RISK ASSESSMENT FOR:
School activities during COVID 19
outbreak - opening from September 2020

Bushey Heath Primary School Returning to school

		Date: 14/7/2020
Risk assessment number/ref: (add your own if so desired): RA-001	Manager Approval:	Date:

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Individual risk factors meaning staff / pupils more vulnerable	Staff, Students / pupils / wider	Shielding for those who are extremely clinically vulnerable pauses on 1st August (subject to continued decline in transmission) and the Government will no longer, be advising these individuals shield.	Contact individual staff to establish PPE requirements	HT	July	
to COVID-19	Spread of COVID 19	Staff / students who previously were shielding able to return to school. School to discuss arrangements / concerns with individuals and provide assurance of controls in place. Individual risk assessments will be conducted where required to determine if additional measures are required.	Individual risk assessments where required	SLT	Sept	
		Some individuals under the care of specialist health professionals may need to discuss care at their next planned clinical appointment before returning. Those pupils unable to attend school because they are following clinical and/or Public Health advice (e.g. a letter from their consultant) will be provided with remote education.	Liaise with parents re remote education Train staff re expectations	Class- teacher	Sept	
		Existing individual health care plans in place for pupils/students to be reviewed. Clear message sent to parents that students should not be sent into school if unwell for both Covid-19 and any other illnesses/symptoms.	Adequate time-out for staff			
		Staff Wider government advice remains to work from home where possible.				

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School occupants coming into contact with those with Coronavirus symptoms		Limited school roles where this will be the case, roles which are able to do so effectively will be considered. Individuals classed as clinically vulnerable or extremely clinically vulnerable to have a risk assessment undertaken on their role and ability to maintain social distancing. Consider if these staff are able to work remotely or in areas / roles where maintaining social distancing is easier. Any existing individual risk assessments to be reviewed. See COVID-19: guidance on shielding and protecting people defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable School community clear on symptoms of coronavirus: high temperature (37.8 deg C or more), a new continuous cough or a loss of, or change, in their normal sense of taste or smell. Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection followed. These have been communicated to all. No symptomatic individuals to present on site. In the event of a suspected case whilst working on site Ensure SLT / Head are notified. Individual goes home immediately (if awaiting collection by their parent, isolate child in a room behind a closed door, or an area at least 2m away from others, open a window for ventilation) and self-isolate. School staff supervising the child while they await collection should wear PPE (a fluid resistant surgical mask, type IIR) if a distance of 2m cannot be maintained. If direct care (such as for a very young child or a child with complex needs) is required then staff giving care to wear a fluid resistant surgical mask (type IIR), disposable apron and gloves. Clear message to parents that if a student is unwell at school they are to be sent home or collected immediately. Anyone who has had contact with those with symptoms to wash hands thoroughly.				
		All areas occupied and equipment used by the affected person are to be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected (see PHE cleaning advice https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings)				

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		Testing Staff / pupils who develop symptoms should be tested. Testing is most sensitive within 3 days of symptoms developing. Guidelines on who can get tested and how to arrange for a test can be found in the COVID-19: getting tested guidance. Tests can be booked online through the NHS https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/ By the autumn term, all schools will be provided with a small number of home testing kits which can be provided to parents/carers collecting a child who has developed symptoms at school, or staff who have developed symptoms at school, where providing one will significantly increase the likelihood of them getting tested. Positive case in school In the event of a positive case the local health protection team will be contacted and their advice followed. Public Health England East of England 0300 303 8537 opt 1 https://www.gov.uk/guidance/contacts-phe-health-protection-teams#east-of-england-hpt Records kept of pupils and staff in each group. A template letter used to inform parents, on the advice of the health protection	Staff and pupils who are tested for Covid-19 to inform the school of result and date of test. National advice and roll out of kits expected by Autumn term			
General	Staff,	team, to send to parents and staff if needed. Welfare facilities are provided which contain suitable levels of soap and paper				
Transmission of COVID-19 Ineffective hygiene	Students / pupils / wider contacts	towels. All persons to wash hands with soap regularly and thoroughly, for at least 20 seconds. Hand washing technique to be adopted as directed by NHS guidance posters in place to reinforce this.				
protocols	Spread of COVID 19	Alcohol hand sanitiser used to reduce congestion at toilets / where soap and water is not available. Review existing levels / location of hand sanitiser stations.				
		Alcohol hand sanitiser provided at reception / entrance/exit points; student entrance /reception and should be used by all persons when entering/leaving.				
		Additional hand sanitiser within classrooms where required e.g. for Early years children returning from the toilet where hand washing will not be as robust.				

