

# **Corporate Risk Assessment**

Activity being assessed: (Ysgol Cwm Brombil) Return to School, Alert Level 0 Local Risk Level Low RISK.		Risk assessment reference number: Schools/AlertLevel0/Low Risk Risk assessment Reviewed on: 28/02/2022 Review date due: April 2022							
Persons undertaking or a	iffected by the activity								
⊠ Employees    ⊠ Contractor    ⊠ Public    □ Service User    □ Other    □									
Hazard	Control me	asure	Likelihood  1. Very Unlikely 2. Unlikely 3. Likely 4. Very Likely 5. Certainty	Severity 1. Negligible 2. Minor 3. Medical Treatment 4. Major 5. Fatal	Risk Level Likelihood x Severity = Risk Level				
Spread of COVID-19	This risk assessment is a template for best practi Government "Local COVID-19 infection control d autumn 2021". If necessary, seek assistance fro your designated Health and Safety Officer. General								
	<ul> <li>Employees must follow any instructions and information related to controlling the virus.</li> </ul>								
	<ul> <li>Lateral Flow Test (LFT) will be continued twice weekly.</li> </ul>	2	3	6					
	<ul> <li>All persons that are contacted via "Test, guidance given.</li> </ul>								
	Retain attendance records to support TT								

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- Appropriate signage (including floor signage) in relation to Covid-19 measures is displayed throughout the school e.g. encouraging physical distancing, one way systems, room/lift capacity limits, do not enter if you have symptoms of Covid-19, etc
- Any concerns in relation to control measures should be raised immediately with the head teacher, or Business Manager.
- Regular inspections and monitoring by SMT will take place to ensure rules are being adhered to.
- Inspections by the Health and Safety Section will be undertaken when necessary.
- All relevant statutory building checks have been undertaken.

### **School Workforce**

- Staff and learners who are **clinically extremely vulnerable** should follow the current published Welsh Government guidance. These members of staff should continue to discuss with their schools how they will be supported e.g. individual risk assessment.
- Those living with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable can still attend work where home-working is not possible.
- Staff who are at increased risk, as per current Welsh Government guidance, can
  continue to attend school. While in school they should follow the interventions to
  minimise the risks of transmission including taking particular care to observe
  good hand and respiratory hygiene, minimising contact and maintaining physical
  distancing and should have an individual workplace assessment.
- People who live with those who are at increased risk can attend the workplace but should ensure they maintain good prevention practice in the workplace and home settings.
- Staff who are pregnant are encouraged to take up vaccination and have a
  workplace risk assessment. If home-working is not possible, pregnant staff and
  their employers should follow the advice in the <a href="COVID-19">COVID-19</a>: advice for pregnant
  employees.

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- From 20 December people must work from home where reasonably practicable for them to do so. Employers must allow or require their employees to work from home unless there is a clear business or wellbeing need that would make working from home impractical, in line with their duties to take reasonable measures.
- LFD testing three times a week available for staff and secondary aged learners to help identify and isolate asymptomatic cases as soon as possible.

## **Symptoms of Covid-19/Symptomatic person**

The most effective way to prevent transmission of COVID-19 in schools is to stop infection being brought into the school.

- Learners, staff and other adults should not come into a school/setting if they:
  - → have COVID-19 symptoms
  - → if they live with someone who has symptoms or has tested positive for COVID-19 unless they are fully vaccinated or are under 18
- learners, staff and other adults must not come into a school/setting if they:
  - → have tested positive for COVID-19
  - → have been contacted by the TTP service and told to self-isolate
- Everyone must self-isolate for 7 days if they test positive for COVID-19. You should take a Lateral Flow Test (LFT) on day 6 and day 7. If either LFT is positive, you should remain in isolation until 2 negative LFTs or after day 10, whichever is sooner. The rules for close contact of someone who has tested positive are in the Self-isolation guidance. TTP to advise.

https://gov.wales/self-isolation

- All staff and volunteers are to be made aware of the symptoms of COVID-19 and watch for those symptoms in themselves and others stay alert. Look for Flu like symptoms high temperature, new constant coughing bouts (this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours) and/or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste (anosmia).
- If any person/visitor/pupil is suspected of suffering symptoms they should be sent home immediately, or if this is not possible they should be isolated in a separate room (supervised as necessary) until they can be collected.

