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| Department: Education and Children's Services | | RISK ASSESSMENT | Aberdeenshire COUNCIL  |
| Process/Activity: COVID-19 Infection Prevention & Control | Location: All ECS Establishments | Date: 17.08.20 V003 | Reviewed and updated 18.08.20 |
| Describe activity: ECS establishments opening August 2020 to children, young people, staff, visitors and contractors. | | | |
| Establishment Name and Location: Elrick School | | Isolation Room Location in Establishment: Music Room (front of school) | |

| Hazard | Person/s Affected | Risk | Risk level before controls are in place (delete as appropriate) | | | Control Measures | Risk level after controls are in place (delete as appropriate) | | |
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| | | | Low | Medium | High | | Low | Medium | High |
| Spread of infection | Staff Children & young people Visitors | Cross contamination of infection. Infection of staff, children and visitors | L | M | H | <p><u>GENERAL CONTROL MEASURES</u></p> <p>Encourage and support all children, young people, staff and any others for whom it is necessary to enter the school estate to maintain COVID-secure personal hygiene throughout the day and ensure continued rigour about hand hygiene.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • frequent washing/sanitising of hands for 20 seconds and drying thoroughly, and always when entering/leaving the building, before/after eating and after using the toilet. • encouraging children, young people and staff to avoid touching their faces including mouth, eyes and nose. • using a tissue or elbow to cough or sneeze, and use bins that are emptied regularly for tissue waste. <p>In line with national guidance, hand sanitiser stocks have been provided to all schools to allow for provision at entry/exit points and a small number of key areas to complement existing hand washing facilities. There is currently no expectation that sanitiser will be made available in classrooms and/or other areas. While sanitiser can be made available for the purposes of convenience, regular hand washing with soap and water should remain the preferred method of hand hygiene for all.</p> <p>Provide supplies of resources including tissues, soap and hand sanitisers. Parents have been advised that children may bring their own, labelled products. Hand washing and sanitising stations are clearly labelled throughout the school. All teachers have demonstrated with children how to wash their hands effectively.</p> | L | M | H |

The response to the coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak is complex and fast moving. Advice from Government sources will be shared with staff daily on the Aberdeenshire Council staff COVID-19 site: <https://covid19.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/>. **Sector Advice Card** found [here](#). Please display in school to signpost to guidance.

Additional guidance is listed below for Early Learning and Childcare Services with links: [here](#). And good infection control guidance specifically for nurseries: [Infection Prevention and Control in Childcare Settings \(Day Care and Childminding Settings\)](#) and put in place the guidance from Health Protection Scotland. ELC Risk assessment [here](#).

Additional guidance for all staff who work with and support children and young people with additional support needs can be found [here](#). This includes ASL Teachers, Pupils Support Assistants, Pupil Support Workers, School Escorts, Aberdeenshire Specialist Technology Service (ASPECTS), Educational Psychology Service, English as an Additional Language (EAL) Service, School Counsellors, Sensory Support Service.

(Document1: [Covid-19 Guidance ASL Teachers, Pupil Support Assistants Pupil Support Workers](#); Document2: [Covid-19 Guidance ASN Peripatetic Services](#); Document 3: [Covid-19 Guidance Escorts](#); Document 4: [Guidance on re-opening school age childcare services ASN](#); Document 5: [ASN FAQs](#).)

Covid-19 – Guidance for non-healthcare settings is available [here](#).

Health and Safety advice available on Arcadia [here](#) by accessing this link, including: How to handwash, Putting on & removing PPE, Decontamination & cleaning processes for facilities, Optional & mandatory wearing of face coverings:

Health, Safety and Wellbeing policy is available [here](#).

PPE

For the majority of staff PPE will not normally be necessary. Use of PPE in school should be based on a clear assessment of the risk and need for an individual child, ie personal care. Where colleagues need to work in close proximity to a child or children for over 15 mins, the school will provide face coverings/PPE for that purpose.

Types of PPE required for specific circumstances:

- ROUTINE ACTIVITIES – No PPE required
- SUSPECTED COVID-19 – Gloves, apron and a fluid-resistant surgical mask when direct personal care needed. Eye protection if a risk assessment determines there is a risk of splashes to the eyes. Gloves and aprons worn when cleaning the areas where suspected case has been.
- INTIMATE CARE – Gloves and apron. Risk of splashing mitigated with the wearing of fluid-resistant surgical mask and eye protection. Gloves and aprons worn when cleaning the area.

