

COVID-19 RISK ASSESSMENT

We believe that ensuring the health and safety of staff, pupils and visitors to our schools is essential. While we recognise that it is impossible to eliminate all risks related to the transmission of COVID-19 within school premises, or guarantee that it could not occur, the measures within this risk assessment seek to control and minimise the identifiable risks. All members of the trust’s community have a responsibility for health and safety, and for implementing and evaluating the measures in this risk assessment.

OVERVIEW

Hierarchy of Controls	Control Measures
<p>Minimising contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that pupils (or staff) who have COVID-19 symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school.</p>	<p><i>The schools will continue to remind families (and staff) that individuals must not attend in these circumstances. Any individual who develops symptoms during the school day will be isolated from others and sent home as soon as possible to self-isolate and, where appropriate, be tested and/or seek medical advice.</i></p>
<p>Cleaning hands more often than usual (for at least 20 seconds with running water and soap, taking care to dry them thoroughly). Use of alcohol hand sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hand are covered.</p>	<p><i>The schools will continue to remind families, pupils and staff of the importance of regular hand washing. Additional alcohol hand sanitiser dispensers have been fitted across the schools and alcohol hand sanitiser dispensers will be in classrooms in use. Pupils groups will have designated toilet and hand washing facilities to use (and ‘open air’ hand washing sinks are in place in some schools).</i></p>

<p>Ensuring good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.</p>	<p><i>The schools will continue to remind families, pupils and staff of the importance of this approach and provide appropriate resources on site. Parents/Carers of secondary age pupils will be asked to ensure that their child always carries disposable tissues as well as alcohol hand sanitiser. Additional and appropriate bins have been purchased for classrooms and other areas where required.</i></p>
<p>Cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products.</p>	<p><i>The schools have increased the capacity of the cleaning teams to conduct frequent cleaning of key areas during and after the school day. Where possible, steps have been taken to reduce how often a surface might be touched; for example, some doors have been pinned back such that the door finger plate does not have to be touched.</i></p>
<p>Minimising contact and mixing, as far as possible, by keeping pupils in small groups for face-to-face support and keeping those groups as consistent as possible whilst in school.</p>	<p><i>Pupil groups (of no more than 15 pupils) will be kept separate in different classrooms and, where possible, areas of the site. Classroom layouts have been modified to ensure desks are spaced apart to support social distancing. Arrival and departure times will be staggered. Pupils will not share equipment. Different groups of pupils will access their school and their classrooms via different routes. Pupil groups will not take comfort breaks at the same time. Pupils and staff will be encouraged not to use public transport to travel to and from school.</i></p>
<p><i>In addition, the schools: will continue to limit visitors to the site; has invested in signage across the site to promote good hygiene and social distancing measures; and have updated appropriate procedures for all staff teams. We will keep all elements of our provision under continuous review and hope that, subject to Government guidance, we can increase it further over the coming weeks.</i></p>	

