**All HALLOWS’ RC HIGH SCHOOL OPERATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT FOR SCHOOL OPENING TO FULL COHORT– March 2021**

**First version Sept 2020,**

**Revised October 2020,**

**Significant revisions Jan 2021 for lockdown 3 - see AHRC COVID RA Jan 2021**

**Minor changes from October version following reopening March 2021 - see changes highlighted**

**CHECKS AND BALANCES: RESPONDING TO COVID-19**

**Staying COVID Secure – Our Commitment**

* We recognise the risk posed by Coronavirus (COVID-19) to our staff, pupils and their families. Control measures to minimise the risk of infection and the transmission of the virus are provided in this Risk Assessment.
* We will put in place appropriate protective measures to ensure, as far as is reasonably practicable, the Health, Safety and Wellbeing of our staff and pupils.
* We will share this Risk Assessment and its findings with employees and consult on its contents.
* We will continue to comply with all relevant Health and Safety Legislation.
* We will have regard to statutory guidance in particular the guidance issued by the Department of Education regarding school reopening and implementing protective measures in education and childcare settings against COVID-19.
* We have regard to advice and guidance issued by Public Health England.

# COVID-19: Operational risk assessment for school reopening

Please note: this risk assessment should be undertaken in conjunction with the guidance on school reopening issued by the Department for Education on 2nd July 2020 as follows: [Actions for schools during the coronavirus outbreak](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak?utm_source=572d62e4-ce85-4056-8338-e87b1cbaf0c5&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate)

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| Assessment conducted by: | B Lindley-Clapp | Job title: | Assistant Headteacher | Covered by this assessment: | Staff, pupils, contractors, visitors, volunteers |

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| Date of assessment: | 3rd March 2021 | Review interval: | 22nd March 2021 | Date of next review: | April 2021 by SLT/LA |

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| Related documents | |
| **School/Trust/Local Authority documents/ :** | **Government guidance:**  <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak>  [Guidance for full opening: special schools and other specialist settings](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-full-opening-special-schools-and-other-specialist-settings?utm_source=02a881e2-265a-4b6d-a67d-38470d12440a&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate)  <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing-after-4-july#clinically-vulnerable-people> |

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**R number and vaccination for Salford Information**

**Statement from Director of Public Health, Dr Muna Abdel Aziz on 4th March 2021**

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112.8 (down) - Weekly rate per 100,000 people (22 to 28 February 2021)

6.2% (down) - Tests which are positive (21 February to 27 February 2021)

16 (up) - Number of deaths involving COVID-19 (13 February to 19 February 2021)

## **Message to residents from Dr Muna Abdel Aziz, Director of Public Health**

‘Salford’s rate reduction has continued and this is positive as a result of everyone playing their part.

We are now approaching the first major milestone of the roadmap to ease restrictions and opening schools from Monday 8 March.

We have vaccinated over 74,000 people in Salford across the health and social care workforce, people with a health condition who are clinically vulnerable or shielding, and those aged 50 years and over.

Salford’s Health Protection Board is closely monitoring the spread of the virus. It is the personal responsibility of each of us to follow the lockdown rules to get the virus fully under control. ‘

As a result of the advice above, we will continue with our plans to reopen the school to all year groups from 8th March 2021. We will continue to track the R number for Salford and to take advice from Salford’s Director of Public Health and the local authority to continually assess this and the impact it may have on our staff and pupils to inform any further decisions. We will closely monitor the vaccination program in Salford and encourage any staff that are yet to have the vaccine to organise an appointment once they become eligible.

**Risk matrix**

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| Risk rating  High (H), Medium (M), Low (L) | | **Likelihood of occurrence** | | |
| **Probable** | **Possible** | **Remote** |
| **Likely impact** | **Major:** Causes major physical injury, harm or ill-health. | H | H | M |
| **Severe:** Causes physical injury or illness requiring first aid. | H | M | L |
| **Minor:** Causes physical or emotional discomfort. | M | L | L |

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| Monitoring of R Number | | | | | |
| Areas for concern | Risk rating prior to action  (H/M/L) | Control measures | Y/N/NA | Further actions/comments needed **only if N is put by a bullet point** | Residual risk rating  (H/M/L) |
| **R Number in Salford rises to a concerning level which may put our staff and pupils at an increased risk of infection** | H | * Information from the Director of Public Health is regularly checked and used to inform decisions on opening * Information and advice from Salford’s Director of Public Health is regularly checked and used to inform decisions on opening * Information and advice from Salford LA Advisors is regularly checked and used to inform decisions on opening * Procedures are in place to deal with any pupil or staff displaying symptoms at school. This includes the use of testing for both staff and pupils and appropriate action, in line with government guidance, should the tests prove positive or negative. * Pupils, parents and staff are aware of what steps to take if they, or any member of their household, displays symptoms (no one with symptoms should attend a setting for any reason). * A record of any COVID-19 symptoms in staff or pupils is reported to the local authority. | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * R Number for Salford is monitored * Information and advice from the Director of Public Health in Salford is checked regularly and used to inform decisions on opening * All advice and recommendations provided by the Department of Public health will be followed stringently * All advice and recommendations provided by the LA will be followed stringently * Procedures in place for those displaying symptoms – e.g medical room prepared * Information from DfE guidance has been shared with parents about what steps to take if anyone in the house displays symptoms * First aiders to be briefed about procedures if a child or member of staff displays symptoms in school * A record of any COVID-19 symptoms in staff or pupils to be kept | L |