Face Coverings:

Face coverings should not be required for most children and staff unless clinically advised to do so. Where adults cannot keep 2m distance and are interacting face-to-face for a sustained period (more than 15 minutes) a face covering should be worn and will be provided.

Adults in school in other circumstances should not need to wear face coverings as long as they can maintain 2m distancing.

Should the prevalence of the virus in the population start rising schools may wish to encourage adults and older young people in secondary schools to wear face coverings as part of an enhanced system of approaches to reduce transmission.

Impact of wearing face coverings on learners with additional support needs should be considered.

Anyone (staff or pupil) who wishes to wear a face covering is free to do so.

Special Consideration for Certain Groups

All schools should follow the latest guidance on attendance for children, young people and staff who have health conditions or are pregnant, or who live with individuals who have health. Information can be found [here](#).

Advice is available [here](#) for the education of pupils who are unable to attend school due to ill health. Schools will wish to maintain plans for remote education for some pupils.

Link [here](#) for an occupational risk assessment from the Scottish government and recommended by Health & Safety colleagues for managers with members of staff returning from shielding.

From 1 August advice on shielding and protecting people who are clinically extremely vulnerable changed. Identify (and record that this has been carried out for every individual) all staff who are clinically extremely vulnerable with the Head Teacher prior to them entering the school. Link [here](#) for advice for people with specific medical conditions.

- 'Clinically extremely vulnerable' staff should be able to attend unless advice from their GP is not to.
- Those with a 'clinically vulnerable' household member can attend following a dynamic risk assessment.
- Those who are 'clinically extremely vulnerable' should discuss their options with their Head Teacher/line manager
- Those who live with someone 'clinically extremely vulnerable'/shielded should attend and carefully follow guidance on staying alert and safe (social distancing) as per online guidance listed above.

Consider the possibility of clinically extremely vulnerable staff working from home, (for example, supporting remote education), or where that is not possible, carry out the lowest-risk roles on site, with social distancing of at least 2m. Clinically extremely vulnerable staff electing to waive this right must have discussed it with their doctor and head teacher.

Ensure up to date risk assessments for children on EHC plans, carried out with educational providers, parents/carers and appropriate health practitioners, to ensure child is at no more risk in the school setting than at home.
Parents and carers may wish to have a discussion with their child's healthcare team if they are unsure or have queries about returning to school because of their health condition.

General Advice - Staff and Pupils

Identify those staff or pupils who are, or who live with someone who is, symptomatic or a confirmed case of COVID-19. They cannot return to school until self-isolation is over. Set up clear, repeated messaging to parents/carers that pupils must not attend if they, or a member of their household, has COVID-like symptoms or a positive test. [Aberdeenshire Council staff can access testing here.](#)

Movement between schools should be kept to a minimum until further notice. Consider lower risk methods for some input – digital/virtual means, or outdoor settings. Where movement across locations is necessary to deliver school operations the number of interactions should be minimised. It is recommended that staff who have a closer interaction with pupils limit their movement between schools to two sites per day, for example teaching staff, temporary/supply staff and visiting specialists. Members of the janitorial team who have a more limited interaction with pupils and other staff can consider undertaking additional site visits to undertake facility management tasks following recommended control measures of social distancing and handwashing/hand sanitising. Guidance for ASL Teachers, Pupils Support Assistants, Pupil Support Workers, School Escorts, Aberdeenshire Specialist Technology Service (ASPECTS), Educational Psychology Service, English as an Additional Language (EAL) Service, School Counsellors, Sensory Support Service can be found [here](#). [ASN FAQs](#).

Consider adapting working practices for administration staff. For example, stagger times at which work is done in the school office, or breaks are taken; restructure workflows to allow for physical distancing of 2m to be implemented. Consider rota of staff to provide reception cover, allow enough staff cover in school offices. Minimise movement of individuals between workstations. Where they are shared make sure there is cleaning between use.

Plan to resume taking twice daily registration and record the appropriate absence codes both existing and COVID-19 related. Registration must be in accordance with Guidelines on Managing and Promoting Pupil Attendance in [Nursery, Primary and Special Schools](#) and [secondary schools](#).

A risk assessment needs to be completed for all pupils attending multiple educational settings and consideration needs to be given to groupings.

Where possible groups should be kept apart. For example, in open plan areas consider clear demarcation and separation between areas. Reduce the movement of groups across different parts of the school estate where possible. When inside the school, children are to remain in their identified zone for learning. The dining hall is permitted for use at lunchtime for school lunches only. Packed lunches may be eaten outside or in designated class area. Child-friendly 'No entry signs' have been displayed around the school to deter children from leaving their zone.