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General Transmission of COVID-19 Ineffective cleaning	Staff, Students / pupils / wider contacts Spread of COVID 19	Build use into routines staff and pupil routines e.g. on arrival, when returning from breaks, when changing rooms, before / after eating. Site staff to regularly clean the hand washing facilities and check consumables. Provide suitable and sufficient rubbish bins for hand towels with regular removal and disposal. Ensure adequate supplies of soap, hand sanitiser and paper towels and these should be securely stored. Catch it, kill it, bin it message reinforced. Tissues will be provided for classrooms. Staff to replenish as needed. Staff / students to use tissues when coughing or sneezing and then place the used tissue in the bin before washing hands. (lidded bins in classrooms / other locations for disposal of tissues and other waste) All persons are reminded to not touch their eyes, nose or mouth if their hands are not clean. Documented cleaning schedule in place. Enhanced cleaning schedule implemented throughout the site during school day, ensuring that frequent contact points, e.g. door handles, taps, flush handles, toilet door handles, bannisters, telephones, keyboards etc. are all cleaned and disinfected regularly. Shared areas and rooms that are used by different groups will require more frequent cleaning / cleaning between groups. Where toilets are shared between different groups these must be cleaned regularly (focus on high contact surfaces) and the importance of thorough hand washing reinforced. Cleaning materials (e.g. disinfectant spray / wipes) available to staff. Manufacturer's instructions for dilution, application, PPE and contact times for all detergents and disinfectants to be followed. Only cleaning products supplied by the school / contract cleaners are to be used. School to obtain the risk assessment from contract cleaning staff for assurance on social distancing measures and their schedule / methods for cleaning the school site.	Note further guidance on general cleaning is expected by Public Health England before Autumn term			

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		Thorough cleaning of rooms at the end of the day.				
		In the event of a suspected case / confirmed positive case on site For disinfection (e.g. following a suspected 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.). See PHE advice COVID-19: cleaning of non-healthcare settings guidance				
		When cleaning a contaminated area: Cleaning staff to:				
		Wear disposable gloves and apron				
		Wash their hands with soap and water once they remove their gloves and apron				
		Wear a fluid resistant surgical mask (Type IIR) if splashing likely				
		 Hands should be washed with soap and water for 20 seconds after all PPE has been removed. 				
		PPE to be double-bagged, then stored securely for 72 hours then thrown away in the regular rubbish after cleaning is finished.				
		Any cloths and mop heads used must be disposed of as single use items.				
General	Staff,	Determine the nature and size of your distinct groups (bubbles) and document	Ongoing monitoring of			
Transmission of COVID-19	Students / pupils / wider contacts	the approach being taken i.e. class bubbles, year group bubbles etc. (these should be a small as practicable to reduce transmission risk whilst delivering the full curriculum).	movement around school and ability of groups to remain apart.			
Minimising		Groups to remain clear and consistent.	Determine any pinch points,			
contact and	Spread of	Document how these groups will be kept apart from others.	congested corridors etc and			
Maintenance of social distancing	COVID 19	Limiting interaction between groups by:	review controls to keep			
Social distancing		Staggering breaks and lunch;	groups apart.			
		Minimise rooms / spaces being shared across groups;				
		Cleaning shared spaces between use by different groups; No groups are coming together for assemblies, events / school fairs, school trips				
		etc.				
		Wider assemblies / collective worship conducted via video link.				
		Continue to use social distancing wherever possible (more emphasis on this is likely with older children).				

