local authority. Where possible staff will be consistent each week in this case. Schools should ensure that appropriate support is made available for pupils with SEND as well as 		

			 pupils isolating at home or considered vulnerable. Consider deploying teaching assistants and enabling specialist staff from both within and outside the school to work with pupils in different classes or year groups Home testing for school staff is communicated in line with the latest guidance 		
Use of Transport	Staff Pupils Others	Infection Control	 It is recommended that facemasks 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. It is important to ensure vehicles are well ventilated when occupied, by opening windows and ceiling vents. The need for increased ventilation while maintaining a comfortable temperature should be balanced. On dedicated transport: It is no longer recommended that social distancing is required, but unnecessary risks such as overcrowding should be minimised. Pupils/Students and adults should follow public health advice on when to self-isolate and what to do. They should not board dedicated transport or public transport if they have symptoms or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19. If a child or young person develops COVID-19 symptoms, however mild, while at school, they will be sent home. They should avoid using public transport and, wherever possible, be collected by a member of their family or household. 		

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			 If this is not possible, alternative arrangements may need to be organised by the school. More information on organising transport for children with symptoms is provided in the Government guidance on the use of PPE in education, childcare and children's social care settings. The School will have contingency plans outlining how they would operate if the number of positive cases substantially increases in the school or local area. Principles of managing local outbreaks of COVID-19 in education and childcare settings are described in the <u>contingency framework</u>. School will follow director of public health advice in cases of local outbreak. Schools put into place any actions or precautions
Cleaning of school	Staff Pupils Others	Infection Control	 advised by their local HPT. All hard surfaces to be cleaned on a regular basis, this will include All door handles 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 where possible disposable cloths. If disposable cloths are not available use once and then put in wash. Regular cleaning of surfaces will reduce the risk of spreading the virus. All used cloths thrown away to be double bagged and then placed in a secure area i.e. lockable bin.
Ventilation class/office	Pupils Staff	Infection control	 Identify any poorly ventilated spaces and take steps to improve fresh air flow If mechanical ventilation systems are used to draw fresh air or extract air from a room these should be

			 adjusted to increase the ventilation rate wherever possible Ensure that mechanical ventilation systems only circulate fresh outside air and where this is not possible, in a single room supplement with an outdoor air supply Where appropriate open external windows, internal doors and external doors to improve natural ventilation If external doors are opened, ensure that they are not fire doors and are safe to do so Use of CO2 monitors to aid school's ventilation and identify areas of poor ventilation. 		
Poor hygiene practice	Staff Pupils Others	III Health	 We will 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 where applicable), clean water and paper towels are supplied in all toilets and kitchen areas. 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 		*

Spread of infection	Staff Pupils Others	Lack of infection control	 COSHH Policy and the Health and Safety Policy. (see appendix 1) Parkfield will arrange enhanced cleaning to be undertaken where required – advice about enhanced cleaning protocols is sought from the HPT/PHE 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 believe they have been exposed to coronavirus. 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. 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. Any additional provisions for pupils who are vulnerable to infections are put in place by the head of school, in liaison with the pupil's parents where necessary. 	
Classroom management	Pupils Staff	Infection control	It is no longer required for forward facing tables etc however care should still be taken on table management in the classroom setting.	~

Assemblies	Pupils Staff	Infection Control	 Parkfield will revert back to previous control measures in the event of a local outbreak. See Outbreak Management plan. Continue to use a cautious approach with arrangements. There are no restrictions in place for holding assemblies and singing in the school hall. Group sizes and ventilation will be considered when events of this nature take place at school. 		✓
Staff meetings	Staff	Infection Control	 There are no restrictions in place for holding staff meetings together as a whole staff in one space. However, due to the size of the school's workforce, we shall continue to hold meetings via a hybrid system where some meetings will be held virtually via Teams and others in the hall. The decision will be based on the size of the audience for each meeting. 		✓
Lunchtimes	Pupils Staff	Infection Control	 Lunchtime arrangements can revert back to previous arrangements. Tables must still be cleaned on a regular basis throughout dinner time activities. 		√
Playtime and using equipment	Pupils Staff	Infection Control	 Previous playtimes and groups can be reinstated and no restrictions in place regarding using and sharing play equipment. Equipment should be regularly cleaned following use as appropriate 		✓
Personal Protective Equipment Face Coverings	Pupils Staff	Infection control	 No longer recommended to be worn on dedicated transport to school or public transport. The government has removed the requirement to wear face coverings in law; However, staff at Parkfield are expected that they are worn in enclosed and crowded spaces where staff may come into contact with adults that they don't normally meet. 		✓