Schools should avoid assemblies and other large group gatherings. Where this is necessary to do so alternative mitigating actions should be put in place, such as limiting the time spend together.

Clear signs displayed as reminders to staff and children regarding social distancing and how to handwash properly. Reinforce messaging regarding handwashing if sneezing or coughing. Children should be supervised and supported to follow guidance.

Consideration given to emergency evacuation procedures/ fire drill & muster point – adjustments to be made locally to emergency evacuation procedures to keep 2m separation where possible for staff. Drill practice to be carried out with staff and pupils lead by the Head Teacher. However, when not a drill all people occupying the site should evacuate as quickly as possible (without panic) and then when at assembly point, they can revert to physical distancing.

Consider suggesting that staff hair tied back where appropriate and clothes changed daily. Children encouraged to also tie hair back.

In secondary schools the advice is to ‘encourage’ distancing for pupils particularly in the senior phase. Encourage pupils to not crowd together or touch their peers. Discourage hand to hand greetings/hugs. Use all available space to promote distancing where possible. There is a requirement for adults to remain 2m distant from pupils and adults.

General Advice - Facilities

Ensure regular cleaning (at least twice daily) of commonly touched objects and surfaces (e.g. handles, shared surfaces desks / technology surfaces / dining tables), toilet areas, changing rooms and staff areas. Additional cleaning will be provided by Cleaning Services. Where there may be capacity gaps the janitorial team will help support where there is capacity to do so. The allocation of this will be based on formula based on school size.

Pre-Covid 19 expectations would apply for cleaning down areas. Cleaning materials to be made available throughout the day for staff and there will be provision of adequate cleaning resources for staff to prepare their own workspaces for working. There is no expectation that teaching or PSA staff to clean communal areas or toilet facilities. The location of materials will be agreed locally, and Janitorial Staff can provide assistance in provision of materials.

As a minimum, frequently touched surfaces should be wiped down at the beginning, and, or end of each day, and more frequently during the day depending on the number of people using the space, whether they are entering and exiting the setting, and access to hand washing and hand-sanitising facilities. Cleaning of frequently touched surfaces is particularly important in bathrooms and communal kitchens. When cleaning surfaces it is not necessary to wear PPE. Health Protection Scotland documentation can be found [here](#).

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| | | | | | <p>When using Covid Guard please ensure that all surfaces are wiped down after the contact time has passed. Other products may be used on the same surfaces and while not dangerous the effectiveness of the disinfection process may be reduced if the guidance is not adhered to. In its undiluted form Covid Guard should not be stored with Oxivir or Sani 4 in 1.</p> <p>Janitorial staff will be able to support with the provision of bins for tissue waste in classrooms. Highlight missed opportunities for social distancing and appropriate handwashing where staff, pupils or parents forget the safety rules.</p> <p>All toilet areas to contain signage highlighting good handwashing routines.</p> <p>Ventilation Leave non-fire doors open to reduce the amount of contact with doors and also potentially improve workplace ventilation. Open windows to improve the flow of air where possible.</p> <p>Where centralised or local mechanical ventilation is present, systems should be adjusted to full fresh air. When changing filters enhanced precautions should be taken. Ensure systems do not automatically adjust ventilation levels due to differing occupancy levels.</p> <p>Janitorial Support Teams are able to support with the logging of any calls concerning window opening faults if detected. FES have been advised to prioritise any calls for windows that cannot open / are hard to open.</p> <p>Some schools may require the controlled propping open of fire doors to enable queuing for lunch lines. There are also circumstances where there are internal classroom spaces and offices that do not have ventilation. Advice from Health & Safety colleagues is that under certain circumstances internal fire doors can remain open whilst the space is in use. However, internal fire doors must be close should an evacuation take place, when the space is not in use and a responsible adult must be present if propped opened and the Fire Risk Assessment updated. These temporary procedures are only allowed as a result of the need to ensure ventilation in all spaces where people are present and revised documents must be shared with all relevant parties.</p> <p>External Fire Doors if opened to facilitate lunchtime queues must be supervised by a responsible adult and details of this temporary measure added to the Fire Risk Assessment and revised documents shared with all relevant parties.</p> | | | | |
| People with symptoms attending ECS sites | Staff Children & young people Visitors | Infection of staff, children and visitors | L | M | H | <u>PEOPLE SYMPTOMATIC ATTENDING ECS ESTABLISHMENTS</u> | L | M | H |
| | | | | | <p>Remind staff, pupils and parents that they should not come to school if they or someone in their household has developed symptoms (new persistent cough or increased temperature). Remind all staff and pupils of this each day.</p> | | | | |