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| Monitoring Vaccination program | | | | | |
| Areas for concern | Risk rating prior to action  (H/M/L) | Control measures | Y/N/NA | Further actions/comments needed **only if N is put by a bullet point** | Residual risk rating  (H/M/L) |
| **Vaccination rate for Salford is low which may put our staff and pupils at an increased risk of infection** | H | * Information and advice from Salford’s Director of Public Health is regularly checked and used to inform decisions * Information and advice from Salford LA Advisors is regularly checked and used to inform decisions * A record of the vaccination program involving staff is completed | Y  Y  Y | * The vaccination program for school staff is regularly checked * Opportunities for staff to be vaccinated are shared with those eligible * A record of staff vaccinated has been compiled * Staff are encouraged to take up invitations to be vaccinated * Staff are supported in taking part in the vaccination program * As of the 8th of March over 50% of the staff at All hallows have had their first vaccinations | L |

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| **1. Minimising Transmission** | | | | | |
| **1.1 Reducing contact between year group ‘bubbles’ in the day** | | | | | |
| **Pupils in different year groups will come into contact with each other regularly** | **M** | * Agreed areas of entrance for each year group * Agreed areas for pupils to congregate at the start of the day in their year group bubbles * Agreed year group ‘zones’ and arrangements confirmed for each year group where they stay together and do not mix with other year groups * Agreed separate break and lunch timetables for year group bubbles * Advice and guidance given to pupils, parents and staff when travelling to and from school | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * Each year group has a specific entrance and designated waiting zone on entrance to school (see Standard operating procedures) * Each year group will exit through the entrance they use (see Standard operating procedures) * Each year group will form a ‘bubble’ and will remain together during their time at school in designated Zone (see Standard operating procedures) * Each ‘bubble’ will remain in a designated ‘zone’ in school for the majority of the week (one day exception to allow science practical sessions) (see Standard operating procedures) * The timetable has been adapted to include a prolonged P2/Break session and a split lunchtime (see Standard operating procedures) to ensure year groups are prevented from mixing * Staff supervision timetable at the beginning and end of the day has been generated to ensure pupils from different ‘bubbles’ do not mix * Staff supervision timetable created for break and lunch times has been generated to ensure pupils from different ‘bubbles’ do not mix * Standard operating procedures shared with pupils, staff and parents * Training days planned for staff to ensure they are well briefed and understand the expectations and procedures put in place * Staggered start to pupils timetables in September planned to ensure they are well briefed and understand the expectations and procedures put in place * Risk assessment by a SENCO may require a TAs to wear further PPE visors during a session which involves close proximity, e.g 1-2-1 reading | **L** |
| **1.2 Organisation of teaching space** | | | | | |
| **Classroom sizes will not allow adequate social distancing for the staff** | **H** | * Schools assess their circumstances and identify distinct groups or ‘bubbles’ of pupils that do not mix. (These may be small groups, classes or year groups.) Whatever the size of group, pupils should be kept apart from other groups where possible, and older children encouraged to social distance within groups. * Classrooms re-modelled, with chairs and desks in place to allow for social distancing where appropriate. * Adaptations to classrooms should include seating pupils side-by-side and facing forwards. * Clear signage displayed in classrooms promote social distancing. * Keep classrooms ventilated * If possible, adults should maintain a 2-metre distance from each other, and from children * Adults should avoid close face-to-face contact and minimise time spent within 1 metre of anyone. * Where staff or children cannot maintain distancing, keep in smaller separated groups. * Where possible classrooms with windows should be used for classes and teachers to open these during lessons to circulate fresh air * Where possible doors of classrooms to be kept open | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  **Y/N/NA for etint** | * Each year group will form a ‘bubble’ and will remain together during their time at school * Each ‘bubble’ will remain in a designated ‘zone’ in school for the majority of the week (one day exception to allow science practical sessions) * Classrooms have been set up, where possible, to ensure pupils sit side-by-side and face forwards * Signage remains in school reminding pupils the importance of social distancing * All recirculation dampers or thermal wheels on the AHU’s to be disabled to allow clean and fresh air to be circulated and no air will be re-used to reduce contamination * Staff and pupils provided with standard operating procedures and given clear advice and training on the expectations * Staff to open windows where possible when using classrooms. Especially in classrooms with large pupil numbers. * Windows to be opened upon leaving a classroom for ventilation between lessons * Doors to be left open upon leaving a classroom for ventilation between lessons | **L** |
| **Use of large spaces such as the hall, sports hall, dining hall and outdoors is not possible** | **H** | * Groups or bubbles should be kept apart meaning schools should avoid large gatherings such as assemblies or collective worship. * Large indoor and outdoor spaces can be used, but arrangements should be in place for maximising social distancing between pupils and staff and paying scrupulous attention to cleaning and hygiene. * Maximise use of external areas for outdoor sports, again observing social distancing ensuring sports equipment is thoroughly cleaned between each use by different groups. Contact sports must be avoided. * All open classroom spaces have been set up to accommodate the larger classes | Y  Y  Y  Y | * The canteen area has been set up for two year group bubbles to congregate in the morning separately * The Sports Hall has been set up to allow a year group to congregate in the morning and for lunch time * The yard has been set up to allow year group bubbles to congregate in the morning separately * The yard has been set up to allow year groups to enjoy time outside at break and lunch separately * An area of the yard has been sectioned off to create a pathway for year groups to travel into school from a designated entrance safely away from another year group bubble * Larger classes have been placed in the open teaching spaces/classrooms to allow for distancing and spacing where possible | **L** |
| **Zone and classroom sizes will not accommodate entire year groups** | H | * Additional chairs and tables have been set up in classrooms to ensure each ‘zone’ can accommodate the allocated year groups * Classrooms adapted to ensure there is enough seating for pupils * Classrooms adapted to ensure the seating is not face-to-face and appropriately distanced where possible * Additional resources have been placed in zones to ensure each pupil has the necessary equipment for successful learning * An inventory and audit of ‘essential’ resources has been completed and additional orders made to ensure classrooms and zones have all the essential resources needed for teaching | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * Classrooms set up to allow for new Year group ‘bubbles’ in each zone * Class Charts has been purchased and set up to establish clear room layouts and allow seating plans to be accessed readily for contact trace purposes * Each classroom will have a box of essential resources to reduce the need for movement between classrooms or Zones and therefore contamination * The resource boxes are moved by designated TAs into the classrooms where the year group will be at the end of each day to ensure there is no contamination of resources between bubbles * Heavier resources, such as paper and colouring pencils, have been taken out and stored in zones to allow the movement of boxes to be easier and safer | **L** |
| **1.3 Availability of staff and class sizes** | | | | | |