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- Secondary Phase: If a person/visitor/pupil is suspected of suffering symptoms the School Health Care Practitioner will be called to come and take the person/visitor/pupils to the Red Room. The Red room Located next door to the school Health Care Worker on Floor B. The door of the room is kept open to help with ventilation when there is a pupil in the room.
- **Primary Phase:** If a person/visitor/pupil is suspected of suffering symptoms the School Health Care Practitioner will be called to come and take the person/visitor/pupils to the Isolation Area that the bottom of the primary phase located opposite the staff toilets.
- The Red room Located next door to the school Health Care Worker on Floor B. The door of the room is kept open to help with ventilation when there is a pupil in the room.
- Social distancing from the infected person must be exercised wherever possible to prevent the spread of the infection. Where this is not possible, the appropriate PPE must be worn. Refer to PPE section of this risk assessment.
- An alternative exit route from the premises has been identified in order to ensure all other exit routes are not potentially contaminated. This will be through the side entrance door to the right of the reception area so that it limits the risk of others being around. The parent/guardian will be contracted and told to drive to the front of the school and wait in the car until the pupil is taken out to the parent/guardian by the Health Care Practitioner.
- Personal hygiene after contact with the symptomatic person must be exercised to ensure that the spread of the infection is controlled.
- All areas where a symptomatic person has entered are segregated until a deep clean (level 2) is carried out. If it's a classroom, you will need to find an alternative area where the children can be moved to for the interim period.
- If a cluster/outbreak is identified by TTP, a level 2 clean may also be required.
- Cleaning Process and system in school are in place for appropriately trained cleaning staff to carry out a deep clean (Level 2) of the affected areas.
- All potentially contaminated waste will be placed into a black bag, sealed and placed inside a second black bag and stored in a designated area (within the

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	current bin stores rea) away from all other waste until 72 hours has passed when it will be disposed of in the normal manner.		
	<ul> <li>The equipment that the pupil/employee has been in contact with must be withdrawn from circulation and thoroughly cleaned and disinfected before being allowed back into circulation.</li> </ul>		
Phy	ysical Distancing		
	Parents gathering in the school playground to be discouraged.		
	Large group gatherings such as assemblies are not to take place.		
	<ul> <li>Ensure there is appropriate signage on display at the entry points reminding parents and visitors to respect other peoples space/physical distancing.</li> </ul>		
	• Staff in secondary schools should maintain distance from their learners, staying at the front of the class where possible.		
	Do not hold cross year group assemblies.		
	The use of one way systems, should be implemented.		
	Where possible, seat pupils side by side and facing forward.		
	<ul> <li>Consistent seating plans have been introduced in the classrooms, where possible (recognising this may not be possible for younger learners, and those who require 1:1 support/Additional Learning Needs).</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Foundation Phase learners will be more active in their play based learning and seating and desk arrangements will not be required.</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Physical distancing between staff should be maintained wherever possible to reduce the risk of the spread of the COVID-19 virus e.g. corridors, communal areas, staff rooms, meeting rooms, passenger lifts, etc.</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Signage present on passenger lifts to communicate maximum person usage.</li> <li>Consideration must be given to wheel chair users and designated carer.</li> </ul>		

• Meeting/Staff rooms should be assessed to determine how many people are permitted to enter meeting rooms whilst maintaining physical distancing.

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The staff room(s) has been assessed and capacity numbers have been placed on the doors.
 LFT Testing:

 LFD testing three times a week available for staff and secondary aged learners to help identify and isolate asymptomatic cases as soon as possible.

 Ventilation

- Where possible, staff are encouraged to use outdoor spaces for activities.
- Schools must ensure an adequate supply of fresh air (ventilation) in enclosed areas, either via mechanical ventilation or natural ventilation or a combination of the both.
- Mechanical systems will be adjusted to increase the ventilation rate wherever possible
- Natural ventilation to be increased through opening windows and non-fire doors where possible.
- The airing of rooms via windows and non-fire doors at break, lunch times and prior to the start of the school day should be encouraged.
- Where possible, encourage staff to open top/high level windows (this helps to prevent draughts), and moving obstructions such as curtains/blinds.
- Ceiling fans or desk fans may be used to prevent pockets of stagnant air only
  where the area is well ventilated. Desk fans to be pointed away from people and
  pointed at walls etc.
- Small rooms have identified maximum capacity limits to ensure greater dilution.
- Checks to be carried out to ensure windows, grids and airbricks are not obstructed. Check that they all function correctly and identify areas that are poorly ventilated.