			 Face coverings are no longer advised for staff and visitors in classrooms or communal areas. However, if staff would like to continue to wear these, then they are free to do so. School will follow director of public health advice in cases of local outbreak. Schools put into place any actions or precautions advised by their local HPT. https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/999722 /PPE_in_education_childcare_and_childrens_social_care_settings.pdf 		
III Health	Staff Pupils Others	Coronavirus Symptoms	 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 an area 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 soon as possible of the situation by a relevant member of staff. Where contact with a pupil's parents cannot be made, appropriate procedures are followed in 		✓

Autumn Term Asymptomatic testing	Pupils Staff	Infection Control	 accordance with those outlined in governmental guidance. Unwell pupils who are waiting to go home are kept in the room next to DHT office 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 or call 999 if they become seriously ill or their life is at risk. No testing is required of Primary age children Staff are encouraged to undertake twice weekly home tests whenever they are on site until the end of September when this risk assessment will be reviewed 		
Positive Cases	Pupils Staff	Infection control	 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 From 16th August 2021 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 Self-isolation Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply: 		
 they are fully vaccinated they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons 		

Poor management of infectious diseases	Staff Pupils Others	Lack of infection control	 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, DHT 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 (TS) monitors the cleaning standards of school cleaning contractors and discusses any additional measures required with regards to managing the spread of coronavirus. The thresholds, set out in the DFE guidance, detailed below, can be used by settings as an indication for when to seek public health advice if they are concerned Contingency framework: education and childcare settings (publishing.service.gov.uk) For most education and childcare settings, whichever of these thresholds is reached first: 5 children, Pupils/Students, students or staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period: or 10% of children, Pupils/Students, students or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period 			
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			 The school will seek public health advice if a pupil, student, child or staff member is admitted to hospital with COVID-19 by phoning the DfE helpline (0800 046 8687, option 1), or in line with other local arrangements. Hospitalisation could indicate increased severity of illness or a new variant of concern. The school may be offered public health support in managing risk assessments and communicating with staff and parents. The school may seek additional public health advice if they are concerned about transmission within the School. 		
Lack of communication	Staff Pupils Others	Unsafe Practices	 Parkfield staff report 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. Parkfield will put into place any actions or precautions advised by their local HPT. Parkfield will keep staff and parents adequately updated about any changes to infection control procedures as necessary. 		1
Admitting children into school	Pupils Staff	Infection Control	 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 parent or carer insists on a pupil attending our school, we can take the decision to refuse the pupil if, in our reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with COVID-19. Our decision will be carefully considered in light of all the circumstances and current public health advice. 		✓

CEV children	Pupils Staff	Infection control	 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 	✓
Admitting people into school	Pupils Staff	Infection control	 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 the room next to the DHT office so they 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 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. 	✓
Admitting contractors, supply staff and other workers into school.	Pupils Staff	Infection control	All adults who come to the school will be required to read the risk assessment prior to visiting either via the website or having one directly emailed to them.	✓

Staff CEV	Staff	Infection control	 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 The school will follow DHSC updated guidance Expectant mothers will work from home following a risk assessment. 		✓
Educational visits	Pupils Staff	Financial risk	 If booking new visits we will ensure we have adequate financial protection in place Full risk assessments must be undertaken using the school's risk assessment proforma for educational visits and given to the EVC Mrs Larrissa Gordon. This must be signed by the Head of School prior to visit. 		*
Breakfast and out of school clubs	Pupils	Infection Control	 Consideration should be given to the latest government advice regarding the specific activity being undertaken Enough staff available to meet the required ratio Where extra-curricular activities for children are taking place indoors, they will be able to take place in groups of any number. Cleaning takes place of tables and chairs as soon as possible after the club has finished Club register must be taken before start of activity and given to DHT, Mrs Angela Schofield, as soon as possible afterwards. 		✓
Out of school settings Parents attendance	Pupils Parents Staff Others	Infection Control	 Parents are no longer limited to specific number attendance. Any parent workshops/ training/ education sessions must have a register completed and given to the office manager. 		✓

Ensure up to date contact information is available in		
the event of an emergency.		

Please note:

Parkfield Community School will undertake all measures possible to prevent the spread of infection. Unfortunately, even with all measures put into place, the school/Excelsior MAT cannot guarantee 100% that any school site, or persons upon the site are COVID free. Nor can we guarantee that we can fully maintain social distancing between the children and adults within each group.

Appendix 1

Cleaning Schedule for use in Excelsior Schools

This guidance is to be used alongside the Government Publication COVID 19 decontamination in non-healthcare settings.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings/covid-19-decontamination-settings/covid-19-decontamination-settings/covid-19-decontamination-settings/covid-19-decontamination-sett

- Two members of the cleaning staff to be in school all day to clean areas that are being used during the day toilets, classrooms, corridors, door handles, clean surfaces that children and staff are touching, desks, chairs, doors, sinks, toilets, light switches, bannisters.
- Cleaning staff will be rota'd throughout the week where possible.
- The designated cleaners to make sure there is ample supplies of hand soap/paper towels in all areas of the school where needed. All hand sanitisers to be checked and refilled daily.
- Tissues and hand sanitisers are to be available in every classroom in use.