| **The number of staff who are available is lower than that required to teach classes in school and operate effective home learning if needed** | **M** | * The health status and availability of every member of staff is known and is regularly updated so that deployment can be planned. * Flexible and responsive use of teaching assistants and pastoral staff to supervise classes is in place. * Full use is made of testing to inform staff deployment. * Full use of cover supervisors to support staff absences * If any school has concerns about staffing capacity, then contact the LA | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * Staff audit of staff conditions has been carried out and assessed. * Staff that have had an individual risk assessment (ECV, BAME) on their return to school in September will have this reviewed in March 2021 * Staff with an individual risk assessment and/or those identified as vulnerable have had the vaccination before returning to school in March 2021 * Pregnant staff members will have an individual risk assessment completed * TA timetables adapted to ensure each Zone has sufficient TA supervision * TA hours adapted for some to ensure staff are available for morning supervision * Duty supervision timetable for staff has been planned using staff and TA timetables. This has been updated when and where necessary following any concerns or issues and/or changes to staffing | **L** |
| **The number of staff who are available for supervision is lower than that required to ensure safety of pupils and smooth running of the day** | H | * Support staff timetable adapted with new hours agreed * SLT to be on duty for break and lunch sessions where possible * Pupils have been advised to arrive to school once staff supervision begins and not before * Parents have been informed of staff supervision timetable | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * TA timetables adapted to ensure each Zone has sufficient TA supervision * TA hours adapted for some to ensure staff are available for morning supervision * Staff kept informed of all necessary updates to standard operating procedures and plans for the school day * Pupils and parents kept informed of all necessary updates to procedures and plans for the school day * SLT and senior staff are supervising the entrance and exit of pupils to and from school each morning and afternoon to ensure the smooth transition at these points | L |
| **1.4 The school day** | | | | | |
| **The start and end of the school day create risks of breaching social distancing guidelines** | **H** | * Floor markings are visible where it is necessary to manage any queuing. * Guidance is in place for removing face coverings when pupils and staff who use them arrive at school, and this should be communicated clearly to them. * Designated zones have been set up for year group bubbles for the start of the day * Zone supervision will in place at the start of the day * The number of entrances and exits to be used is maximised. * Different entrances/exits are used for different year groups where possible. * Staff, parents and pupils are briefed and signage provided to identify which entrances, exits and circulation routes to use. * A plan is in place for managing the movement of people on arrival to avoid groups of people congregating. * A plan is in place for a staggered departure in year groups | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * Each year group has a specific entrance and designated waiting zone on entrance to school (see Standard operating procedures) * Each year group will exit through the entrance they use (see Standard operating procedures) * Parents have been informed of the procedures * Staff entrance is different to pupils to reduce congestion * TA timetables adapted to ensure each Zone has sufficient TA supervision * TA hours adapted for some to ensure staff are available for morning supervision * The canteen area has been set up for two year group bubbles to congregate in the morning separately * The Sports Hall has been set up to allow a year group to congregate in the morning and for lunch time * The yard has been set up to allow year group bubbles to congregate in the morning separately * The yard has been set up to allow year groups to enjoy time outside at break and lunch separately * An area of the yard has been sectioned off to create a pathway for year groups to travel into school from a designated entrance safely away from another year group bubble * Standard operational procedures will ensure that staff supervise pupils moving from zones into practical subjects * Pupils will have a controlled and staggered exit from school * SLT are being supported by PPLs and other senior staff without forms to ensure the pupils with a late detention or C3 do not cross bubbles | **L** |
| **1.5 Planning movement around the school** | | | | | |
| **Movement around the school risks bubbles mixing and/or breaching social distancing guidelines as appropriate**  **(*See also section 3.4*)** | **H** | * Circulation plans have been reviewed and revised. * Appropriate signage is in place to clarify circulation routes and Year group zones. * Pinch points, and bottlenecks such as entrances and exits are identified and managed accordingly. * Movement of pupils around school is minimised as much as possible, with pupils staying in classrooms and staff moving round. * Pupils are regularly briefed regarding observing social distancing guidance. * Appropriate duty rota and levels of supervision are in place. * Pupils have been placed in Year group ‘bubbles’ and designated ‘zones’ to limit movement * Morning time movement to each zone will be controlled and monitored by duty staff and SLT * Break and lunch times have been staggered to reduce movement from zones | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * Pupils have been placed in year group bubbles and remain in their zones throughout the day * Movement between lessons remains in bubble zones unless practical based subjects and this movement will be heavily controlled by staff collecting and returning pupils * Each year group has a specific entrance and designated waiting zone on entrance to school (see Standard operating procedures) * Each year group will exit through the entrance they use (see Standard operating procedures) * Each year group will form a ‘bubble’ and will remain together during their time at school in designated Zone (see Standard operating procedures) * Each ‘bubble’ will remain in a designated ‘zone’ in school for the majority of the week (one day exception to allow science practical sessions) (see Standard operating procedures) * The timetable has been adapted to include a prolonged P2/Break session and a split lunchtime (see Standard operating procedures) to ensure year groups are prevented from mixing * Staff supervision timetable at the beginning and end of the day has been generated to ensure pupils from different ‘bubbles’ do not mix * Staff supervision timetable created for break and lunch times has been generated to ensure pupils from different ‘bubbles’ do not mix * Standard operating procedures shared with pupils, staff and parents * Staff have been well briefed to ensure they understand the expectations and procedures put in place * Movement around school will be controlled by duty staff * Pupils and staff are required to wear a face mask on entrance and exit to school as well as when moving around the building and in social times unless outside | **L** |
| **1.6 Use of resources** | | | | | |
| **Pupils will have fallen behind in their learning during school closures and achievement gaps will have widened**  **Ensuring curriculum resources are used safely** | **H** | * Gaps in learning are assessed and addressed in teachers’ planning. * Home and remote learning is continuing and is calibrated to complement in-school learning and address daps identified. * Exam syllabi are covered. * Plans for intervention are in place for those pupils who have fallen behind in their learning. * Essential equipment boxes are in place in each teaching room * Bags are allowed * Staff and pupils have their own pens and pencils and other such frequently used equipment * Classroom based resources such as books and games can be used and shared within the group. These should be cleaned regularly * Shared resources, (between classes or bubbles) such as sports, art and science equipment should be cleaned frequently or rotated to allow them to be left unused and out of reach for a period of 48 hours (72 hours for plastics) * Remove soft furnishings that are hard to clean where possible * Pupils and teachers can take books and shared resources home although unnecessary sharing should be avoided. | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * HODs to meet regularly with their teams to discuss their curriculums and SoWs and how to close the gaps created from pupils time away from school * BLC to put ‘closing the gap’ onto the HODs agenda for each meeting to ensure it is a priority and allows HODs to share good practice * The use of google classroom and online resources has been identified as a continued priority for all departments in helping to close the gaps * Teaching and Learning team to work with teachers to identify strategies to close the gaps * Teaching and learning team to continue their work on developing effective online resources for pupils * HODs to ensure retrieval and interleaving of the core ideas and skills are well developed and mapped out in their curriculum * Each classroom to have a box of essential resources to reduce movement between classrooms and therefore contamination * Use of pupil lockers will be prohibited for now to prevent contamination and reduce cleaning * A set of remote learning tools, such as webcams and phone arms, are available for staff to take if they need to isolate and/or are delivering a recorded or live lesson to pupils isolating * The resource boxes are moved by designated TAs into the classrooms where the year group will be at the end of each day to ensure there is no contamination of resources between bubbles | **L** |
