



COVID-19 Educational Settings Risk Assessment

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The health, safety and well-being of all staff and pupils is of utmost importance to us.

This template does not follow the traditional format for a risk assessment. It only covers the control measures needed to manage the risks presented by COVID-19 as low as is possible, in line with community risk levels, therefore the need for scoring or prioritising control implementation is negated. The measures relate to all the persons who may be affected at your setting staff, pupils and visitors. Settings are required to review the identified control measures and describe how they are implementing these in the notes box. Where a control measure does not apply to your setting you can delete the line or enter NA. You may need to add additional control measures specific to your setting, additional space is provided at the end of the form for this purpose.

The control measures that are now needed are very different to those that were previously required when the consequences associated with COVID-19 were significant. More information on the measures identified here is available in the Compliance Code for all educational settings.

Please note: all COVID-19 guidance is available through HR InfoSpace and Norfolk Schools

For ease of reference, changes that are made to this document are detailed below:

Date of change	Section, Page and Change
15/07/2021	New
31/10/21	Changes in red, as advised by NCC and Yare Education Trust.
04/01/22	Changes in blue, based on 2022 guidance.



Setting/Premises:	Bluebell Primary School		
Location:	Lovelace Road, Norwich		
Assessment Date:	21/08/2021	Last Review Date:	31.10.21
Assessment completed by:	H.Plowman Headteacher		

Please describe how you have met with the required control measures in the “Notes and Further Information” column

Key infection control measures

Cleaning and disinfection

	<p>The setting has developed specific cleaning schedules for items that need cleaning and disinfection. The schedule details all items, frequencies and who is responsible for this following the information detailed in the compliance code. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleaning all touch points including those that that are fixed to the premises (inside and out) twice a day • Equipment and resources are disinfected on a daily basis as a minimum. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Soft furnishings are disinfected with a proprietary fabric disinfectant spray. - Frequency of cleaning and disinfection of equipment is increased based on risk e.g. the number of different users who are handling equipment and resources, the ability of users to undertake effective hand hygiene • Consideration has been given to times of high use and frequency of disinfection increased accordingly where possible. • Shared touch points in staff areas such as those on microwaves, kettles, fridges and photocopiers are wiped down before and after use 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleaning schedule produced for start of term. Kier cleaning staff consulted. Delegation of cleaning duties made clear between school staff and Kier staff. <p>Shared more widely on Inset days at beginning of Autumn term.</p>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If a surface is visibly dirty it is always cleaned prior to disinfection. 			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Different cleaning equipment is provided for kitchens, toilets, classrooms and office areas. 			
	<p>All Staff who undertake cleaning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Know the schedule information. Have received relevant training/instruction Will follow the instructions for cleaning products and disinfectants to ensure it is effective to ensure that all of the surface has disinfectant applied and not to wipe items dry before the required contact time has been achieved. Are provided with disinfectant wipes to enable them to clean and disinfect contact points in teaching spaces and equipment. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kier and school staff know their responsibilities and when. Will follow instructions for products. Wipes in each room. 	

Hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene arrangements

Hand hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff are ensuring that hand hygiene is carried out more frequently than normal (pupils and themselves) in an age appropriate way e.g. observing young pupils, instructing in the class (How to hand rub and NHS guidance for handwashing). Event related prompts are given to pupils by staff.....<i>after..... before.... when</i> as a more effective means of promoting hand hygiene than fixed time prompts. Supervision arrangements are in place to support pupils with handwashing where it is needed. Skin friendly wipes such as baby wipes are provided as an alternative where children are not able to wash their hands due to age or health conditions. Hand hygiene frequencies include: arrival, before and after eating, before and after breaks, going to the toilet, before leaving, after removing a face covering, after handling resources (including those taken home) and at other identified intervals determined by the setting in relation to the activities carried out. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils refreshed about hand hygiene at the start of term. Re-shared schedule of when hand washing is necessary within school day. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils and staff are aware of the need to avoid touching their eyes, nose or mouth if hands have not been washed. • Staff and pupils have been advised to avoid wearing rings (except for a plain band) in order to ensure thorough handwashing. • Entrances are supervised on arrival in the morning to support hand sanitising. • Staff, pupils (and parents) are advised that handwashing must be carried out when they arrive at home 			
	Hand washing is carried out using running water (static bowls are not used)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sinks in all classrooms 	
	Hand dryers are efficient and effective in quick drying or have been replaced with more efficient dryers or paper towels		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand dryers in toilets. Paper towels in classrooms 	
	Consideration has been given to replacing traditional taps with easy operating lever taps		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previously done 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand sanitiser points are provided at key locations around the site including: at all entrance doors to the setting, at the entrance to toilet facilities, at the entrance to dining facilities, at points of high contact such as near non-automatic doors in corridors, lifts and stairs, classrooms, office facilities etc. • The location of sanitiser points is reviewed where there are changes to use of different areas of the premises. • Hand sanitiser points are checked regularly and stock replenished where necessary. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand sanitiser points remain in place from last year at entry points to building. • School business manager in charge of overseeing they are filled. 	
	Consideration has been be given to outside points being provided in a manner that enables removal and securing at the end of the day e.g. on tables/temporary or movable stands etc.		✓	
	Hand sanitiser points have drip trays to deal with spillages and reduce the slip risk where applicable (such as those affixed to walls)		✓	
	Hand sanitiser is stored appropriately and safely according to pupil age and individual risks. Where the provision of hand sanitiser points presents a risk of ingestion, this risk is managed through		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ✓ 	



	pupil supervision (contact will be made with Health, Safety and Well-Being where this is not possible)			
Respiratory Hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tissues and waste bins are provided in classrooms and other areas to ensure good respiratory hygiene. Bins are emptied regularly throughout the day 		✓	
	All staff and pupils are regularly reminded about following Catch it, Kill it, Bin it requirements.		✓ Reinforced at beginning of term in assemblies.	

Ventilation (and use of outside space)

Use of outside space	Outside space will be used where it is possible, for example, whole school assemblies, lunchtimes and for meetings with staff and pupils.		✓	
Increasing ventilation	<p>All areas of the premises have been reviewed including meeting rooms and office spaces.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mechanical ventilation has been checked to ensure it provides fresh air to rooms Where installed, the setup of air conditioning systems has been reviewed and adjusted to maximise the intake of fresh air. Where fresh air provision is not adequate windows are also opened in these areas. Where systems serve multiple buildings or are fully recirculating, advice has been sought from HVAC engineers and recommendations have been implemented. 		✓	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doors and windows are kept open where possible and safe (in premises with no or limited fresh air mechanical ventilation systems) Where fire doors need to be kept open to support ventilation, alarm activated door openers have been installed to ensure fire safety is maintained. Non fire doors are secured in the open position 		✓ We now use the CO2 monitors to check that there is enough ventilation in the room, and if not, we open more windows.	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Window restrictors are fitted where needed for premises user safety and to prevent unauthorised access. 			
	<p>During cooler weather:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Windows are fully opened before rooms are occupied and during breaks. Windows are kept partially open when rooms are in use, windows are selected that are not directly next to work areas/pupils desks or high level windows are open fully and low level opened partially Information has been provided to parents, carers and pupils to dress appropriately for cooler temperatures. 		✓	Share information about uniform and being warm in September to give parents enough notice to get thick tights, vests, socks etc.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of the team are nominated to ensure that windows are opened in accordance with the above Signage is provided to remind occupants not to fully close windows Regular checks are made to ensure that arrangements are being followed 		✓	
Reassurance measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consideration has been given to installing non-dispersive infrared (NDIR) CO₂ sensors in suitable spaces in order to assess whether ventilation levels are adequate in line with the compliance code 		✓	Being provided by the government. Awaiting delivery dates. As above.
Using fans	Where fans are needed in offices, discussion has taken place with staff who use that space to agree terms of use.		✓	
	Where fans are needed in classrooms and other educational areas, a decision for their use has been made by the Headteacher in conjunction with staff.		✓	
Rooms with no direct source of fresh air	<p>Where rooms cannot be adequately ventilated (naturally or mechanically), they have been taken out of use (subject to the below improvements that can be made in some instances)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The room use has been modified to limit access to one person at a time, provide space between occupation and reduce occupancy time to 30 minutes or less 			This applies to the meeting room.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment, machinery that prevent air circulating have been relocated where possible • Tasks that take place in these areas have been reviewed, those that increase generation of aerosols have been modified for these areas (such as physical exertion). • Fans are not used in poorly ventilated areas • Advise has been sought from HSW for using these areas 			
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PPE