- All toilets will have a cleaning log that all cleaners must sign hourly during the school day and after each clean at the end of the day to inform staff and children that they have been cleaned.
- All bins are emptied throughout the day with facilities to ensure used tissues etc are double bagged.
- All remaining cleaning staff to be in at the end of the day to do a deep clean daily in all rooms in use that day all non-cleaning staff must be off site before the deep clean is started so as not to cross contaminate areas to ensure a ready and clean start of the next school day.
- All areas/supplies to be checked at the end of the day to make sure for eg soap,paper towels, tissues, tissue bags, hand sanitisers are fully stocked up ready for the start of the next school day.

Appendix 2

Links to related published guidance				
Links to DfE Guidance	Full opening (updated 6 July 2021 and applies to Step 4 opening):			
	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-			
As new guidance is produced	opening-schools			
weekly, please refer				
to <u>www.gov.uk</u> for updates Note from DFE: Schools are not	Early Years and Childcare: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-			
required to use these guides, and	childcare-closures/coronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures			
may choose to follow alternative				
approaches to preparing for	Out of School settings: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/protective-measures-for-holiday-or-after-school-			
wider opening, or to use some	clubs-and-other-out-of-school-settings-for-children-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/protective-measures-for-			
sections of this guidance	out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak			
alongside other approaches				
	Safe working in education and childcare: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safe-working-in-education-			
	childcare-and-childrens-social-care			
	Compilation of all guidance notes for schools: https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-			
	guidance-for-schools-and-other-educational-settings			
	Advice for parents: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-			
	years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak			
	Advice for parents attending Out of School settings: <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-</u>			
	parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak			
	Safeguarding and remote learning: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/safeguarding-and-remote-education-during-			
	coronavirus-covid-19			
	Shielding and guidance for CEV: 19 July guidance on protecting people who are clinically extremely vulnerable from COVID-19 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)			

	Remote learning support for parents: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/supporting-your-childrens-education-during-
	coronavirus-covid-19
	Transport to schools: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/transport-to-school-and-other-places-of-education-
	autumn-term-2020/transport-to-school-and-other-places-of-education-autumn-term-2020
	General travel guidance: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers
	Enhanced area of response: https://www.gov.uk/government/news/further-support-for-birmingham-blackpool-cheshire-
	east-cheshire-west-and-chester-liverpool-city-region-and-warrington-to-tackle-delta-b16172-v
	BCC: https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/news/article/890/covid-19_birmingham_listed_as_enhanced_response_area
Governance and other	Link to Public Health flowchart in case of coronavirus symptoms within pupils or staff:
resources	https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/downloads/download/3527/public_health_flowchart_for_schools
	Safeguarding policy addendum: https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/downloads/file/16735/covid-
	19 safeguarding policy addendum
	Useful contact details in BCC:
	 School and Governor Support (S&GS) governors@birmingham.gov.uk
	 Early Years' Service for EYFS queries via email: <u>EYDuty@birmingham.gov.uk</u>
	 Education Safeguarding Team : <u>EducationSafeguarding@birmingham.gov.uk</u>
	DCDU COVID 40 Jahielding' guidenee for children and young people, https://www.reneb.co.uk/recourses/couid 40
	RCPH COVID-19 - 'shielding' guidance for children and young people: <u>https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/resources/covid-19-</u> guidance-clinically-extremely-vulnerable-children-young-people#children-who-should-be-advised-to-shield
	guidance-clinically-extremely-vulnerable-children-young-people#children-who-should-be-advised-to-shield



Symptomatic Individuals within Educational Settings Pathway





Positive Lateral Flow Devices (LFD) Test Pathway

Assisted LFD test

Supervised by trained operator who processes test, reads and reports result (e.g. Asymptomatic Testing Site within School). Positive case must should isolate and get a confirmatory PCR test within 48 Non-assisted LFD test hours. Unsupervised and self-reported: see link to self-report (e.g. at home) Legal obligation to isolate if LFD was assisted. Email a completed checklist and case log to BCC Public Health team at Positive LFD Test ContactTracing@birmingham.gov.uk PCR within 48 PCR outside hours 48 hours Positive Negative Negative Positive Continue isolation Assisted LFD - Day 0 is LFD Continue isolation Continue isolation End of isolation test Day 0 is LFD test Day 0 is PCR Non-assisted LFD - Day 0 is PCR swab date Amend checklist and email to contacttracing@birmingham.gov.uk with a case log.

In all positive diagnoses, if a person has symptoms and has a test date within 5 days of the symptoms, day 0 is when symptoms started.

If symptoms continue, individuals should continue to stay at home until they are well.