

Coronavirus (COVID-19): Risk assessment for reopening September 2021

(to be read in conjunction with Outbreak Management Plan.)

Biddulph High School

Assessment conducted by: TCO	Job title:	Covered by this assessment: <u>staff, students, parents, visitors</u> and <u>volunteers</u> .		
Date of assessment: 26/07/2021	Review interval: <u>as required</u>	Date of next review: Ongoing		
Related documents				
<u>Coronavirus (COVID-19) Reopening Plan,</u> <u>Social Distancing Policy Statement,</u> <u>Infection Control Policy,</u>				
Risk rating		Likelihood of occurrence		
		Probable	Possible	Remote
Likely impact	Major Causes major physical injury, harm or ill health.	High (H)	H	Medium (M)
	Severe Causes physical injury or illness requiring first aid.	H	M	Low (L)
	Minor Causes physical or emotional discomfort.	M	L	L

Steps of reopening preparation



Area for concern	Risk rating prior to action H/M/L	Recommended controls	In place? Yes/No	By whom?	Deadline	Risk rating following action H/M/L
Policies and procedures	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All students, staff and volunteers are aware of all relevant policies and procedures including, but not limited to, the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Health and Safety Policy</u> - <u>Infection Control Policy</u> - <u>First Aid Policy</u> - <u>Social Distancing Policy Statement</u> - <u>Coronavirus (COVID-19) Reopening Plan</u> • All staff have regard to all relevant guidance and legislation including, but not limited to, the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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' • Staff receive any necessary training that helps ensure there is a happy and safe school environment, e.g. infection control training and student wellbeing training. • The school keeps up-to-date with advice issued by, but not limited to, the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DfE - NHS - PHE • All staff, parents and students are made aware of any infection control procedures and social distancing arrangements for when the school reopens via email. • TCO conducts a review of all supplier and contractor arrangements to ensure they are appropriate for the school reopening to more students. 	Y	TCO	31/08/2021	M

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LG reviews relevant school policies to ensure they account for new provisions, e.g. reduced class sizes, behaviour expectations and staffing ratios. 				
Premises		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GDA & TRO checks all exterior windows, doors, locks, and other access points to ascertain security and integrity, including any signs of water ingress. • TCO identifies any signs of unauthorised access, arson, vandalism or anti-social behaviour on the premises. • A suitably trained individual checks that external electrical equipment (e.g. CCTV cameras) is in working order. • GDA & TRO checks all areas of the school grounds, including car parks and walkways, for any potential hazards. • TCO makes insurers aware of the building's state of use. • TCO ensures that the insurer's risk mitigation requirements are enacted and observed. • All keyholder information is updated in accordance with the insurer's instructions, where required. • 	Y	Relevant People as listed	31/08/2021	L
Gas supply, systems and equipment	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TCO checks that all mandatory inspections of gas equipment are up-to-date, and arranges any required inspections as soon as possible. 	Y	TCO	31/08/2021	L
Electrical supply, systems and equipment	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRO and GDA perform visual checks on all electrical equipment, e.g. computers and plug sockets. • TCO ensures that any mandatory inspections of electrical equipment are up-to-date and arranges any required inspections as soon as possible. 	Y	TCO	31/08/2021	L
Heating and ventilation	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TCO checks that all ventilation systems, including fume extraction systems, are in working order and that there are no blockages present in external or internal vents. 	Y	TCO	31/08/2021	L

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Fire safety and evacuation routes	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TCO ensures that the fire management plan and fire safety risk assessment are up-to-date and applicable to any changes in people movement or access, e.g. if parts of the school remain temporarily closed. 	Y	CBR TCO	31/08/2021	L
Water storage, drainage systems and sanitary appliances	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All water systems are thoroughly flushed, e.g. toilets and taps All equipment that uses water is run through a cycle, e.g. dishwashers and washing machines, to flush limescale and bacteria build-up. 	Y	TCO	31/08/2021	M
Lifts, automatic doors and plant equipment	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GDA & TRO checks that lifts, stairlifts and automatic doors are in working order. 	Y	TCO	31/08/2021	L
Cleaning	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JBA will supervise the necessary areas of the school are deep cleaned before reopening with suitable cleaning agents and in line with the COSHH Policy. All areas that have been cleaned are checked to ensure they are safe to occupy, e.g. there are no slip hazards and any harmful substances have been removed. All areas that remain temporarily closed or partially closed for cleaning or infection control purposes are clearly identified. Adequate amounts of suitable cleaning agents are available. PPE is available to members of staff who require it to carry out cleaning safely. Items that are hard to clean eg cushions are removed from classrooms and are stored separately. 	Y	Relevant People	31/08/2021	M

