



Education Resources General Risk Assessment

Assessment Title	Minimising Covid-19 Exposure – Schools and nurseries re-opening full time from 11 August 2020 (V2)	Generic Specific	
Scope of Assessment	1. Headteachers and other senior managers working in schools and other educational settings 2. Employees returning to school settings 3. Pupils returning to school settings	Reference	ER 30/07-2
		N° Affected	various

Persons: Employee Service User Contractor Visitor Young Person Public	Frequency: Monthly Weekly Daily Hourly Occasionally
RISK COLOUR CODE/ SCORE	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 2px;">LOW RISK ✓</div> <div style="background-color: yellow; color: black; padding: 2px;">MEDIUM RISK</div> <div style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 2px;">HIGH RISK</div> <div style="background-color: purple; color: white; padding: 2px;">VERY HIGH RISK</div> </div>

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Aide Memoir ✓ - present and considered, X considered not to be present						Machinery	x	Slip / Trip / Fall	x	Traffic / Driving	✓	Dangerous Substances	✓
Hygiene	✓	Workplace	✓	Handling / Lifting	x	Environment	✓	Access Equipment	x	Electricity	x	Moving / Falling Objects	x
Temperature	x	Fire / Explosion	x	Pressure System	x	Weather	x	DSE / Ergonomics	x	Violence	x	Tools / Work Equipment	x
Work at Height	x	Noise / Vibration	x	Other (s) (note)		Note:							

Hazard/ Concerns	Risk Rating	Control Measures	Residual Risk Rating	Further Action Required
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Exposure to Covid-19 infection as a result of direct or close contact with others

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Very
High

- Two metre physical distancing between adults should be maintained.
- Two metre distancing between adults and children should be maintained.(recognised not always possible e.g. early years or ASN)
- In secondary schools encourage physical distancing or physical contact as much as possible between young people, particularly in the senior phase.
- Avoid assemblies or other typically large gatherings.
- Wherever possible in primary schools, keep children and young people within the same groups for the duration of the school day with the same teacher and support assistants.
- In secondary, consider keeping groupings together during the day via alternative timetabling, during lunch sittings and encourage distancing particularly in the senior phase. Consider e.g. possible soft changeovers and creative timetabling e.g. double periods or teachers moving rather than learners
- Adults in educational establishments do not need to wear face coverings as two metre distancing should be maintained, however may decide to opt to do so through personal choice.
- There may be occasions where this is not possible. Where adults cannot maintain a two metre distance, are interacting face to face for 15 minutes or more, face coverings should be worn.
- Introduce a flexible approach to the physical reconfiguration of teaching and non-teaching areas, taking account of hygiene, staffing, supervision and individual learner and staff needs.
- Seating, desks and other heavy traffic work areas e.g. copier rooms should be safely spaced to promote physical distancing.
- Decrease physical interactions generally by looking at staff and pupil movement throughout the establishment.
- Consider one-way or keep left systems, staggered breaks and starts.
- Access classrooms directly from outside where possible.
- Encourage staggered use of staffrooms, break areas and offices to limit occupancy at any one time. Encourage cleaning items after each

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Low

Additional Local Concerns
To be completed by assessor

Any visitors to complete form with contact details for track and trace

Exposure to Covid-19 infection as a result of poor personal hygiene

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High

- Ensure that all staff, pupils and visitors are aware of the high importance of frequent and thorough handwashing / sanitising.
- Ensure that all staff and pupils frequently wash their hands with soap and water for 20 seconds and dry thoroughly.
- Ensure that sufficient handwashing / sanitising facilities are available.
- Ensure that all staff and pupils clean their hands on arrival at the setting, before and after eating, and after sneezing or coughing.
- Ensure that all staff and pupils use a tissue or elbow to cough or sneeze and use lidded bins for tissue waste cleaning hands afterwards.
- Ensure that help is available for staff and pupils who may require assistance in accessing hygiene facilities.
- Anti-viral sanitising wipes provided for regular personal use at computer keyboards, photocopiers and telephones.
- Ensure that all staff and pupils are encouraged not to touch their face.
- Ensure that help is available for children and young people who have trouble cleaning their hands independently.
- Consider how to encourage young children to learn and practise these habits through games (no outward singing).
- The majority of staff in education settings will not require PPE beyond what they would normally need when supporting children and young people in their care, even if they are not always able to maintain a distance of two metres from others. PPE will be provided but is only required in a very small number of cases including:
 - ✓ Where adults cannot maintain a two metre distance and are interacting face to face for 15 minutes or more
 - ✓ Work with children and young people whose care routinely already involves the use of PPE due to their intimate care needs
 - ✓ Where a child, young person or other learner becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus and a distance of 2 metres in the designated area prior to parent collection cannot be maintained or there is risk of splashing from a cough, spit or vomit.
 - ✓ Any other task that would routinely involve PPE e.g. providing first aid
- Ensure government / public health advice is followed for any member

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Additional Local Concerns To be completed by assessor				
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Increased risk of exposure to Covid-19 as a result of poor environmental hygiene