PPE	Arrangements are in place to ensure that PPE guidance is applied in line with the circumstances that are outlined only.		✓	
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Educational visits and use of third-party premises

International visits	Recommendations to not go on international visits this academic year up to and including the 5 September are followed.		✓	
All visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff involved in the risk assessment are familiar with the COVID-19 Educational Settings Compliance code and any specific industry guidance that relates to the activity. • The provider has confirmed that they are managing the risk of COVID-19 via completion of the COVID-19 Third Party Premises/Activities Declaration Form for Ed Settings or Good to Go accreditation • Where appropriate, the third-party provider is involved in planning arrangements. • Arrangements are in place to encourage Asymptomatic Testing for school staff and secondary school pupils before and after the visit • Arrangements are in place to obtain assurance from the venue regarding how staff participate in regular testing. • A thorough risk assessment is completed using the COVID-19 General Risk Assessment Form in addition to the normal process using Evolve and includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Arrangements for cleaning, ventilation, maintenance of personal hygiene and where possible keeping respectful 		✓ Staff planning visits are aware of and using the Third Party Premises/Activities Declaration form. November 21 – No visits for the foreseeable future. January 22 – No visits for the foreseeable future.	



	<p>distance from others including other groups and individuals using the facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There is an appropriate level of insurance cover for the visit ○ The venue has provided the school with visitor information and briefings, including details of their COVID-19 arrangements 			
Specific considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Additional factors needed for children (and staff) with SEND and medical conditions have been considered. ● There are contingency plans in place, for example, to respond to symptoms developing in the group. 		<p>✓ Nov 2021 – parents were consulted about medical needs within family.</p>	

Transport and travel

Public and school transport	Pupils, parents and staff have been advised not to use school transport if they have symptoms		For those using taxis.	
	Pupils, parents and staff have been advised to wash or sanitise their hands before and after using transport services and following guidance for the removal of face coverings where worn.		For those using taxis.	
	Windows are opened during journeys where it is safe to do so		For those using taxis.	
	Cleaning arrangements follow the COVID-19 Compliance Code for all Educational Settings.		For those using taxis.	
	Staff do not transport a symptomatic pupil (unless specifically in relation to a residential setting)		N/A	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Staff and secondary pupils continue to use face coverings when using school transport unless exempt from doing so ● Pupils, parents/carers are advised to follow transport provider requirements to wear face coverings ● Staff are encouraged to wear face coverings when using public transport. 		N/A	

Visitors

	The time of visits occur so that visitors are separated from staff and pupils where possible.		✓ Updated visitor guidance.	
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			<p>Nov- 21 Limiting visitors to the school- by headteacher's discretion depending on necessity of visit e.g. social worker.</p> <p>Jan 2022 – as above. All visitors encouraged to do lateral flow before visiting.</p>	
	<p>Visits are managed to encourage space creation e.g. through meeting in outside spaces or large well ventilated rooms with furniture spread out</p>		<p>✓ Updated visitor guidance.</p> <p>Nov- 21 Limiting visitors to the school- by headteacher's discretion depending on necessity of visit e.g. social worker.</p>	
	<p>Visitors are advised of the following in advance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That you encourage participation in asymptomatic testing • Specific arrangements for the meeting, for example, applying respectful distancing where it is possible. • To leave the setting immediately if they develop symptoms • Hand shaking should be avoided 		<p>✓ Updated visitor guidance.</p> <p>Nov- 21 Limiting visitors to the school- by headteacher's discretion depending on necessity of visit e.g. social worker.</p>	
	<p>On arrival visitors will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided with relevant site information • Asked to perform hand hygiene • Asked to confirm that they do not have symptoms no matter how mild or are currently required to isolate. 		<p>✓ Updated visitor guidance.</p> <p>Nov- 21 Limiting visitors to the school- by headteacher's discretion depending on necessity of visit e.g. social worker.</p>	
	<p>Visitors will use their own pen or will be provided with a pen that they take with them.</p>		<p>✓ Updated visitor guidance.</p> <p>Nov- 21 Limiting visitors to the school- by headteacher's discretion depending on necessity of visit e.g. social worker.</p>	



	A QR code is in place for events involving large numbers of visitors.		N/A	
	Consideration is given to the layout and use of the reception area and meeting rooms, for example, chairs are moved further apart and sitting side by side where possible.		✓ Updated visitor guidance. Nov- 21 Limiting visitors to the school- by headteacher's discretion depending on necessity of visit e.g. social worker.	
	Parents are encouraged to wear masks coming onto the playground at the start and end of the day.		From Nov 21 Jan 2022 – message reinforced in Jan 2022.	