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Infection control	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infection control procedures are adhered to as much as possible in accordance with the DfE and PHE's guidance. • Infection control stations are set up, alcohol-based hand sanitiser. • Adequate amounts of soap, tissues and bins are available in the relevant areas. • Students and staff are encouraged to wash their hands regularly. • The school ensures students and staff adopt good respiratory practice, i.e. coughing and sneezing into their elbow or tissue. • The school's Coronavirus (COVID-19) Reopening Plan is developed in line with the relevant local and national advice and communicated to all staff, parents and stakeholders. • Instances of staff, students and volunteers displaying symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are managed in line with local and national guidance and the Infection Control Policy. • PPE is offered to staff • PPE will be worn by staff who provide care for students in need and for cases where a student becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus whilst in school and needs direct personal care until they can return home. • Additional risk assessments are conducted on a case-by-case basis to determine whether staff require PPE to carry out other tasks and duties. 	Y	Relevant People	31/08/2021	M

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Social distancing When not vaccinated		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students are given regular reminders of why social distancing is important and the opportunity to speak to staff about how they are finding adhering to the social distancing measures. 	Y	TCO	06/06/2020	M
Mental health and wellbeing	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TCO will hold discussions with staff who are deemed more vulnerable to infection and put any alternative arrangements in place. LG considers requests made by staff who wish to make changes to their working environment or working hours in the interest of health and safety. If required, staff can adjust their working hours, as agreed by ERO ERO ensures that the school can be adequately and safely staffed when it reopens. APR will liaise with the LA to determine what additional support is available for students who are suffering with their mental health once they return to school. APR will identify students with additional needs and put provision in place to ensure their needs are adequately and safely met, e.g. the relevant staff are available. 	Y	Relevant People	31/08/2021	M
Access to learning	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LG identifies priority groups and plans how they will access school, e.g. students of parents who cannot work from home and are returning to work. LG and SLG work with teaching staff to ensure education can continue to be delivered to all students who are learning remotely. LG and SLG will work with teachers consider how to support the educational needs of disadvantaged students and students with SEND. 	Y	LG	31/08/2021	L

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Extra-curricular activities	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fully accessible – where possible 	Y	LG	No Date under review	L
Safeguarding	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EMO liaises with the necessary personnel and parents to manage and address any new and ongoing safeguarding concerns relating to the temporary closure and/or school reopening, e.g. ongoing bullying. EMO ensures that adequate pastoral care is in place to support students and staff who require it. EMO ensures the relevant staff have the appropriate training to support students and staff who require pastoral care. 	Y	EMO	31/08/2021	L
Communication	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus does not enter the school grounds. ERO puts into place any actions or precautions advised by the PHE ERO liaises with the The PET Board about ongoing cases and includes any local guidance into the risk assessmetn, where required. The school's website is kept up-to-date with any information regarding dates and local arrangements. Parents are informed via email about the relevant information regarding reopening the school, including any pick-up and drop-off arrangements. Students are encouraged, where possible, to walk or cycle to school. Staff are informed of who they can turn to for support and there are several avenues they can follow, e.g. line manager, other senior staff or colleagues. All staff, students and volunteers are made aware of the symptoms of coronavirus, what to do if they display symptoms, and if others display symptoms. 	Y	LG	31/08/2021	L

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are informed via email about the relevant information regarding reopening, e.g. social distancing measures and how lessons will be delivered. • TCO communicates with suppliers and contractors regarding reopening the school and reinstating or suspending the supply of any required goods or services. • ERO informs staff and the governing board about the arrangements for meetings that would ordinarily take place in person, e.g. interviews, and how these will be carried out in line with social distancing guidance when the school reopens. 				