| **1.7 Curriculum organisation** | | | | | |
| **Pupils will have fallen behind in their learning during school closures and achievement gaps will have widened** | M | * Gaps in learning are assessed and addressed in teachers’ planning. * Home and remote learning is continuing and is calibrated to complement in-school learning and address gaps identified. * Exam syllabi are covered. * Support and guidance are in place for those pupils who have fallen behind in their learning. * Support has been provided to those pupils who have limited facilities at home to complete work online | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * Review of work being set in lesson and online to ensure syllabi are covered by HOD and sent to SLT link for quality assurance * HODs and PPLs to monitor pupils progress with missed work and support teaching staff in enabling pupils to complete this work * Staff to be expected to upload all lessons and resources onto google classroom for pupils to reference and/or use if absent * Plans have been written by HoDs to detail the expectations of staff and the steps and procedures that would take place should a year group or cohort of pupils be isolating * HODs to ensure retrieval and interleaving of the core ideas and skills are well developed and mapped out in their curriculum * Additional training will be delivered by the T+L team to train staff on delivering live and recorded lessons as well as on retrieval within lessons/independent learning | **L** |
| **1.8 Staff workspaces** | | | | | |
| **Staff rooms and offices do not allow for observation of social distancing guidelines** | **H** | * Staff rooms and offices have been reviewed and appropriate configurations of furniture and workstations have been put in place to allow for social distancing. * Staff have been briefed on the use of these rooms, and use is staggered where possible | Y  Y | * Sneeze guards are in place in reception to protect the staff * Only one visitor will be permitted in reception at a time * Parents have been encouraged via letter to not attend school if possible * Restrict entrance to offices for occupiers only unless invitation * Office doors and windows to be kept open when possible * Staff to be advised only to use their own equipment where feasible * Staff to use open teaching spaces or the staff room when not teaching to work where possible to reduce gathering in classrooms or cross contamination of areas * Additional workspaces have been created in staff rooms to allow staff an area to work when not teaching * When using the staff room staff must maintain social distancing measures. It is staffs responsibility to ensure numbers don’t become too high to prevent social distancing * Where offices are shared, doors should be left open as well as windows, if possible | **L** |
| **1.9 Managing the school lifecycle** | | | | | |
| **Making progress with the school’s autumn term calendar and future work plan considering of COVID-19 measures** | **M** | * School calendar for the autumn term is rationalised and is informed by DFE expectations of a broad curriculum from the start of the Autumn term with the aim of returning to the school’s normal curriculum in all subjects by summer 2021 * Schools continue to build capacity to educate pupils remotely where this is needed. * School recruitment continues as usual. | Y  Y  Y | * Pupils and staff will follow their new timetable (as of January 2021) when returning to school * New SOPs and duty lists have been written and shared to accommodate the new timetables | **L** |
| **Pupils joining the next phase in their education do not feel prepared for the transition** | **M** | * A plan is in place for pastoral staff to speak with pupils and their parents about the next stage in their education and resolve any issues. * There is regular and effective liaison with the destination institutions (e.g. secondary schools, post-16 providers, universities, apprenticeship providers) to assist with pupils’ transition. * Regular communications with the parents of incoming pupils are in place, including letters, newsletters and online broadcasts * Transition days are planned for pupils | Y  Y  Y  Y | * Regular contact and communications have been sustained throughout the lockdown period to keep parents informed * Year 11 leavers will be supported and given further support and advice to relieve their anxieties in terms of the CAGs and to ease the transition to their next destinations | **L** |
| **1.10 Governance and policy** | | | | | |
| **Governors are not fully informed or involved in making key decisions** | **M** | * Meetings (online or face-to-face) held with governors when key decisions need to be made. * Governing bodies are involved in key decisions on reopening the school. * Governors are briefed regularly on the latest government guidance and its implications for the school. | Y  Y  Y | * Referred governors to DfE website guidelines * All Risk assessments, policy changes and plans are shared and approved with governors | **L** |
| **1.11 Policy review** | | | | | |
| **Existing policies on safeguarding, health and safety, fire evacuation, medical, behaviour, attendance, visits visitors and other policies are no longer fit for purpose in the current circumstances** | **H** | All relevant policies:   * Safeguarding * Health and Safety * Fire Evacuation * Behaviour * Attendance * Visitors * Visits   have been revised to take account of government guidance (Guidance for full opening – schools 2 June 2020) Staff, pupils, parents and governors have been briefed accordingly.   * Safeguarding Leads (and deputies) are designated extra time during the first few weeks of term to support staff and pupils regarding new safeguarding and welfare concerns | Y  Y | * COVID-19 Policy added on to some policies * Behaviour Policy addendum added March 2021 * Health and Safety addendum added 10th November 020 * Safeguarding policy updated September 2020 * Remote learning addendum to beahviou policy updated January 2021 * All updates shared with relevant people and have been agreed * Time has been designated in INSET to discuss the problems pupils may have following lockdown and strategies to support pupils * Updated safeguarding training and national policies have been given to staff | **L** |
| **1.12 Communication strategy** | | | | | |
| **Key stakeholders are not fully informed about changes to policies and procedures due to COVID-19, resulting in risks to health** | **H** | Communications strategies for the following groups are in place:   * Staff * Pupils * Parents * Governors * Local authority * Professional associations * Other partners including visitors | Y | * Information shared with all stakeholders * As soon as this risk assessment is finalised the headteacher will share this with the local area union representatives | **L** |
| **1.13 Staff induction and CPD** | | | | | |
| **Staff are not trained in new procedures, leading to risks to health** | **H** | * New plans and standard operating procedures (SOPs) issues to all staff prior to operating * Induction and CPD programmes are in operation for all staff prior to reopening, and include: * Infection control including hand hygiene, respiratory hygiene and enhanced cleaning regimes * Fire safety and evacuation procedures * Constructive behaviour management * Safeguarding * Risk management | Y  Y | * Standard Operating Procedures created for staff to refer to to ensure new procedures are followed * Share Risk Assessment with all staff prior to opening | **L** |
