



#### **OVERVIEW**

Model risk assessments (School Operations and School Premises) and supporting guidance on operating procedures has been developed for maintained schools and settings in consultation with our Trade Union colleagues and relevant service areas. Each maintained setting should undertake their own risk assessment following this format – Cumbria County Council, as the employer in the above settings will support and guide Governing Bodies and School Leaders to manage a planned and safe gradual return to school but recognise that local decisions to open or not **MUST** follow a risk-based approach appropriate to the resources and capacity of each individual setting. Other types of schools are welcome to use these models to help their own planning and risk assessment approach but must ensure that they prioritise their own employer's health and safety management procedures.

This document is a template to be used to help Governing Bodies and Head teachers develop and tailor a site-specific risk assessment in relation to COVID-19. Below is a list of potential hazards within our premises and the recommended control measures which apply to the majority of settings to aim to help you manage risks to the lowest possible level. Controls shown follow current available guidance and best practice

Head teachers/ Governing Bodies are responsible for monitoring the advice and guidance available, ensuring Risk Assessments and Safe Working Practices are updated where applicable and cascaded through to employees. They must ensure that compliance is monitored and any emerging issues addressed appropriately.

You should refer to the CCC guidance provided to accompany this model as well as referenced national guidance – **PLEASE NOTE**: that your risk assessments should outline **YOUR** agreed control measures following your local planning processes – Any additional control measures you identify are required should be added to the additional controls column, along with who is responsible and a timescale.

All employees working within the premises should receive site specific information on the controls implemented within their workplaces.

Help and support is available with the development of your risk assessment through The County Council's Corporate Health and Safety Team <a href="healthandsafety@cumbria.gov.uk">healthandsafety@cumbria.gov.uk</a>

Please note that the Local Authority is liaising with contractors working on its behalf to ensure that they are undertaking effective liaison with occupiers **BEFORE** attending site – Contractors have been asked to provide key information in relation to how they are managing infection control.

This risk assessment refers to current national guidance and is listed at the end of this document and within accompanying guidance





RA Reference	01/020/3/04/05/06/07/08/09	Activity Description	COVID-19 - Infection Prevention and Control – SCHOOL OPERATIONS
Assessment Date	17.07.2020	Assessor Name	Mr D W Tromans & Mr D Stephenson
Assessment Team Members	David Tromans, Dale Stephenson, Mark Walsh	Planned Review Date	31.10.2020
Location	Netherhall School	Number Of People Exposed	720 students 76 staff 796 in total
Overall Residual Risk Level following implementation of effective control measures	10	People Exposed	All employees Pupils Visitors Vulnerable children Persons with pre-existing medical conditions First aiders
Assessment Last Updated	12.10.2020	Is this an acceptable risk?	Yes/ No

Hazard Description and How are people at risk	Current Control Measures (Those that are in place)	Potential Risk	Additional Control Measures (To be identified and implemented)	Action Details by Whom and by When	Residual Risk
Hazards in relation to staffing and daily operation  Lack of supervision/management of groups to comply with current guidance  Unable to maintain staffing levels due to infection or isolation  Child or young person requiring one to one support	<ul> <li>Staff report prior to coming in to school if they are experiencing any of the following symptoms: A high temperature, a new continuous cough, loss of taste or smell</li> <li>Staffing plan in place to ensure safe staffing levels are achievable, agreed, established and monitored appropriate to group sizes / pupil needs and the activities required. Ratios based on appropriate risk assessment.</li> <li>Timings of arrivals, lessons and activities in place.</li> <li>Parents/carers not allowed in the school unless absolutely necessary and appointment made with Head teacher.</li> <li>All offsite school activities suspended.</li> <li>All staff responsible for ensuring that they are fit and well to attend work.</li> <li>All staff adhere to any instructions, advice, guidance and site rules provided to them.</li> </ul>	Risk L5XS2	Staff timetable completed  School timetable rewritten and reconfigured for a seven period day.  Staff, students, parents / carers consultation letter.  Morning staff briefings held in the Ellen Theatre	20.08.2020	8 - Medium Risk L4x S2