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| | | | | | <p>Guidance should be followed from NHS Inform and from Test and Protect here. Schools should ensure they understand this process and cases in schools, as complex settings, will be prioritised and escalated to specialist Health Protection Teams.</p> <p>Establishment to use existing methods and channels of communication with parents/carers to reduce the need for face to face meetings/contact: Expressions App; text; email; phone; Website; and other social media as used by the school.</p> <p>Remind all staff that if they or pupils develop symptoms, they should be sent home. Potentially symptomatic pupils will be placed in the Music Room with adult supervision until they are collected. If a child becomes unwell it may be necessary for the parent to enter the school on this occasion and the track and trace procedures should be followed. Try to avoid the parent entering the school unless deemed necessary.</p> | | | | |
| <p>Spread of infection.</p> <p>Infection of staff, children & visitors.</p> | <p>Staff</p> <p>Children & young people</p> <p>Visitors</p> | <p>Cross contamination of infection.</p> <p>Infection of staff, children and visitors</p> | L | M | H | <p><u>PROTECTION WHEN DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP FROM THE ESTABLISHMENT</u></p> <p>Signage and information added to the entrance of the site. Information shared on school websites and social media.</p> <p>School drop off from 855-915am to allow for staggered entry. Designated entry points around the school to enable direct access to 'zones'. Please follow the arrows marking out the one-way system around the school and take care at the P1/2 entrance where you need to exit via the steps. Only P1-3 parents to access the school grounds unless special arrangements agreed. Those parents who are accessing the playground should use the routes identified and adhere to 2m social distancing. They must leave the playground as soon as their child(ren) have been dropped off/collected. Children and parents should not gather in the playground before 855am. Parents are not to enter the BUILDING unless they have been contacted by the school in an emergency.</p> <p>On entering and leaving the building, hand sanitiser should be made available. Everyone should use this before moving to wash their hands thoroughly at the nearest available handwashing area when entering the building. When pupils are leaving the building, they should be encouraged to sanitise their hands.</p> <p>No visitors, parents, carers beyond front door where possible. All participants to remain within restricted designated areas.</p> <p>Consider discouraging parents/carers from dropping off items for pupils at reception to reduce potential transfer of infection.</p> <p>Children and young people should wherever possible be encouraged to not bring toys from home or to share their personal belongings. However, if a child brings their own items from home only, they use this to not increase the risk of indirect spread of virus.</p> | L | M | H |

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Not all cases will show symptoms & social distancing challenging to maintain with children so risk assessed as low to medium.

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| Risk of infection of children with additional support needs | Children & young people | Risk of not following existing procedures for pupils | L | M | H | <p><u>SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH ADDITIONAL SUPPORT NEEDS</u></p> <p>Review any Personal Evacuation Emergency Plans (PEEPS) to ensure that arrangements are still adequate and relevant. Update the Fire Evacuation Procedure to reflect any changes and share information with all staff.</p> <p>Where manual handling / personal care is required, at least two members of appropriately trained staff should be available. It should be established if this additional support is needed and wear PPE where providing direct personal care. Only essential staff should enter the designated room where personal care is being carried out. Please click on link for the correct methods of putting on, and removing PPE.</p> <p>Establish a cleaning routine for specialist equipment for children with additional support needs, sensory rooms, to ensure safe use.</p> <p>Risk Assessment created for Special Schools/Community Resource Hubs personal care found here. Guidance on re-opening school age childcare services - Additional Support Needs Summary can be found here. ASN FAQs.</p> | L | M | H |
| Infected person attending the site | Staff Children & young people Visitors | Risk of infection to other people | L | M | H | <p><u>ILLNESSES AND ACCIDENTS DURING ATTENDANCE AT ESTABLISHMENTS</u></p> <p>Guidance document for first responders here that covers the use of PPE and CPR. Please click on link for the correct methods of putting on, and removing PPE.</p> <p>Staff use dynamic risk assessments through process due to needs/ conditions of pupils, staff member or contractor. Appropriate care taken when treating individuals presenting with illness, PPE equipment used as required – bodily spills kits (each kit contains mask, apron and gloves).</p> <p>Isolation area where possible set up within the building identified in case of any individuals who present as unwell during the day. Follow procedures to remove from setting where someone becomes unwell:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If over age of 16 they should go home as soon as symptoms noticed - Under the age of 16, parents/cares contacted and to follow guidance for households. - A room or area should be designated for the pupil to wait to be collected with appropriate adult supervision. - A separate bathroom should be designated for the individual to use. - Private transport to reach home should be used where possible. - If an individual is so unwell they need an ambulance advise the call handler of 999 you are concerned about Covid-19. <p>All First Aid Kits to contain PPE: gloves, aprons and masks. First aid should be administered outside when appropriate to reduce movement about the school.</p> | L | M | H |