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	Where staff move across groups hands to be washed / sanitised before and after and social distancing should be maintained, aim for 2m from other staff and adults as far as is reasonable. Ideally the teaching space should be 2m from pupils, where this is within 1m then change layout / increase space at the front of the class to attain 1m+.				
	Keep space at front of class for SLT to enter and be present whilst maintaining social distancing.				
	Staff to avoid close face to face contact and minimise time spent within 1 metre of anyone.				
	Primary to remain in class groups for the majority of the time. Pupils sitting side by side rather than face to face				
	Breakfast and afterschool clubs – risk assessments on delivery required from providers, suspend if controls are not as robust as the school's.				
	Provision should where possible replicate the groups (bubbles) in place during the school day to minimise potential transmission between the school's groups.				
	Where such clubs bring children together across year groups review the space/layout and maximum occupancy to achieve social distancing (ideally 2m between children from different groups).				
	As with physical activity during the school day, contact sports should not take place.				
	Offsite visits No overnight or overseas visits to be run.				
	Any visits run will keep children within their consistent group. Re-assurance of COVID-secure measures in place at the destination to be undertaken as part of usual planning and offsite visit risk assessment				
	Music Existing advice is to limit singing, playing wind or brass instruments etc. Even if at a distance. No playing / singing in groups of >15 (no larger school choirs / ensembles etc.). Consider if small groups in music lessons can take place outside / or with improved ventilation.				
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		No face to face contact (pupils back-to-back or side-to-side) No sharing of wind / brass instruments. PE / school sport PE subject lead / head of PE to review existing risk assessments and schemes of work to include management of COVID-19 risks. Pupils to be kept in consistent groups, sports equipment to be thoroughly cleaned between each use by different groups, and contact sports avoided. Outdoor sports prioritised where possible, and large indoor spaces used where it is not, maximising distancing between pupils. Build in time for handwashing / sanitising before / after lesson.	PE co-ordinator to be given subject lead time-out			
		See advice from <u>Association for Physical Education</u> https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-phased-return-of-sport-and-recreation/guidance-for-providers-of-outdoor-facilities-on-the-phased-return-of-sport-and-recreation.	Further DfE guidance on music delivery expected			
Access to & egress from site	Staff, Students / pupils / wider contacts Spread of COVID 19	The school already has staggered start and finish times to reduce congestion and contact at all times. The school will continue the one-way system to avoid congestion. Junior school parents will wait at Junior playground for pick-up and exit via 'Yellow Brick Road'. Infant school children will be picked up at the infant playground and exit via Early Years. Early years will be picked up as per normal arrangements. The school will Communicate changes and allocated times to parents / pupils.				

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		 Monitor site access points to facilitate social distancing Discourage parents picking up their children from gathering at the school gates. use visual aids to help parents socially distance / supervise entry and collection/ floor markings to aid social distancing (e.g. tape or survey spray) where controlled queuing will be expected. Communicate expectations to parents. 				
		Visitors Ensure all visitors / building users are aware of school's expectations. They must follow social distancing, hand washing / use of sanitiser on entry and adhere to any restrictions on accessing parts of the building stipulated by the school.				
		Volunteers, temporary / supply staff, sports coaches and other providers are briefed on school's arrangements for managing and minimising risk, including need to maintain distance (2m where possible) from other staff and pupils.				
		A record should be kept of all visitors to aid track and trace. Signage in reception regarding good hygiene. Use of Perspex screens for open receptions and tape / visual markers to reinforce social distancing (2 m where possible)				
		Staff / pupils On arrival all staff and students to wash hands using nearest available toilet or use the sanitiser provided at their point of entry.				
Contact points Equipment use printers,	Staff, Students / pupils / wider	Parents to ensure children have their own water bottles in school to reduce contact with water fountains.				
workstations, apparatus,	contacts	Regularly clean and disinfect common contact surfaces in reception, office, access control etc. (screens, telephone handsets, desks).				
machinery etc.	Spread of COVID 19	Staff and pupils have their own basic equipment (pens, pencils etc.) to avoid sharing.				
		Activities and resources				
		Classroom resources which are shared within groups (bubbles) are cleaned regularly; Those shared across groups must be cleaned between use				