SEND/ Behaviour Management Issues To prevent ill health/ injury	<ul> <li>□ PHE COVID-19 Testing guidance communicated to staff</li> <li>□ Staff responsible for ensuring that they are up to date with their own routine immunisations.</li> <li>□ Pupils - Individual healthcare plans in place for pupils who require them.</li> <li>□ Pupils - Separate individual risk assessment/ healthcare / behaviour management plans and external support accessed where required to determine if the child or young person can safely attend where one to one care or support is not available for them.</li> <li>□ Referrals made to occupational health as appropriate.</li> <li>□ Employees advised of and offered vaccination cover (as this becomes available and appropriate).</li> <li>□ Pupil/staff cohorts remain together at all times.</li> <li>□ Social distancing limits occupancy in offices and staff rooms – staff instructed to remain with cohort/groups and not mix with others.</li> <li>□ Outdoor equipment – taken out of use with access prevented by means of suitable barriers.</li> <li>□ Local school specific risk assessments will identify additional control measures to be followed to prevent cross contamination and infection e.g. Cleaning/ Kitchen RAs.</li> <li>□ Absence/self-isolation cases due to COVID 19 (suspected or confirmed) must be reported via the normal reporting</li> </ul>	Senior staff and middle leaders given additional duties at the start, lunchtimes and at the end of the school day to help effectively manage the flow of people to, around and from the school; this includes accessing school and public transport. Ref. letter to parents  Re-writing of the school calendar to remove parents' evenings, bring forward written reports, remove year 7 induction evening and open evening and plan to have a socially distanced open day on a weekend, or virtual open evening.	20.08.2020	
	<ul> <li>procedures.</li> <li>Normal absence and wellbeing reporting procedures followed.</li> <li>Normal pre-employment procedures followed.</li> </ul>	Parents and carers requested not to come into the school buildings unless absolutely necessary.	20.08.2020	
		Construction of an outbreak management plan  Ref. letter to staff	20.08.2020 SLT: 05.06.2020 &	





Staff INSET briefing 01.09.2020	SLT: 05.06.2020 & 17.07.2020	
Attendance is mandatory	SLT: 01.09.2020	
category' to be offered to complete an individual risk assessment with	Letter: 17.07.2020 Letter: 24.08.2020	
measures. Increased staff and	01.09.2020	
student mental health and well-being surveys.	01.09.2020	
Each year group organised as separate 'Bubbles'.	17.07.2020	
Key Stage 3 students: years 7 and 8 will be educated in hubs – a designated and separated part of the school with teachers attending their lessons. This will reduce movement and support distancing.	23.09.2020	
Year 7 and year 8 students will have staggered start times to reduce congestion at the	23.09.2020	





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	start and end of the school day	
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	Students to wear school	Letter: 17.07.2020
	uniform and school PE	
	kit. PE kit is to be worn	
	for the full day that	
	students have their PE lesson(s)	
	1622011(2)	
	Display of hygiene	Site Team: 01.09.2020
	posters and standards at	
	strategic points around	
	the school: 'Catch it, Bin	
	it. Kill it.'	
	Floor signs segregating	Site Team: 01.09.2020
	corridors and indicating	- ongoing
	a one-way flow around	
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	A one-way system has been implemented in the	Site Team: 21.09.2020
	narrow science corridors	
	to help maintain	
	distancing.	
		Site Team: 01.09.2020-
	strategic locations throughout the building.	ongoing
	umougnout the building.	
	Individual healthcare	SENCo / Safeguarding
	plans constructed for	Lead: 22.06.20202 -
		ongoing
	require them.	