Additional guidance for staff is available here:



Guidance for School Staff on Personal Prot

It is the responsibility of the Head Teacher to ensure that they have sufficient stocks of PPE within their school at all time – the current guidance from procurement is having approximately 4 weeks stock on site. Stock will be ordered by, and held at, the Cluster Academy. CSN Support Service Co-ordinators have the lead on this locally. Head Teachers notified of local procedures.

Facilities informed and deep clean carried out of areas deemed exposed to potential infection following [covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings](#) guidance. Additional information found [here](#).

Schools should maintain accurate register of absences for staff and pupils – codes for this have been developed in SEEMiS.

COVID related illnesses during attendance at establishments

If a pupil or member of staff presents with Covid related symptoms whilst at school please see the information below, and flowchart [here](#) as a guide to the response required. Advice [here](#) for people advised to self-isolate.

With the Individual

1. Student / Staff member removed and sent to the designated isolation room/space, putting on the face covering that has been provided.
2. School Office phoned to request immediate collection / staff member returns home.
3. Parent//carer or staff should be made aware of the Test and Protect process, and the school also consult with local HPT.
4. First Aider contacted with COVID related symptom advice, puts on relevant PPE – supervises ill user until collection (supervised outside the room).
5. School office notifies supervisory janitor to have the designated isolation room/space and any toilets used deep cleaned.

With the group/class

1. Where student/staff has been identified displaying COVID related symptoms, lesson proceeds in situ for the remainder of that period or the class decanted to another area (local decision from dynamic risk assessment undertaken).
2. When decanting the staff member adds sign to the outside of the door putting the room out of use for that day and a sign on the relevant workstation.
3. Staff member notifies line manager and supervisory janitor to enable deep cleaning to take place.
4. Alternative locations are found for classes due to be in that room/area.

Supervisory Janitor should be informed and deep clean carried out of areas deemed exposed to potential infection following [covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings guidance](#).

Advice from the Health & Safety team is that once a symptomatic person has left the premises the area/room where they have been can either be quarantined/closed for 72 hours or if the area has to be used before the 72 hours is up then the area has to be cleaned before use. Building management should quarantine immediate work area and any area the individual has spent more than 15 minutes in. These areas should be cordoned off to a 2m radius. Building management should affix signage notifying the area is out of use. Investigation as to where the individual has been needs to be identified by building management and reported to Cleaning Services.

If area has been quarantined for 72 hours, then Enhanced cleaning applies.

The remaining pupils and staff member are not symptomatic and the person who has left is not a positive case until deemed so from test results. Until such time as the class / environment is clean then the school should manage the class in looking at suitable options for the class to be relocated if this is deemed to be the most suitable course of action, for example the pupil or member of staff has been moving around the room. This needs to be undertaken with sensitivity as to not cause unnecessary alarm or identify the reason why the pupil or staff member has left the space. It may be decided if the period is near its end that it is appropriate to remain in the class until the change of period, especially if the pupil has been sat in one space and not interacted with other pupils. A local decision through completing a dynamic risk assessment of the situation would determine the course of action.

Also remember that staff should be maintaining physical distancing and along with children focusing on hygiene measures.

It is only if a positive result is confirmed then steps are taken to Test and Protect. Test and Protect in education, which is considered complex, allows for rapid testing of symptomatic children or staff for that matter. Until that result is confirmed positive then there is no need for others to self-isolate until either showing symptoms or being contacted by contact tracers.

The following advice is available in:

https://hpspubsrepo.blob.core.windows.net/hps-website/nss/2973/documents/1_covid-19-guidance-for-non-healthcare-settings.pdf

Environmental decontamination (cleaning and disinfection) after a possible case has left a workplace or other non-healthcare setting

Cleaning and Disinfection

Once a possible case has left the premises, the immediate area occupied by the individual, e.g. desk space, should be cleaned with detergent to remove organic matter such as dust or body fluids then a disinfectant to kill pathogens. This should include any potentially contaminated high contact areas such as door handles, telephones and grab-rails. Once this process has been completed, the area can be put back into use.