Catering

	Where catering services are contracted, the setting has ensured that the service is following the relevant government guidance .		✓ Emailed Amanda Cooper Norse – August 2021	
	Directly provided catering services follow the principles of the Educational Settings Compliance Code and relevant government guidance		✓	
Vending machines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vending machine disinfection is incorporated into the touch point cleaning arrangements. Consideration has been given to the number of touch points and that some parts may be hard to clean, e.g. collection slot, therefore performing hand hygiene before and after use is reinforced. Hand sanitiser and disinfectant wipes are provided next to them with instruction to use before and after. 		N/A	

Health, well-being and attendance

Asymptomatic testing

Summer attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff and secondary pupils are encouraged to continue to regularly test at home if they attend the setting over the summer period. Tests are provided to attending staff and pupils 		N/A	
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Autumn return	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secondary pupils are offered 2 onsite lateral flow tests 3 to 5 days apart on their return (this can commence 3 working days before the start of term and staggered return applied across the first week). Staff and secondary pupils are encouraged to continue to test twice weekly until notified. A small asymptomatic testing site is retained on site at secondary settings so that pupils who are unable to test at home can use this facility. Lateral Flow Device testing arrangements are followed as detailed in guidance on the COVID-19 website for Norfolk Schools The risk assessment templates for LFD testing have been completed as appropriate 		<p>Primary staff are encouraged to test twice weekly. Continuing to use risk assessment and procedures from last academic year.</p> <p>Jan 2022- close contacts must test daily with lateral flows. Asymptomatic positive tests on lateral flows do not need PCR tests.</p>	
Vaccination	Where eligible, staff and students are encouraged to participate in the vaccination programme.		<p>✓</p> <p>Nov 21- staff have been encouraged to take booster vaccine if offered.</p>	

First aid

First aid – all settings	COVID-19 First Aid guidance is followed.		✓	
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Individual risk - pupils

Clinically extremely vulnerable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils will attend unless they are advised not to by GP or Clinician. Specific recommendations will be assessed where required. 		✓	
Increase risk including ethnicity and pregnancy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual risk assessments will be carried out for pupils who are at an increased risk 		✓	



Aerosol generating procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A specific assessment is in place supported by the young persons health professional and following Ed Settings Guidance on APG's Educational Settings Guidance on AGP's 		✓	
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Individual support planning

Increased supportive measures for pupils/ psychological needs	The measures detailed in Guidance to Support Positive Behaviour have been implemented.		✓	
	Individual Support plans have been reviewed for pupils where required, for example for pupils who are: less able to report symptoms; cannot follow strict hygiene; display behaviours that are challenging to manage in the current context and require close contact tasks. Plans are agreed with staff (parent and pupil where required).		✓	
	Support plans include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specific cleaning and disinfection requirements such as changing beds and wheelchairs. Ensuring that staff increase their level of self protection, Ensure that the pupil washing their hands before and after where able to or use skin friendly handwipes before and after Checking that the person does not have symptoms as detailed in the compliance code. 		✓	
	Staff are aware of the required infection control measures and understanding that the normal PPE that would have previously been used is still required.		✓	

Wellbeing and attendance

Pupil well-being, mental health and behaviour	Arrangements are in place to ensure that pupils are appropriately supported in relation to mental health and well-being difficulties, promoting and supporting mental health and well-being in schools is used.		✓	
	Existing arrangements are followed for supporting students who are distressed and where safeguarding issues come to light.			