Year groups organised and managed in 'Bubbles'.	SLT: 17.07.2020
Limited access to the school and extraneous equipment removed from occupied areas.	Site Team: 01.09.2020 - ongoing
Addendum added to adapt the behaviour policy, which is now included in the student-teacher behaviour contract.	Letter to parent / carers: 17.07.2020
Staggered arrival days for different year groups to effectively manage the influx of all years return to school.	SLT & staff: 02.09.2020
If students are unable to adhere to the revised behavioural requirements, they will be requested to leave the school premises.	SLT: 17.07.2020 - ongoing
Students and staff use designated year group access: Year 7 – 3 Year 8 – 3 Year 9 – 7 Year 10 – Ellen Theatre Year 11 – 4	SLT & staff: 02.09.2020





Year 12 & 13 – Music
Block
School reception - staff
Letter 20.08.2020
Limited access times to
the school buildings for
students: 8.35am-
3.00pm.
01.09.2020
Increased frequency of
hand sanitising stations,
respiratory hygiene
posters and waste bins
sited at entrances, in
year group areas and
around the school.  SLT & Site Team:
Designated toilets for 02.09.2020
separate year groups to
be kept open at all
times.
Site Team & Orian:
Toilets regularly cleaned 02.09.2020
throughout the course of
the day.
SLT & staff: 17.07.2020
Students advised - ongoing
against congregating,
and asked to exercise
social distancing in
school and travelling to
and from school.
Duty staff: 01.09.2020 -
Handwashing / ongoing
sanitising routine of 20
seconds with liquid soap
and water established
for entry to and exit from





the school premises. No hand dryers to be used
(fuses to be removed)
and hand towels to be
used.
SLT & staff: 17.07.2020
Students advised about - ongoing
safe and responsible
travel to and from
school, preferably by
foot or cycle.
Letter: 01.09.2020
Only visitors to the
school who are essential
for the functioning of the
school or to students'
education to be allowed
in to the school
buildings.
Staff and students:
SLT and site staff 02.09.2020
situated at strategic
positions to direct
movement around the
school at key times of
lesson start, lesson end
and lunchtime.
Site staff: 01.09.2020
Doors wedged open.
Site Team:01.09.2020
All desks positioned
facing forward.
Site Team: 01.09.2020
Disposable tissues and
antiseptic spray placed
in all classrooms.
21.09.2020





The wiping down of tables with antiseptic spray and wipes at the end of classes when another class will be using the classroom directly afterwards, or before the classroom is cleaned by the school cleaners.
Marking of students' work is to be a separate document, exercise book, sketch book, etc. with a 72 hour gap between student-teacher and teacher – student.
Desk top computers can now be used in classrooms, but must be wiped down if the computer is to be used by a colleague.
No collective assemblies, assemblies delivered remotely during year group registration times.  HoYs and form tutors: 02.09.2020
SLT duty rota established.
Equipment used by student to be cleaned after a single use, for





example: art, tech, science, PE, etc.
A teachers' area marked out at the front of all classrooms / learning spaces.
Routine cleaning of the school premises.  Orian: 02.09.2020
All bins to have liners and to be cleared at the end of each lesson.  Site Team: 02.09.2020 - ongoing
All clinical waste removed at the end of each session.  Site Team: 02.09.2020 - ongoing
All students encouraged to bring and use their own academic equipment. Students to bring their own pens, pencils and equipment for lessons.
Staff to have a reserve of pens, pencils and equipment for students to take and keep.  Staff: 02.09.2020 17.07.2020.
Students to leave school premises by the nearest available exit at the end of the school day.
24.08.2020





Same operational measures in place to manage the support timetables: colleague support, seclusion, detention, hwk club and supervised study. The only other difference is that seclusion will be located on the top tier of the library and the buddy system will not be operation.

SLT: 02.09.2020

If there is a confirmed case of Coronavirus, the school is to be informed as soon as possible and all staff and students who have come in to contact with the person will be informed. If someone feels unwell they are to report to school reception and will be placed in the quarantine room to await removal from the school site and medical referral. Cumbria Public Health Team to be informed immediately.

21.09.2020

Distribution of updated government Coronavirus guidance to schools information to all staff, parents / carers and





students. Clear direction on symptoms, and criteria on when to acquire a test and when to self-isolate.

SLT & staff:02.09.2020

Communication of protocols and expectations clearly communicated to staff: parents / carers to sign a revised behavioural agreement (electronically) and staff to sign they have read and agree to abide by the requirements of the risk assessment document. Parents informed of school website link to access current risk assessment document.

Continue to develop remote learning provision to prepare for the possibility of a further lockdown:
Edulink One will be the main point of contact between the school, students and parents / carers. There will be training for all students in the use of Edulink One.