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| | | | | | | <p>Any public areas where a symptomatic or COVID-19 diagnosed individual has only passed through (spent minimal time in), e.g. corridors, and which are not visibly contaminated with any body fluids, do not need to be further decontaminated beyond routine cleaning processes.</p> <p>Environmental cleaning and disinfection should be undertaken using disposable cloths and mop heads using standard household detergent and disinfectant that are active against viruses and bacteria. Follow manufacturer's instructions for dilution, application and contact times for all detergents and disinfectants. All cloths and mop heads used must be disposed of and should be put into waste bags as outlined below. The person responsible for undertaking the cleaning with detergent and disinfectant should be familiar with these processes and procedures.</p> <p>In the event of a blood and body fluid spillage, keep people away from the area. Use a spill-kit if available, using the personal protective equipment (PPE) within the kit or PPE provided by the employer/organisation, and follow the instructions provided with the spill-kit. If no spill- kit is available, place paper towels over the spill, and seek further advice from the local Health Protection Team.</p> | | | |
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| | | | | | | <p>Guidance for PE found here. Currently all PE will take place outdoors and children have the option to arrive in school wearing their PE kit. Consideration to the type of activity planned and the resources needed in order to minimise risk of transmission.</p> <p>Library books should be quarantined for 72 hours upon return to the library. Currently Elrick will not be operating a school library due to no parent volunteers being allowed into the building. Class libraries will be used but books will not be shared with other groups unless they have been quarantined for a minimum of 72 hours.</p> <p>Marking Jotters It is recommended that guidance should be in place to reduce or stop the need for teachers to handle pupil jotters. Alternative strategies include - individual whiteboards; oral responses; self-assessment; group/class marking of own jotters with group/class discussion to support; a visual response through physical activity; using IT, etc. School staff should be encouraged to discuss and agree approaches within the school which mitigate against teachers handling jotters.</p> | | | |
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| <p>Spread of infection during canteen use / break and lunchtimes</p> | <p>Staff</p> <p>Children & young people</p> | <p>Cross contamination of infection.</p> <p>Infection of staff, children and visitors</p> | L | M | H | <p><u>BREAK AND LUNCHTIME</u></p> <p>Consider all persons staying on site once they have entered it and not use local shops etc, where possible. It is recognised where staff have dual roles that this is not always possible. If staff and pupils go off site, they should follow rules in place for wider society. Hand hygiene needs to be addressed on return and the sanitisation of hands followed by appropriate washing needs to be undertaken.</p> <p>Staggered handwashing in place for snack and lunchtimes. Staggered toilet breaks will be taken into account with the staggered breaktimes. Break times are staggered to reduce congestion and</p> | L | M | H |

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| | | | | | <p>contact at all times. Consider staggering break times to reduce congestion and contact at all times. Children will have their snack in the classroom to ensure handwashing before and after.</p> <p>Reinforce handwashing prior to eating food. Hand sanitiser should be where people eat and should be used by all persons when entering and leaving the area.</p> <p>Canteen use Canteen staff should continue to follow Food Standard Agency's (FSA) in food preparation and their Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) processes. Covid-19 Guidance can be found here.</p> <p>Discuss provision and delivery with Area Catering Officer or Unit Supervisor. Primary school meals will start with a tailored menu for the first two weeks of term and secondary schools will have the opportunity of also using a new app for young people selecting their meal choices. This will assist with the flow of pupil queues.</p> <p>Payments should be taken by contactless methods wherever possible. Touch pads will be removed from all till points. Payment will be taken by card or look up by catering staff.</p> <p>Drinking water should be provided with enhanced cleaning measures of the tap mechanism introduced.</p> <p>All rubbish and waste should be put straight in the bin by pupils/ the user and not left for someone else to clear up.</p> <p>All areas used for eating must be thoroughly cleaned at the end of each break and shift, including chairs and door handles. Tables and chairs will be wiped down with COVID GUARD between sittings.</p> | | | |
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| Establishment RA Author: Fiona Thomson | Date of Review: 25.08.20 | |

This is a generic Risk Assessment, as such establishments should tailor to suit the needs of their own premises and controls used. Existing Risk Assessments should be reviewed to highlight controls in light of COVID -19 and how they aim to reduce risk as far as is reasonably practical

| Version Reference | Date | Updates |
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| Version 1 | 02.08.2020 | |
| Version 2 | 06.08.2020 | Added: Link here for an occupational risk assessment from the Scottish government and recommended by Health & Safety colleagues for managers with members of staff returning from shielding. |

Added: Link [here](#) for advice for people with specific medical conditions, and wording in this section updated.