Minimise all unnecessary sharing of resources, taking books home etc. For secondary science and DT also consider CLEAPPS advice (GL343 & GL 344) for suggested considerations in undertaking practical work. Use of shared resources between groups to be minimised, resources allocated to individual groups where possible. Otherwise all resources shared across groups must be cleaned before / after	What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing?	What further action is necessary?	Action by who?	Action by when?	Done
use e.g., library books, chrome books, laptops, I pads, PE equipment etc.) or quarantined (for 48 hrs., 72 hours for plastic) before being used by another group. Build cleaning into end of lesson activity routines. Schools to ensure anti-bacterial wipes are available in all IT rooms and teacher to ensure students wipe down after use. If student too young then arrangements for IT support staff etc. to clean. Proximity of students / pupils / wider contacts Staff, are to maintain a safe distance between each other (2 metres wherever possible) Rooms to be kept as well ventilated as possible (opening windows) or via ventilation units. (where mechanical ventilation is present adjust these to full fresh air where possible) Spread of COVID 19 Consider opportunities for outdoor learning to assist in social distancing. Staff to follow social distancing guidance in offices/staff rooms/close working in rooms etc. ie. Zm wherever possible. Where staff need to move between classes and year groups, they should try and keep their distance from pupils and other staff as much as they can, ideally 2 metres from other adults. Meetings / 1-2-1's / training Limit face to face meetings to those which are essential. Ensure these are conducted in large enough areas to maintain social distancing; or via electronic means (Microsoft Teams etc.) Staff rooms Occupancy levels and layout to facilitate social distancing. The school will continue to: The school will continue to:	_	Students / pupils / wider contacts Spread of	For secondary science and DT also consider CLEAPPS advice (GL343 & GL 344) for suggested considerations in undertaking practical work. Use of shared resources between groups to be minimised, resources allocated to individual groups where possible. Otherwise all resources shared across groups must be cleaned before / after use e.g. library books, chrome books, laptops, I pads, PE equipment etc.) or 'quarantined' (for 48 hrs, 72 hours for plastic) before being used by another group. Build cleaning into end of lesson activity routines. Schools to ensure anti-bacterial wipes are available in all IT rooms and teacher to ensure students wipe down after use. If student too young then arrangements for IT support staff etc. to clean. Staff are to maintain a safe distance between each other (2 metres wherever possible) Rooms to be kept as well ventilated as possible (opening windows) or via ventilation units. (where mechanical ventilation is present adjust these to full fresh air where possible) Consider opportunities for outdoor learning to assist in social distancing. Staff to follow social distancing guidance in offices/staff rooms/close working in rooms etc.i.e. 2m wherever possible. Where staff need to move between classes and year groups, they should try and keep their distance from pupils and other staff as much as they can, ideally 2 metres from other adults. Meetings / 1-2-1's / training Limit face to face meetings to those which are essential. Ensure these are conducted in large enough areas to maintain social distancing; or via electronic means (Microsoft Teams etc.) Staff rooms Occupancy levels and layout to facilitate social distancing Maximum occupancy, staff to stagger use to enable distancing.				

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		Minimise groups (bubbles) transitioning at the same time to ensure brief contact. (passing briefly in circulation spaces is a low risk) Avoiding multiple groups queuing in same shared areas/ narrow corridors etc. Changing rooms Reduce numbers needing to use by allowing pupils to wear PE kit to school. Enhance cleaning of all facilities throughout the day and at the end of each day. Clean contact surfaces between use by different groups. Provide suitable and sufficient rubbish bins in these areas with regular removal and disposal. Swimming pools No hiring of swimming pools. Use of swimming pools (including school pools) still closed under Government restrictions. As of July 7th.				
Canteen use / lunchtimes	Staff, Students / pupils / wider contacts	Break / Playgrounds Avoid any group activities that require pupils to be in close physical contact with each other. Limit group interaction by clearly zoning areas and staggering breaks. Use playing fields when weather permits. Brief all staff on expectations. Increased supervision to aid enforcement of social distancing as far as is reasonable. Outdoor play equipment to be cleaned between use by different groups. Break times staggered to reduce congestion and contact between groups. Rota for use of dining areas Reinforce handwashing prior to eating food. Hand sanitiser should be available at the entrance of any room where people				
	Spread of COVID 19	eat and should be used by all persons when entering and leaving the area. Canteen use Food operators continue to follow Food Standard Agency's (FSA) guidance on good hygiene practices in food preparation and their Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) processes. Pupils to enter canteens in their allocated groups. Discuss provision and delivery with Catering provider. Consider change to meal provision, delivery of lunches to groups in classes etc.				

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		Payments should be taken by contactless methods wherever possible. (Risks from fingerprint contact payment considered low if handwashing / sanitizing is enforced).				
		All rubbish and waste should be put straight in the bin by the user and not left for someone else to clear up.				
		All areas used for eating must be thoroughly cleaned between groups and at the end of each break and shift, including chairs, door handles, vending machines etc.				
Transport / Travel off site	Staff, Students / pupils / wider contacts Spread of COVID 19	Encourage walking / cycling to school Review travel plan Public transport All persons to limit their use of public transport and if this is not possible individuals should follow government advice on the wearing of face coverings. (mandated from 15 th June) Guidance on how to wear and make a cloth face covering is available. Where business travel via car is required use private single occupancy where possible.				
Contractors	Contractors, Staff, Students / pupils / wider contacts, Spread of COVID 19	All contractors will read and comply with signs in reception regarding good hygiene. Staff and contractors are to maintain a safe distance between themselves and others (2 metres where practical). All contractors are to wash their hands or use alcohol-based hand sanitiser upon entering the site. Agree approach to scheduled / ongoing building works. Where works can be conducted outside of the school day they should be. Site inductions are to be carried out following social distancing principles. School's to seek confirmation of the contractors method statement / risk assessment.				
Provision of first aid	Staff,	It is accepted that social distancing cannot be maintained during the delivery of first aid, but physical contact should be kept to a minimum e.g. pupils apply cold pack, wipe, plaster where able to do so.				