| **New staff are not aware of policies and procedures prior to starting at the school when it reopens** | **H** | * Induction programmes are in place for all new staff – either online or in-school – prior to them starting. * The updated staff handbook is issued to all new staff prior to them starting. | Y  Y | * Induction Program updated to include new procedures and changes to policies * New staff have received an induction program and will receive continued support throughout the year * Standard Operating Procedures created for staff to refer to. To ensure new procedures are followed | **L** |
| **1.14 Free school meals** | | | | | |
| **Pupils eligible for free school meals do not continue to receive vouchers if they are unable to attend (e.g. due to self-isolation or following clinical advice)** | **H** | * A member of the school’s administrative team is tasked with ensuring that pupils eligible for free school meals receive free meals when in school and continue to receive vouchers/school meals when not in school. | Y | * School Business Manager has put a plan in place for the FSM vouchers; * Once school reopens this will now revert back to the pupil receiving their FSM in school rather than via a voucher. | **L** |
| **1.15 Risk assessments** | | | | | |
| **Risks are not comprehensively assessed in every area of the school considering COVID-19, leading to breaches of social distancing and hygiene guidance.** | **H** | * Risk assessments are updated or undertaken before the school reopens and mitigation strategies / additional controls are put in place and communicated to staff covering: * Delivering aspects of the curriculum, especially for practical subjects and especially where shared equipment is required to be used * External visits * Managing visitors | Y  Y  Y  Y | * Risk assessments have been completed by departments using shared equipment * Practical subjects are permitted to use equipment but this needs to be cleaned and sterilised when and where possible following each use * Practical sessions for practical subjects will only take place in their designated practical areas * Each Head of department to undertake a risk assessment for their subject area which will be reviewed weekly * Any visitors to school completing work on site are formally inducted by the site team where appropriate by their own company. Risk assessments are provided from companies we work with regularly. * Visitors in reception should be kept to a minimum and by appointment only * Correspondence home to parents discourages visiting school where possible * Any planned external visits will continue to follow our standard protocols using Evolve and will only go ahead following checks from the EVC and permission from the Headteacher | **L** |
| **1.16 School transport** | | | | | |
| **Changes to bus schedules as a result of COVID-19 adversely affect pupils’ attendance and punctuality** | **H** | * The details of how pupils will travel to and from school are known prior to opening. * Parents reminded of the need to ensure social distancing and changes to drop off and pick up routines, * Plan parents’ drop-off and pick-up protocols that minimise adult to adult contact * Guidance is in place regarding the removal of face coverings on arrival at school | Y  Y  Y  Y | * Pupils will be encouraged to travel by foot, bike or car where possible in communication home * Parents will be informed of the times the school entrance will be open for pupils and when staff will be expected to supervise pupils to inform when their child(ren)arrive to school | **L** |
| **2. Investing in safety equipment and health and safety arrangements to limit the spread of COVID-19** | | | | | |
| **2.1 Cleaning** | | | | | |
| **Cleaning capacity is reduced so that an initial deep-clean and ongoing cleaning of surfaces are not undertaken to the standards required** | **H** | * A return-to-work plan for cleaning staff (including any environmental cleans) is agreed with contracting agencies prior to opening. * An enhanced cleaning plan is agreed and implemented which minimises the spread of infection to include regular cleaning of all frequently touched surfaces and welfare areas. * More frequent cleaning of rooms that are used by different groups, e.g. practical subject areas * Regular cleaning of toilets * Pupils encouraged to clean hands after use of toilets * Working hours for cleaning staff are increased. * Develop a culture of shared responsibility for keeping areas clean. * Ensure 3rd Party risk assessments (e.g. from cleaning companies) are shared with the school. | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | ● Cleaning hours have been revised to have  more available cleaners during the school  day  ● Practical areas areas will be cleaned during the day following use   * There will be a continual cleaning regime during the school day. * School will have a full time cleaner onsite during the school day and this will be supported by the welfare support we have onsite to support the additional cleaning. | **L** |
| **2.2 Hygiene and handwashing** | | | | | |
| **Inadequate supplies of soap and hand sanitiser mean that pupils and staff do not wash their hands with sufficient frequency** | **H** | * An audit of handwashing facilities and sanitiser dispensers is undertaken before the school reopens and additional supplies are purchased if necessary. * Monitoring arrangements are in place to ensure that supplies of soap, hand towels and sanitiser are maintained throughout the day. * Handwashing is built into the daily routine and is supervised by staff. * Teachers should ensure they wash/sanitise their hands and surfaces, before and after handling pupils’ books * Clear signage in key areas to promote handwashing and good hygiene procedures * Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ approach. | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * Staff wash hands on entrance into the building. * Pupils to use hand sanitiser as they enter the building each day * Hand sanitisers placed outside each classroom to be used on entry and exit. * Hand sanitisers to be placed around the school at key points to ensure regular and ease of use * Key staff to be tasked with monitoring stock and use of hand sanitizers throughout the day * Staff to use PE corridor for entrance for easier access to the handwashing facilities unless arriving by foot where they will use the reception entrance * All teachers to be equipped with personal sanitising kit. * Resource boxes will be colour coded and remain in Zones and only used by their designated bubble pupils | **L** |
| **Pupils forget to wash their hands regularly and frequently** | **H** | * Staff training includes the need to remind pupils of the need to wash their hands regularly and frequently to include start of school day, after breaks and after using any shared equipment * Posters and electronic messaging boards reinforce the need to wash hands regularly and frequently. * School leaders monitor the extent to which handwashing is taking place on a regular and frequent basis. * Pupils should be encouraged where possible not to touch their faces or to put objects in their mouths. | Y  Y  Y  Y | * Staff will ensure children wash their hands regularly. * Hand Washing or use of sanitisers has been planned into pupils break and lunch schedule * Signage and posters will be put in classrooms and around school as reminders * Hand sanitisers placed outside each classroom to be used on entry and exit. * Hand sanitisers to be placed around the school at key points to ensure regular and ease of use * Initial induction sessions on each year groups first day back to include expectations on hygiene * Staff will be expected to remind pupils regularly of hygiene expectations | **M** |
| **2.3 Clothing/fabric** | | | | | |
| **Not wearing clean clothes regularly may increase the risk of the virus spreading** | **H** | * Uniform is worn and washed regularly as normal * Policies are agreed prior to the school opening on the wearing of uniforms by pupils and business dress by staff to minimise risks * Expectations and guidance are communicated to parents. * Uniform that cannot be machine washed should be avoided where possible | Y  Y  Y  Y | * Full school uniform will be expected on returning to school. This will include a face mask * Guidance on cleaning hands with rolling up sleeves discussed with pupils * Guidance on the importance of keeping clothing clean will be shared and discussed with pupils * Hand sanitiser will be in place near the shoe cupboard for use before and after using school provided shoes | **L** |