Added: It is recommended that staff who have a closer interaction with pupils limit their movement between schools to two sites per day, for example teaching and pupil support staff. Members of the janitorial team who have a more limited interaction with pupils and other staff can consider undertaking additional site visits to undertake facility management tasks following recommended control measures of social distancing and handwashing/hand sanitising.

Added: Pre-Covid 19 expectations would apply for cleaning down areas. Cleaning materials to be made available throughout the day for staff and there will be provision of adequate cleaning resources for staff to prepare their own workspaces for working. There is no expectation that teaching or PSA staff to clean communal areas or toilet facilities. The location of materials will be agreed locally, and Janitorial Staff can provide assistance in provision of materials.

Added: When pupils are leaving the building, they should be encouraged to sanitise their hands.

Amended Text: Risk Assessment created for Special Schools/Community Resource Hubs personal care found [here](#).

Added: COVID related illnesses during attendance at establishments

If a pupil or member of staff presents with Covid related symptoms whilst at school, please see the information below as a guide to the response required:

With the Individual

6. Student / Staff member removed and sent to the designated isolation room/space, putting on the face covering that has been provided.
7. School Office phoned to request immediate collection / staff member returns home.
8. Parent//carer or staff should be made aware of the Test and Protect process, and the school also consult with local HPT.
9. First Aider contacted with COVID related symptom advice, puts on relevant PPE – supervises ill user until collection (supervised outside the room).
10. School office notifies supervisory janitor to have the designated isolation room/space and any toilets used deep cleaned.

With the group/class

5. Where student/staff has been identified displaying COVID related symptoms, lesson proceeds in situ for the remainder of that period or the class decanted to another area (local decision from dynamic risk assessment undertaken).
6. When decanting the staff member adds sign to the outside of the door putting the room out of use for that day and a sign on the relevant workstation.
7. Staff member notifies line manager and supervisory janitor to enable deep cleaning to take place.
8. Alternative locations are found for classes due to be in that room/area.

Supervisory Janitor should be informed and deep clean carried out of areas deemed exposed to potential infection following [covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings guidance](#).

The remaining pupils and staff member are not symptomatic and the person who has left is not a positive case until deemed so from test results. Until such time as the class / environment is clean then the school should manage the class in looking at suitable options for the class to be relocated if this is deemed to be the most suitable course of action, for example the pupil or member of staff has been moving around the room. This needs to be undertaken with sensitivity as to not cause unnecessary alarm or identify the reason why the pupil or staff member has left the space. It may be decided if the period is near its end that it is appropriate to remain in the class until the change of period, especially if the pupil has been sat in one space and not interacted with other pupils. A local decision through completing a dynamic risk assessment of the situation would determine the course of action.

Also remember that staff should be maintaining physical distancing and along with children focusing on hygiene measures.

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| | | <p>It is only if a positive result is confirmed then steps are taken to Test and Protect. Test and Protect in education, which is considered complex, allows for rapid testing of symptomatic children or staff for that matter. Until that result is confirmed positive then there is no need for others to self-isolate until either showing symptoms or being contacted by contact tracers.</p> <p>The following advice is available in: https://hpspubsrepo.blob.core.windows.net/hps-website/nss/2973/documents/1_covid-19-guidance-for-non-healthcare-settings.pdf</p> <p>Environmental decontamination (cleaning and disinfection) after a possible case has left a workplace or other non-healthcare setting</p> <p>Cleaning and Disinfection</p> <p>Once a possible case has left the premises, the immediate area occupied by the individual, e.g. desk space, should be cleaned with detergent to remove organic matter such as dust or body fluids then a disinfectant to kill pathogens. This should include any potentially contaminated high contact areas such as door handles, telephones and grab-rails. Once this process has been completed, the area can be put back into use.</p> <p>Any public areas where a symptomatic or COVID-19 diagnosed individual has only passed through (spent minimal time in), e.g. corridors, and which are not visibly contaminated with any body fluids, do not need to be further decontaminated beyond routine cleaning processes. Environmental cleaning and disinfection should be undertaken using disposable cloths and mop heads using standard household detergent and disinfectant that are active against viruses and bacteria. Follow manufacturer's instructions for dilution, application and contact times for all detergents and disinfectants. All cloths and mop heads used must be disposed of and should be put into waste bags as outlined below. The person responsible for undertaking the cleaning with detergent and disinfectant should be familiar with these processes and procedures. In the event of a blood and body fluid spillage, keep people away from the area. Use a spill-kit if available, using the personal protective equipment (PPE) within the kit or PPE provided by the employer/organisation, and follow the instructions provided with the spill-kit. If no spill-Health Protection Scotland kit is available, place paper towels over the spill, and seek further advice from the local Health Protection Team.</p> |
| Version 3 | 17.08.2020 | <p>Removed: Please access guidance here and see detailed information below. (as hub-based information)</p> <p>Added: In line with national guidance, hand sanitiser stocks have been provided to all schools to allow for provision at entry/exit points and a small number of key areas to complement existing hand washing facilities. There is currently no expectation that sanitiser will be made available in classrooms and/or other areas. While sanitiser can be made available for the purposes of convenience, regular hand washing with soap and water should remain the preferred method of hand hygiene for all.</p> <p>Removed: or a negative test is received. (Advice from Health & Safety is that isolation has to be completed even if a negative result is received from testing.)</p> <p>Added: Guidance for PE found here.</p> <p>Updated: Movement between schools should be kept to a minimum until further notice. Consider lower risk methods for some input – digital/virtual means, or outdoor settings. Where movement across locations is necessary to deliver school operations the number of interactions should be minimised. It is recommended that staff who have a closer interaction with pupils limit their movement between schools to two sites per day, for example teaching staff, temporary/supply staff and visiting specialists. Members of the janitorial team who have a more limited interaction with pupils and other staff can consider undertaking additional site visits to undertake facility management tasks following recommended control measures of social distancing and handwashing/hand sanitising.</p> |