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	Students / pupils / wider contacts Spread of COVID 19	Wash hands before / after treatment. Those administering first aid should wear PPE appropriate to the circumstances. Where the injury was significant and thus required close care for an extended period then it would be reasonable to provide PPE. See also 'provision of personal care' and 'Suspected case whilst working on site'. First aiders to be aware of advice on CPR from The Resuscitation Council https://www.resus.org.uk/media/statements/resuscitation-council-uk-statements-on-covid-19-coronavirus-cpr-and-resuscitation/covid-community/	Ensure PPE equipment is updated in medical room	Admin BC		
		First aid rooms can be very busy and are often small rooms. Schools should make arrangement for only one person being treated in the first aid room at a time and allocate another room / area as a waiting/collection area (Non fiction library area when dining hall is in use) If daily medication is administered from 1st aid rooms then consider if this needs relocating to reduce demand on space.				
Provision of personal care	Staff, Students / pupils / wider contacts Spread of COVID 19	Additional PPE in place if required e.g. for intimate care, to be risk assessed and to be based on nature of task and level of contact (e.g. disposable apron, gloves, fluid resistant surgical mask and if there is a risk of splashing to the eyes, coughing, spitting, vomiting then eye protection should be worn.) Where a child falls ill with Coronavirus symptoms whilst on site (new continuous cough, high temperature cough or a loss of, or change, in your normal sense of taste or smell.) then school staff supervising the child while they await collection should wear PPE (a fluid resistant surgical mask) if a distance of 2m cannot be maintained. If direct care (such as for a very young child or a child with complex needs) is				
Emergency procedures (Fire alarm activations etc)	Otauciito /	required then staff giving care to wear a fluid resistant surgical mask, disposable apron and gloves. Emergency evacuations are to take place following social distancing principles as far as is reasonably practicable (this will be impacted during evacuation, but will be for short period). Maintain groups / bubbles at assembly points. Increased supervision and reiteration of messages to occupants				

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Deliveries & Waste collection. Premises safety	Staff, Students / pupils / wider contacts	Do not approach delivery staff, allow packages to be left in a safe place. Hands are to be thoroughly washed after handling all deliveries or waste materials. Waste collections made when the minimum number of persons are on site (i.e. after normal opening hours).				
	COVID 19 Staff,	Ensure all 'normal' tasks / compliance checks are being carried out/planned				
	Students / pupils Wider safeguarding / safety risks	such as fire alarm testing, legionella controls, servicing of equipment, PAT testing etc. Ensure all key services are operational Legionella Follow normal practices for re-opening after summer holiday period. i.e. where weekly flushing of outlets has not taken place then chlorination / flushing of whole system should take place. Ensure key fire doors are not being compromised / wedged open (those protected stairwells, cross corridor, on single directional routes etc.)				
Lack of awareness of PHE / school controls	Staff, Students / pupils / wider contacts Spread of COVID 19	All staff consulted on plans and risk assessment. Posters will be displayed in the reception, welfare areas and in suitable places around site. Clear briefing for all personnel on site, warning them of the risks posed by the virus as well as the control measures outlined in this assessment and from government guidance. Volunteers, peripatetic, temporary / supply staff, sports coaches and other	Ensure posters are uptodate as new advice is provided	Admin BC		
		providers are briefed on school's arrangements for managing and minimising risk, including need to maintain distance (2m where possible) from other staff and pupils.				

Relevant links

Guidance for educational settings

https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/guidance-for-schools-coronavirus-covid-19

Guidance for full opening from Sept 2020

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools

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

Managing premises <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/managing-school-premises-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/managing-school-premises-during-the-co

Guidance on infection prevention and control for COVID-19 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-infection-prevention-and-control

First aid guidance <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-interim-guidance-for-first-responders/interim-g

Therapeutic use of Hydrotherapy pools ATACP https://atacp.csp.org.uk/documents/atacp-recommendations-safe-aquatic-physiotherapy-practice-relation-covid-19-pandemic-0