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Any areas of poor ventilation/stagnant air then consideration will be given to obtaining a CO<sub>2</sub> monitor (NDIR) type, or putting these areas out of bounds or limiting their use. Schools to monitor the readings of the CO<sub>2</sub> monitor and take appropriate actions.

### **Hand/Respiratory Hygiene**

- Learners should clean their hands regularly, including when they arrive at school, when they return from breaks, after using the toilet, when they change rooms and before and after eating. Regular and thorough hand cleaning is going to be needed for the foreseeable future.
- Ensure enough hand washing or hand sanitiser 'stations' available so that all learners and staff can clean their hands regularly.
- Hand sanitiser must be stored away from ignition sources such as, sunlight, heat, open flames, hot surfaces, sparks, etc. It must be stored in a cool place.
- As good practice, hand washing posters to be placed in toilet areas to remind pupils/staff of good handwashing techniques.
- Pupils encouraged to catch a sneeze or cough using their elbow or a tissue, dispose of tissue and reminded to then wash their hands. The 'Catch it, bin it, kill it, Wash your Hands' approach.

# **Cleaning**

- Cleaning will take place using appropriate cleaning products, in line with general cleaning procedures (e.g. end of day clean).
- The frequency of wiping down high-touch areas has to be increased throughout the day. Hight-touch area include bathrooms/toilets (not the toilet bowls), railings, tables, desks. Chairs, equipment, door handles, sinks, light switches etc. Disposable gloves and disposable aprons should be worn when cleaning is taking place. There will be two cleaners on site for most of the school day. Screen Spray and Cloths will be available to be used by all staff for wiping down any areas that they need to wipe down on a frequent basis within their classrooms. Screen will be made up daily and to the correct dilution rates. Any unused product will be disposed of at the end of the school day. Staff will pick up a bottle at the start of each school day and return to the reception area at the end of the school day.

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- Sprays and Blue Roll to be available in staff rooms, to utilise after using communal equipment (kettles, microwaves etc.).
- There are boys and girls toilets on each floor within the school, these toilets are
  cleaned regularly throughout the day. All pupils have access to hot water, soap
  and paper towels within each toilet area. Throughout the school there are hand
  sanitiser stations attached to the wall for all pupils to used when they need to use
  them. There are also hand sanitisers in all classrooms.

## **Face Coverings**

- Face coverings should be worn by secondary aged learners when moving around indoor communal areas such as corridors, where physical distance cannot be maintained.
- Face coverings should be worn by staff and visitors in schools when moving around indoor communal areas outside of the classroom, such as corridors, where physical distance cannot be maintained.
- Face coverings must be worn in any area of the building where the public visit, for example when they enter/exit a building which is open to the public via the reception area.
- Staff working in public areas where there is a Perspex screen shielding / or closed window - the employee from the public are not required to wear a face covering.
- Face coverings should continue to be worn by learners in secondary schools and settings when travelling on dedicated school transport.
- A person does not have to wear a face covering if they have a reasonable excuse not to wear one.

# **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

- When using PPE hands must be washed both before and after use.
- Staff who will be required to use PPE will be provided with information on how to don and doff it correctly.

#### **Routine activities**

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 No PPE is required when undertaking routine educational activities in classroom or school settings.

### **General clean of premises**

PPE in line with your COSHH risk assessment must be worn.

### **Suspected coronavirus (COVID-19)**

- Gloves, aprons and a fluid-resistant surgical mask should be worn if a child or young person becomes unwell with symptoms of COVID-19 and needs direct personal care.
- Eye protection should also be worn if a risk assessment determines that there is a risk of splashing to the eyes such as from coughing, spitting, or vomiting.
- A Level 2 clean must take place when cleaning the areas where a person suspected of having COVID-19 has been. The risk assessment identifies the PPE required when undertaking this activity as being disposable gloves, disposable apron, FR(IIR)SM and goggles.

### Intimate care including administering first aid

- Gloves and aprons should be used when providing intimate care to a child or young person. This can include personal, hands-on care such as washing, toileting, or first aid and certain clinical procedures such as assisted feeding.
- Fluid-resistant surgical mask and eye protection should also be worn if a risk
  assessment determines that there is a risk of splashing to the eyes such as from
  coughing, spitting, or vomiting.
- Gloves and aprons should be used when cleaning equipment or surfaces that might be contaminated with body fluids such as saliva or respiratory secretions.

# **Mental Health and Wellbeing**

• Management will promote mental health & wellbeing awareness to staff during the Coronavirus outbreak and will offer whatever support they can to help.

# **Emergency Procedures**

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