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High

- Prior to staff and pupils returning, a clean will take place in all areas including the use of electrostatic spraying.
- An enhanced cleaning regime will be in place including an increased focus on high intensity touchpoints such as door furniture (push plates, handles), wall furniture (light switches, sockets) and sanitary ware to ensure those spaces are sanitised more regularly.
- All areas will be electrostatically sprayed weekly with a protective covering.
- A Start Back kit will be provided to all establishments including disposable gloves, tissues, towel and soap dispensers, viral wipes and aprons.
- Introduce a clear desk policy and remove unnecessary items from classrooms and work areas to ensure all areas are more easily cleaned
- Remove soft furnishings, soft toys and toys that are hard to clean (such as those with intricate parts).
- Limit the use of shared resources, including those usually taken home. Keep bags off desks and worktops. Any shared materials and surfaces should be cleaned more frequently.
- Anti-viral sanitising wipes will be provided for regular use at computer keyboards, photocopiers and telephones.
- Lidded bins for tissues are emptied throughout the day.
- Where safe to do so it is good practice to keep windows and doors open to increase natural ventilation and reduce contact with door handles. Internal fire doors should never be held open (unless assessed and provided with appropriate hold open and self-closing mechanisms which respond to the actuation of the fire alarm system).
- Although Health Protection Scotland regard this as a non-airborne virus we have taken the following industry guidance from REHVA (European Collaboration Network):
 - Ventilation Systems bring air into and extract air out of buildings and therefore should remain active – these have been switched on 24/7.
 - Where air conditioning units cannot be fully fresh air intake these will be switched off.
 - The opening windows or doors in these areas (except fire

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Increased risk of exposure to Covid-19 and its effects as a result of poor communication

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High

- All staff are aware of, and have access to, the full range of Corporate guidance on managing risks associated with Covid-19 including Education Resources Safe System of Work – Covid-19 Working Safely in Educational Establishments.
- All staff have been briefed on new working arrangements and understand the role they have to play.
- All staff have the opportunity to discuss new working arrangements on an ongoing basis and are aware of how to report concerns.
- Zero tolerance of symptoms should be in place and staff will follow strict compliance with current Government guidance in relation to Test and Protect and restrictions on movement.
- Staff understand Covid-19 infection symptoms and what to look out for.
- All visitors including parents, contractors and suppliers are advised not to enter the premise unless previous agreed by the management team.
- Contractors and suppliers are aware of local protocols for entering the premises and safe use of facilities such as toilets.
- The establishment provides regular, timely and clear communication about the approach they are taking to recovery
- All children and young people and parents are aware of the new arrangements and controls within and their responsibility in taking these forward.
- Consider parental surveys/communications to encourage walking, cycling, scootering, park and stride and remind parents of responsible parking, drop off and pick up.
- The establishment has arrangements for good quality dialogue with pupils about the new measures and any changes.
- The establishment will ensure its approach co-ordinates with wider easing arrangements nationally and locally to help promote a coherent feel to provision of services and will consider designating a member of management staff to act as a 'Covid Officer' to help take this forward. Regular meetings required to ensure risk mitigation actions remain in place and resolve any issues arising.

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Low

Additional Local Concerns To be completed by assessor		Display test and protect procedures/contacts		
Increased risks due to long term closure of the building	12 High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Property inspection arrangements will continue prior to schools and nurseries returning in August including required checks such as water, utilities, lifting equipment and fire controls. 	4 Low	
Additional Local Concerns To be completed by assessor				

Additional Risk Areas	12 High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider Personal Risk Assessments for those employees deemed clinically vulnerable by NHS. • Review existing Fire Evacuation Plans including PEEPs • Review existing risk assessments and safe systems of work for practical subject areas in secondary taking account of the controls above. • Review existing Health Care Plans, risk assessments and Behaviour Assessment and Support Plans (BASPSs) for children with more complex needs taking account of the controls above. • Ensure that staff are fully aware of the wellbeing supports available to them including those via South Lanarkshire Council’s Employee Assistance Scheme,. • Consider new guidance on supporting the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people. • Staff should also review all Wellbeing curricular supports available to them including Scottish Government and Education Scotland Guidance and SLC related resources including Promoting Positive Relationships and Understanding Distressed Behaviour, Attachment Theory and Practice, Education Operating Procedure A30 - Supporting those involved in Violent Incidents and Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD Consultation). • For all nurseries, the Head is required to complete a “Changes to Service Delivery due to Coronavirus (COVID-19)” notification to the Care Inspectorate by using the eforms. This will allow for your nursery to re-open and re-activate your registration. 	4 Low	
Additional Local Concerns To be completed by assessor				

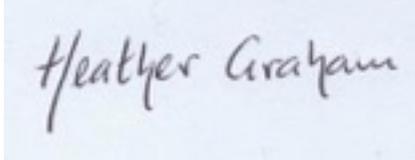
Supplementary recording sheet used? Yes No Number of sheets used: _____

Note on Manager Actions:

specialist risk assessments (please list relevant ones)	2)		
	3)		

Low		Medium		High		Very High	
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** If a fatality is being considered as the principal potential outcome, discussion should take place with the H&S team

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