17.07.2020 – ongoing

20.07.2020





Publish revised risk assessments on the school's website.  20.07.2020 - ongoing
Inform parents / carers and students of any changes to the risk assessment by highlighting the changes.
Staff discouraged from using the staff room or departmental staff rooms.  02.09.2020 – ongoing
Parents / carers and significant others actively discouraged from coming into school.
No inter-school sports fixtures for the time being and enrichment activities curtailed.
Students directed to leave school at the end of the day by the nearest accessible point of egress.
It is recognised and accepted that as a function of those students who are in receipt of learning support, that learning





support staff will not be able to carry out their essential learning support role whilst maintaining a consistent two metre distancing from students. LSD colleagues will endeavour to abide by the guidelines; however, there will be occasions when LSD colleagues need to effectively support students and cannot adhere to the distancing guidelines. This is an acceptable and essential requirement for full, broad and balanced curricular provision.

All corridor doors and classroom doors (where a teacher is occupying the classroom) are to be wedged open to allow easy access and egress. Teachers should be at the door to greet students in to the classroom / learning space and to establish good protocols: hand sanitising, school rules, etc.

01.10.2020





			All staff and all students in all year groups will be requested to wear a face covering in communal areas of the school, from Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October. In effect this means in corridors, either moving between lessons, travelling to the toilet, seclusion or the dining area. Any staff and students who can't wear a face covering will have exemption and be identified by a lanyard and school ID badge. If a students or member of staff have forgotten / misplaced / damaged their face covering Head of year and class teachers will be able to issue replacements on entry to the school buildings or on exit from classroom respectively.		
Hazards in relation to lack of cleaning/ hygiene/ waste management  Inadequate cleaning and hygiene processes	<ul> <li>Staff and pupils instructed to wash their hands upon entry to buildings and frequently thereafter.</li> <li>Supplies of hand sanitiser available at entrance points and where there are no sinks.</li> <li>Hand hygiene procedures widely promoted and adhered to with provision / promotion of the use of sanitising hand gel (60-70% alcohol) as required for those without easy access to suitable handwashing facilities.</li> <li>Sufficient handwashing facilities are available - sinks, soap and towels.</li> </ul>	10 - Medium Risk L5 x S2	Pupil allergies identified where applicable.  All designated entrances have working sinks with hand soap and sanitiser. Paper towel and covered bins provided. Hygienic routine on entry to and exit from the premises: hand	ongoing	8 - Medium Risk L4 x S2





<ul> <li>Regular cleaning and disinfection of surfaces that are touched more frequently.</li> <li>Drinking fountains taken out of use.</li> <li>Suitable signage and visual instructions displayed as required.</li> <li>When delivering personal / intimate care, staff will wear the normal PPE required as detailed in the individual healthcare plan.</li> </ul>	wash with liquid soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds, dry hands using hand towels, sanitise hands on entry into the classrooms; reverse the procedure on exit from the school premises.
	Ongoing and regular reminders - promotion of developing national guidance in relation to COVID-19  H&S manager and SLT: 01.09.2020 - ongoing
	All students to sanitise their hands on entry to and exit from the classroom.  Site Team and staff: 02.09.2020
	Routine cleaning of all surfaces and touch points carried out by the site team and the contracted cleaning firm.  Site Team: 02.09.2020 - ongoing
	All classrooms equipped with disposable tissues, antiseptic wipes and hand sanitiser, which will be kept fully stocked in each work space.  Site Team: 02.09.2020 - ongoing
	All persons will be encouraged to exercise good personal hand and respiratory hygiene  Staff and students: 01.09.2020 - ongoing





			at the end of each day and replaced.  Any clinical waste will be disposed of properly.  Each area cleaned after use with a wipe down of all surfaces when	- ongoing Site Team: 02.09.2020 - ongoing Site Team: 01.09.2020 - ongoing	
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Transport and Travel  Reducing the risk of infection	<ul> <li>□ Safe transport guidance promoted to staff and parents.</li> <li>□ Protocols in place for drop off and pick up.</li> <li>□ All off site school activities suspended.</li> <li>□ A Transport Risk Assessment is available for SEND children.</li> <li>□ Transport providers will follow appropriate controls as highlighted in their code of practice.</li> </ul>	10 - Medium Risk L5 x S2	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Staff and students: 01.09.2020 - ongoing	8 - Medium Risk L4x S2