| **The use of resources and equipment may not be cleaned frequently enough** | **H** | * Students and staff to have their own pens and pencils etc. * Classroom resources to be shared only within the bubble and cleaned regularly * Resources that are shared between bubbles to be cleaned frequently and always cleaned or rotated and out of reach for a period of 48 hours (72 hours for plastics) between each bubble’s use. * Outdoor equipment to be regularly cleaned * Limit equipment that pupils bring to school to essential items, such as lunch box, hat, coat, books, PE kit, stationery, etc. * Limit unnecessary sharing of resources as much as possible. | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * Use of fabric chairs to be restricted where possible * Administration Staff (e.g reception) and those with their own offices will have their own chairs for personal use * Visitor chairs in reception will be removed and replaced with plastic chairs * Meeting chairs will be replaced with plastic chairs | **L** |
| **2.4 Testing and managing symptoms** | | | | | |
| **Testing is not used effectively to help manage staffing levels and support staff wellbeing** | **H** | * Guidance on getting tested has been published. * The guidance has been explained to staff as part of the induction process. * Health and Wellbeing support is available through the LA <https://myzone.salford.gov.uk/people-zone/health-and-wellbeing> * An In School testing program has been implemented using Lateral Flow tests * Lateral flow testing kits distributed to staff and pupils consenting to the testing program | Y  Y  Y | * Government guidance has been shared with staff * Staff displaying symptoms will be expected to get tested as soon as possible and follow the necessary guidelines following the result of their test * In Salford tests are now available for staff who are unwell and not displaying 'traditional' covid symptoms * Lateral flow testing kits will be given to all staff from 8th March to test twice per week at home - over 85% of pupils have participated in this * An in-school lateral flow testing program has been developed for all pupils for the first two weeks back involving 3 in-school tests and 1 at home * Lateral flow testing kits will be given to pupils from 18th March to test twice per week at home for those that have agreed to the testing program | **L** |
| **Infection transmission within school due to staff/pupils (or members of their household) displaying symptoms** | **H** | * Robust collection and monitoring of absence data, including tracking return to school dates, is in place. * Procedures are in place to deal with any pupil or staff displaying symptoms at school. This includes the use of testing for both staff and pupils and appropriate action, in line with government guidance, should the tests prove positive or negative. * Pupils, parents and staff are aware of what steps to take if they, or any member of their household, displays symptoms (no one with symptoms should attend a setting for any reason). This includes an understanding of the definitions and mitigating actions to take in relation to the terms **clinically vulnerable** and **clinically extremely vulnerable** should these apply**.** * Local Authority process is followed when anyone displays symptoms * A record of any COVID-19 symptoms in staff or pupils is reported to the trust and local authority. | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * Procedures in place for those displaying symptoms – e.g medical room prepared * Information from DfE guidance has been shared with parents about what steps to take if anyone in the house displays symptoms * First aiders to be briefed about procedures if a child or member of staff displays symptoms in school * A record of any COVID-19 symptoms in staff or pupils to be kept * A record of any COVID-19 positive tests of staff or pupils to be kept * Staff and pupils to provide evidence of test results (positive or negative once received * All staff have created seating plans using Class Charts to ensure close contacts can be easily identified in the event of a positive case | **L** |
| **Staff, pupils and parents are not aware of the school’s procedures should there be a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the school** | **H** | * Staff, pupils and parents have received clear communications informing them of current government guidance on confirmed cases of COVID-19 and how this will be implemented in the school. * This guidance has been explained to staff and pupils as part of the induction process. * Any updates or changes to this guidance are communicated in a timely and effective way to all stakeholders | Y  Y  Y | * Guidance shared with staff, pupils and parents regularly * Staff have been briefed and provided the Standard Operating Procedures * Pupils will be briefed on the Standard Operating Procedures | **L** |
| **2.5 First Aid/Designated Safeguarding Leads** | | | | | |
| **The lack of capacity / availability of designated First Aiders and Designated Safeguarding Leads puts children’s safety at risk** | **H** | * Ensure staff First Aid training is booked and accessed if First Aid Certificate has expired. Where there is a good reason why this is not possible, First Aid certificates to be extended till 30th December 2020 * All relevant staff are aware of all pupils in school with relevant health conditions * DSL and Deputy DSL to be given more time at start of term to provide support to staff and pupils * Ensure good communication with school nurses. | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * An audit of first aiders has been done to ensure there will be at least one first aider in school each day * There are a number of qualified first aiders in school on all days. * Identified First aiders made known to all staff in school unless identified as clinically vulnerable * DSL and/or deputy DSL will be available at all times in the school day | **L** |
| **2.6 Medical rooms** | | | | | |
| **Medical rooms are not adequately equipped or configured to maintain infection control** | **H** | * Social distancing provisions and PPE where needed for personal care are in place for medical rooms. * Additional rooms are designated for pupils with suspected COVID-19 whilst collection is arranged. * Procedures are in place for medical rooms to be cleaned after suspected COVID-19 cases, along with other affected areas, including toilets. | Y  Y  Y | * PPE available in designated Isolation room * Relevant staff given training on procedures if a child or member of staff displays symptoms * Procedures are in place if a child was to display any symptoms * Procedures for cleaning will be shared with the appropriate staff | **L** |
| **2.7 Communication with parents** | | | | | |
| **Parents and carers are not fully informed of the health and safety requirements for the reopening of the school** | **H** | * As part of the overall communications strategy referenced in Section 1, parents are kept up to date with information, guidance and the school’s expectations on a weekly basis using a range of communication tools. * A COVID-19 section on the school website is created and updated. * Risk assessment to be published on school website (unless staff group is less than 50) | Y  Y  Y  Y | * Amendment to behaviour policy agreed and has been shared with parents. * Standard Operating Procedures discussed with pupils * Our school website has a COVID ‘latest news’ section detailing all relevant documentations and advice | **L** |
| **Parents and carers may not fully understand their responsibilities should a child show symptoms of COVID-19** | **H** | * Key messages in line with government guidance are reinforced on a weekly basis via email, text and the school’s website. | Y | * Parents and carers are updated on school procedures regularly * Guidance from DfE shared with parents and carers regularly | **L** |
| **2.8 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)** | | | | | |
| **Provision of PPE for staff where required is not in line with government guidelines** | **H** | * Government guidance on wearing PPE is understood, communicated and sufficient PPE has been procured. * Those staff required to wear PPE have been instructed on how to put on and how to remove PPE carefully to reduce contamination and also how to dispose of them safely. * Staff are reminded that wearing of gloves is not a substitute for good handwashing. * Ensure that 3rd party employers (e.g. catering and cleaning companies) have shared risk assessments with the school. | Y  Y  Y  Y | * Staff briefed that wearing of PPE in school is not required unless responding to a suspected COVID-19 case or cleaning * Identified members of staff; including Reception, First aiders and cleaning staff all trained on use and disposal of PPE where necessary * Identified staff required to watch a training video clip on using PPE appropriately * PPE has been ordered and will be in place in allocated areas * Staff advised to remove gloves once they have dealt with a suspected COVID-19 situation * We have Risk Assessments from our two main 3rd party employers; Citywide (Catering) and Bulloughs (cleaning). * All others will be if required when we have other contractors onsite. | **L** |