	Available resources are used to identify and support students and staff who exhibit signs of distress.		✓	
	Behaviour relating to COVID controls will be managed as it normally would in order to encourage universal hygiene and safety arrangements.		✓	
Where attendance is impacted	The setting will discuss and provide reassurance of the measures in place with pupils and parents/carers.		✓	

Staff health and well-being

Individual assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All staff requiring a specific risk assessment have been identified, risk assessments have been undertaken in line with COVID-19 Your health and your safety when working in educational settings and the template provided is used to record conversations and agreed control measures. 		✓ Risk assessments updated Jan 2022, in line with new guidance.	
Wellbeing	Suitable supportive measures have been put in place for staff, for example, how to obtain well-being support		✓ Norfolk Support Line	

Self-Isolation Arrangements – Staff and Pupils

Symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff know to go home as soon as possible if they develop symptoms of COVID-19 Pupils know what the main symptoms are and who to report to if they develop symptoms, no matter how mild and staff will ensure that they go home as soon as possible Staff check with pupils regarding symptoms on their arrival and remain vigilant for developing symptoms throughout the day Anyone who has developed symptoms and cannot go home immediately will wait in the designated room Arrangements are in place for the management of pupils who are not able to communicate their symptoms and staff are aware of these arrangements e.g. temperature checks 		<p>✓ Refreshed guidance with staff, pupils and parents at beginning of Autumn term.</p> <p>Nov 21- parents reminded of expectations on Sunday before return to school.</p> <p>Jan 2022- new flowcharts with what to do and when issued at start of Spring term.</p>	
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Self-isolation criteria	<p>Staff and pupils know that isolation arrangements must be followed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where notified by NHS Test and Trace • In line with travel - Entering the UK • If the person has COVID-19 symptoms • On receiving a positive LFD or PCR test 		✓	
	<p>Where there are positive cases within a year group, the remaining staff and children are separated as much as possible from the rest of school – non attendance at assembly, lunch separately, adults to remain separate.</p>		From October 21	

Collaboration

General Arrangements

General Arrangements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrangements have been put in place to ensure communication and collaboration between pupils, staff, staff representatives (e.g. unions) and parents. • Communication routes are publicised and have been formally planned. 		✓	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents have been informed and notified about communications around cases. 		✓	
	<p>Parents have been communicated with regarding external wraparound care and extra-curricular providers, outlining the measures to look out for and the guidance for parents and carers has been shared to support their decision making</p>		✓	
	<p>The arrangements that have been put in place have considered additional and inclusive support measures where needed, for example, easy read and additional language versions are provided as necessary.</p>		✓	
All staff instruction and involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff have been instructed on the nature of COVID-19 and the reasons that control measures have changed (as outlined in the compliance code) 		✓	September 2021 Inset.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local arrangements identified in this risk assessment have been discussed with all staff and they have confirmed they understand the reason for the control measures that are required. A record is maintained by the setting which details all of the specific areas of instruction and training that have been provided for all members of staff. All staff have confirmed that they are confident in applying the control measures identified in this assessment. Staff have been involved in the practical implementation of this risk assessment (remotely where they are currently not in the setting). Staff have been given the opportunity to discuss and resolve any concerns that they have. 			
	Staff have been advised that there is no need for anything other than normal personal hygiene and washing of clothing following a day in school.		✓	
	The setting has ensured that particular attention has been paid to new/inexperienced staff, trainees and those with additional significant role changes.		✓	
	Staff have been advised to wear masks in communal areas.		From Nov 21	

Respectful space

	<p>Consideration has been given to where respectful space can be maintained between people including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued cohorting of staff Utilisation of online meetings and training Keeping numbers minimised for in person meetings and training Reduction of pinch points and areas of congestion 		<p>✓ Staff encouraged to still only mix in bubbles. Staff room has two sittings to minimise the number of staff using the space. Where weather allows, staff encouraged to sit outside.</p>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Furniture in areas such as reception, meeting rooms, staff rooms and offices has been rearranged to prevent face to face working and support respectful space where possible 		Nov 21- seating limited in staff room.	
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Hiring School Premises (and providing premises for club use)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cleaning and disinfection requirements are established for all areas used (premises and equipment) 		N/A	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information about ventilation requirements is provided to the user 		N/A	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school and user have agreed and confirmed their responsibilities prior to use, The hirer has confirmed that they are following COVID-19 control measures for their activities The use of QR codes is encouraged where members of the public take part in the activity. 		N/A	

Review

	<p>Arrangements are in place to monitor the control measures to ensure that they are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective Working as planned Updated appropriately (reflecting updates to the compliance code) 			
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