		School transport requirements assessed and implemented.  Face coverings are required to be worn by students using wider public transport and either disposed of safely or stored safely for rewearing. This is not required by students using restricted school transport.	GO: 17.07.2020 – ongoing  Letter: 17.07.2020 - ongoing	
Hazards in relation to pupil and staff wellbeing and mental health  Preventing ill health due to anxiety and work-related stress	<ul> <li>□ School Stress Risk Assessment in place</li> <li>□ Where staff report work-related issues – individual stress risk assessment will be carried out in line with HSE guidance.</li> <li>□ Staff will be referred to occupational health as early as possible.</li> <li>□ Good communication measures in place and maintained with staff.</li> <li>□ All staff aware of their responsibilities to report safety</li> </ul>	The Local Authority have produced the following guidance: Coronavirus – getting back to school.  Supporting emotional wellbeing and learning.	Business / HR manager, line managers & heads of year: 17.07.2020 - ongoing	
	<ul> <li>concerns, ill health, damage, defects, accidents or incidents in line with exiting school policy.</li> <li>Pupils – if any pupils have anxiety or concerns over their safety they should report these to their teacher. pastoral head of year.</li> </ul>	Ref. letter to staff & INSET.  If staff have any anxieties or concerns over their mental health they are encouraged to talk to their line manager.	17.07.2020- ongoing Staff & line managers: 01.09.2020 - ongoing	
		If any students have anxieties they are encouraged to seek an appointment with their pastoral head of year.	Students, staff and heads of year: 02.09.2020	





		provision put in place:	AHT Pastoral, HoYs & Form Tutors 02.09.2020
Hazards in relation to staff deemed high risk due to underlying or pre- existing health conditions: Pregnancy, asthma etc.	<ul> <li>□ Those staff who are at a higher risk due to their underlying or pre-existing health conditions and have been prescribed medication should, where possible, carry their prescribed medication with them at all times.</li> <li>□ Staff who have shielding letters must not attend school.</li> </ul>	undertake their normal duties, contact your HR provider to discuss any reasonable adjustments.  Pregnant women will be	Staff, line managers, HR manager: 01.09.2020 - ongoing  HR Manager: 01.09.2020
			Headteacher: 17.07.2020 - ongoing





		As of 1 <sup>st</sup> of August, 2020 all persons, including the 'extremely clinically vulnerable' should be available for work.		
Hazards in relation to managing incidents and emergencies  First Aid/ Accidents/ Incidents/ Emergencies Staff or pupil becoming unwell with COVID-19 symptoms whilst on site	<ul> <li>Suitable follow-up procedures to be taken following potential infection exposure incidents (in line with current Public Health England and updated HSE RIDDOR guidance circulated to schools).</li> <li>Suitable first aid kits in place − updated to include (where already not supplied) IIR surgical masks and rubber gloves, hand sanitisers for close contact first aid treatment.</li> <li>At least one person with a paediatric first aid certificate will be on the premises at all times when children are present.</li> <li>School Emergency Plan / Crisis Management Plans in place.</li> <li>All staff aware of their responsibilities to report safety concerns, ill health, damage, defects, accidents or incidents in line with existing school policy.</li> </ul>	of each day of operation; all changes or additions highlighted for easy identification and communicated to staff. Current risk assessment posted on the school	ongoing  IT manager: 25.07.2020  H&S manager: 01.09.2020 - ongoing	