Added: When using Covid Guard please ensure that all surfaces are wiped down after the contact time has passed. Other products may be used on the same surfaces and while not dangerous the effectiveness of the disinfection process may be reduced if the guidance is not adhered to. In its undiluted form Covid Guard should not be stored with Oxivir or Sani 4 in 1.

Added: Guidance for the ASN team – ASN teachers, Pupil Support Assistants and Workers, Psychologists, School Escorts and Nurses can be found [here](#).

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Added: Advice from the Health & Safety team is that once a symptomatic person has left the premises the area/room where they have been can either be quarantined/closed for 72 hours or if the area has to be used before the 72 hours is up then the area has to be cleaned before use. Building management should quarantine immediate work area and any area the individual has spent more than 15 minutes in. These areas should be cordoned off to a 2m radius. Building management should affix signage notifying the area is out of use. Investigation as to where the individual has been needs to be identified by building management and reported to Cleaning Services.

If area has been quarantined for 72 hours, then Enhanced cleaning applies

Added: Marking Jotters

It is recommended that guidance should be in place to reduce or stop the need for teachers to handle pupil jotters. Alternative strategies include - individual whiteboards; oral responses; self-assessment; group/class marking of own jotters with group/class discussion to support; a visual response through physical activity; using IT, etc. School staff should be encouraged to discuss and agree approaches within the school which mitigate against teachers handling jotters.

Removed: Continue to complete the online educational setting status form to provide daily updates on how many children and staff are in school.

Added: Sector Advice Card found [here](#). Please display in school to signpost to guidance.

Flowchart Added: If a pupil or member of staff presents with Covid related symptoms whilst at school please see the information below, and flowchart [here](#) as a guide to the response required. Advice [here](#) for people advised to self-isolate.

Removed: Only maintenance to take place during normal school hours and; Please access guidance [here](#) and see detailed information below. (updated advice added).

Benchmark information regarding numbers can be found [here](#) in guidance for the safe use of places for worship. (advice for adults attending places of worship, not children who fall under different category regarding social distancing).

Amended: Consider the arrangement of parents not to enter the PLAYGROUND or BUILDING unless in an emergency unless this is not possible due to restricted external space on pavements – each site needs to be assessed to establish the practicalities of restricting parents from the playground.

Amended: Additional guidance for all staff who work with and support children and young people with additional support needs can be found [here](#). This includes ASL Teachers, Pupils Support Assistants, Pupil Support Workers, School Escorts, Aberdeenshire Specialist Technology Service (ASPECTS), Educational Psychology Service, English as an Additional Language (EAL) Service, School Counsellors, Sensory Support Service.

(Document1:[Covid-19 Guidance ASL Teachers, Pupil Support Assistants Pupil Support Workers](#); Document2: [Covid-19Guidance ASN Peripatetic Services](#); Document 3: [Covid-19 Guidance Escorts](#); Document 4: [Guidance on re-opening school age childcare services ASN](#); Document 5: [ASN FAQs](#).)