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| 3. Maximising social distancing measures | | | | | |
| **3.1 Pupil behaviour** | | | | | |
| **Pupils’ behaviour on return to school does not comply with social distancing guidance** | **H** | * Where appropriate, clear messaging to pupils on the importance and reasons for social distancing is reinforced throughout the school day by staff and through posters, electronic boards, and floor markings. For young or vulnerable children this is done through age-appropriate methods such as stories and games where appropriate. * Staff model social distancing consistently between adults; adults and pupils (where possible); and between bubbles. * The movement of pupils around the school is minimised. * Large gatherings that break bubbles are avoided. * Break times and lunch times are staggered and structured to support maintenance of bubbles and social distancing where appropriate and are closely supervised. * The school’s behaviour policy has been revised to include Supportive inclusive guidance, trauma informed compliance with social distancing communicated to staff, pupils and parents. - and reinforced regularly * Senior leaders monitor areas where there are breaches of social distancing measures and arrangements are reviewed. * Messages to parents reinforce the importance of social distancing. * Consistently impose sanctions when rules are broken, in line with the behaviour policy, as well as positively reinforcing well-executed rules through encouragement and rewards. * All pupils and staff understand this is now part of how school operates. | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * Pupils induction to take place on their first day in school regarding behaviour and safety. * Clear messaging about the need for social distance and reinforcement throughout the day from staff. * Staff to lead by example * Movement around school minimised using Bubbles and designated Zones * Staff supervision and duty rotas allow for strict control of pupil movement and behaviour during their ‘free’ time and arrival/departures from school * Behaviour policy adhered to consistently and strictly. * Parents, staff and pupils made clear about the expectations * A list of identified pupils who will struggle following guidelines identified by Aquinas Centre staff * Identified pupils will be closely monitored by assigned staff to ensure hygiene routines are adhered to * Pupils and staff are required to wear a face mask on entrance and exit to school as well as when moving around the building and in social times unless outside | **L** |