		Fire alarm test competed before reopening and set up of fire assembly area.	Site Team: 31.08.2020 - ongoing
		Full risk assessment check of the re-opening of facilities.	Site Team: 01.09.2020 - ongoing
Hazards in relation to eating and safe welfare facilities	<ul> <li>□ Timings in place to ensure safe management of breaktime and lunchtime.</li> <li>□ Adequate welfare facilities provided for all staff and pupils.</li> <li>□ Staff and pupils reminded to wash hands before and after eating.</li> </ul>	Students advised to bring their own water and snacks to lessons.	Letter 17.07.2020
		No breakfast catering facilities.	Letter: 17.07.2020
		No breaktime or breaktime catering facilities.	Letter: 17.07.2020
		Staggered lunchtimes for separate year groups.	Letter: 17.07.2020
		Separate dining areas for individual year groups.	Letter: 17.07.2020
		Separate lining up and access to dining facilities for individual year groups.	Letter: 17.07.2020
		No pm registration period, students to go straight into their lesson after lunch for registration.	Letter: 24.08.2020





		No use of re-valve machines, students issued with codes for remote crediting of students' dining accounts.  Orian to organise the use of dining ware and cutlery to make it safe for students	17.07.2020 Orian: 02.09.2020
Hazards due to the lack of suitable PPE  Where carrying out close personal care tasks and physical restraint and unable to maintain 2m social distancing measures.	<ul> <li>□ Staff and pupils to be fit/well to attend setting.</li> <li>□ Local risk assessments/ individual healthcare plans/ behaviour management plans reviewed and followed to identify PPE requirements in line with current guidance.</li> <li>□ PPE to be fit for purpose/ approved specification.</li> <li>□ Where PPE/ RPE provided, staff provided with training and instruction in its use.</li> <li>□ Local compliance to be monitored by Head teachers as far as reasonably practicable.</li> <li>□ Guidance provided to staff in relation to the use and wearing of their own face coverings.</li> </ul>	Telephone ordering process in place for weekly supplies of PPE 0800 783 1967.  LA risk assessment reviewed and revised and completed.  Site team to restock all spaces with disposable tissues, sanitiser and antiseptic wipes to ensure there is sufficient for each session.  Staff and students can wear a face covering if they choose – face coverings are optional, provided the government guidance is followed.	Site Team: 17.07.2020 - ongoing  Head Teacher: 17.07.20202  Site Team: 01.09.2020 - ongoing  Letter: 28.08.2020
			Letter: 28.08.2020





		Staff and students can bring their own hand sanitiser to use at their own discretion.	
Assessment Conclusion	Providing the stated control measures are implemented and adhelevel in normal circumstances. Compliance with this risk assessmeffective.		

To be completed by the Individual undertaking the risk assessment:

Name: Dale Stephenson

Job Title: IT / Health and Safety Manager

**Signature:** Date: 12.10.2020

#### To be completed by the Head teacher:

I consider this risk assessment to be suitable and sufficient to control the risks to the health and safety of both employees undertaking the tasks involved and any other person who may be affected by the activities.

Name: Mr David William Tromans Job Title: Head Teacher

Signature: Date: 12.10.2020

**Links to Guidance** 

Staff, Pupils and Others





Those who are clinically vulnerable, or are living with someone who is, should follow protective measures quidance.

Implementing protective measures in education and childcare settings Conducting a SEND risk assessment during the Coronavirus outbreak Guidance on hand cleaning

Kids life skills – self-care- going to the toilet

Education, health and care needs assessments and plans: guidance on temporary legislative changes relating to coronavirus (COVID-19)

#### **Personal Protective Equipment - PPE**

PHE guidance to putting on and removing (Donning and Doffing) PPE

#### Travel

Safer travel guidance for passengers





			Severity/ (	Outcome		
		1 Insignificant	2 Minor	3 Moderate	4 Major	5 Most Severe
	5 Very Likely	5 Low Risk	10 Medium Risk	15 High Risk	20 High Risk	25 High Risk
	4 Likely	4 Low Risk	8 Medium Risk	12 Medium Risk	16 High Risk	20 High Risk
Likelihood	3 Possible	3 Low Risk	6 Medium Risk	9 Medium Risk	12 Medium Risk	15 High Risk
	2 Unlikely	2 Low Risk	4 Low Risk	6 Medium Risk	8 Medium Risk	10 Medium Risk
	1 Very Unlikely	1 Low Risk	2 Low Risk	3 Low Risk	4 Low Risk	5 Low Risk