



Thurcroft Infant school Risk Assessment

September 2021 onwards



Coronavirus continues to still be present as a hazard, however given that the direct clinical risks to children are low and every adult will have had the opportunity to be doubly vaccinated by mid-September, our school priority is to deliver face to face education for all our pupils and limit the disruption previous bubble closures has caused.

As the government guidance is revised, we may need to apply revisions to the risk assessment(s) in light of potential changes, local outbreaks and reacting to public health instruction. The Trust will implement the plans should further restrictions or local lockdowns be instructed

Face coverings – The guidance to wear face coverings in school has been removed but parents and staff are still encouraged to wear them in indoor spaces where there is little or no ventilation and where social distancing is not possible.

Test and Trace/Isolation – In September, children under the age of 18, will no longer be required to isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace. Those identified by NHS Test and Trace as being in close contact with a positive case will be asked to undergo a PCR test. NHS Test and Trace will instruct the isolation period for these individuals. All those who are Covid positive, will still need to isolate for the necessary 10 day period.

Removing Bubble Integrity – We will return to “normal practice” and whole school assemblies will take place as previously, though we won’t be inviting parents to join initially.

Risk Assessing – We will continue to risk assess for Covid 19 at least termly and specifically to manage a local or national outbreak. We will continue to follow government guidelines and advice from Public Health England.n

COVID SECURE MEASURES are now:

The hierarchy of control measures in our Covid-19 defence:-

1. Hand Hygiene
2. Increased Hygiene Regime in setting (additional cleaning)
3. Engagement with Vaccine Programme by all staff
4. Observing NHS Test and Trace instruction and updated Infection Control Policy
5. Bubble integrity and minimising access to communal areas as and when instructed
6. Use of PPE.

Summary Risk Assessment and Arrangements for Sept 2021 onwards

<p><u>Arrival and Departure</u></p>	<p>We will resume back to children entering from either Eligitha Drive or Locksley Drive gates. Children in Y2BF will continue to use the gate on Locksley Drive to enter their playground.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All gates will open at 8.45am and close promptly at 9.05am • Children will continue to enter their class independently to ensure a quick, calm and productive start to their day. • Should a parent wish to speak to the teacher, we ask that you ring school to arrange an appointment or contact the teacher on Class Dojo. • A member of staff will be present on the playground to answer any queries. • Any child arriving after 9am must report to Reception. • The gates will re open at 2.50pm for a 3pm finish. • Please can parents leave the premises as quickly as possible and 'don't hang around'.
<p><u>Classrooms</u></p> <p>Removal of Bubble Integrity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will continue to work and eat within year groups as this is working well. • Equipment and resources will no longer be quarantined. • Classroom seating arrangements will be as they were pre Covid and children will no longer be required to sit in rows. • PE will continue to be held outside weather permitting and if appropriate. <p>The following additional risk mitigation measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We still have increased cleaning routines for surfaces. • Hand hygiene routines will be maintained on entering the classroom each morning, changing location, before and after food and after toilet visits. • Ventilation in rooms continues throughout the day and complete ventilation will occur at playtimes and lunchtimes. • The Emergency Evacuation procedures have been reviewed, adapted appropriately and put into practice. • The Accessibility Plan has been reviewed and is fit for purpose.
<p><u>Toilets</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toilets will continue to be assigned where possible to class/ year group setting. • Reactive cleaning and self sanitisation will continue. • Supervision of toilet areas for FS2 pupils. • Staff designated toilet areas to be encouraged.

<p><u>Lunchtimes</u></p>	<p>A full lunchtime service continues to be in operation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will continue with staggered lunchtimes both for eating and playing. • Tables will continue to be cleaned between sittings. • F1 children will continue to eat their packed lunches in the back room of F1.
<p><u>Outside Playtimes</u> <i>Transmission rates are reduced outdoors</i></p>	<p>Transmission rates outdoors and from pupil to pupil are low. Therefore, outdoor play and learning is encouraged.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y1 and Y2 pupils will mix at playtimes. • Additional outdoor learning and learning breaks will continue to be at the discretion of the teacher as there is an understanding that children are still needing chunked learning due to lack of stamina and limited concentration span.
<p><u>First Aid</u> There will be a need to minimise direct contact with children.</p>	<p>Typical response to First Aid requirements remain.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPE is provided for staff to use when dealing with Intimate Care of a pupil. This includes, Mask, Apron, Gloves and Visor. • All non-topical First Aid requirements will continue in typical fashion. Staff may chose not to wear PPE for this task at their will. <p>When a child has Covid symptoms, we ensure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff dealing with suspected Covid-19 cases wear full complement of PPE • Staff know how to don and doff the PPE and dispose of it appropriately. • A ventilated isolation area is used in the Main Reception. • Please ensure the child is collected as quickly as possible via the main entrance should a child show symptoms whilst in school.
<p><u>Symptoms and Positive Test</u></p> <p><u>Remote Learning</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If anyone in setting develops symptoms of coronavirus, they will be sent home to follow public health advice and get a PCR test. • We will follow NHS Test and Trace incorporated into the Infection Control Policy. The school is no longer responsible for Track and Trace but will support where necessary by providing the required information. • There will no longer be a bubble closure should a positive case be confirmed and no one within the bubble will be required to isolate. The isolation will be related to the individual alone and the household. • Access to remote learning will continue to be made, if the isolating pupil is well enough to engage.
<p><u>Educational Visits</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational Visits will be planned in a typical manner.

<p><u>Safeguarding Pupils</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safeguarding, Welfare and Wellbeing will be the first priority in Autumn term as always.• Safeguarding concerns will be monitored in the usual manner.• A DSL and First Aider to be on site at all times – as is our usual practice.
<p><u>Behaviour and Expectations</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Behaviour Policy is in place but will be adjusted and implemented at local level to account for any specific known case which potentially compromises H&S of staff.
<p><u>Assemblies - gatherings</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assemblies will resume because we believe that they are important to reflect on key messages and our school ethos and values. Children will sit with their year groups and be spaced in a well ventilated hall.• Singing and music assemblies will take place in class.