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| 3.2 Classrooms and teaching spaces | | | | | |
| **The size and configuration of classrooms and teaching spaces does not support compliance with bubble model and social distancing measures** | **H** | * Home based arrangements in place for pupils unable to return yet, or pupils working remotely due to a local outbreak * Engagement with high quality remote education is monitored. * Small adaptations to the classroom to support distancing where possible, e.g. seating pupils side by side. Move unnecessary furniture out of classrooms to make more space. * Teachers and other staff operating across different classes and year groups in order to facilitate delivery of the school timetable keep their distance from pupils and other staff as much as they can. * All pupils and staff to clean hands when they change rooms. Arrangements are reviewed regularly. * Where possible classrooms with windows should be used for classes and teachers to open these during lessons to circulate fresh air * Where possible doors of classrooms to be kept open | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * Staff to be trained and supported in uploading all lessons and resources onto google classroom for pupils to reference and/or use if absent * Staff to continue to offer support with work on google classroom (new or missed work) * Classrooms set up to allow for new Year group ‘bubbles’ in each zone * Classrooms set up to accommodate larger groups and restrict face-to-face seating where possible * Continued use of remote learning strategies for all pupils from all departments for those unable to attend and to close the gaps created following lockdown * Teaching staff to move to Zones to teach * Hand sanitisers to be placed on entrance/exit of each classroom and to be used by staff and pupils when moving from classrooms * Windows to be opened upon leaving a classroom for ventilation between lessons * Doors to be left open upon leaving a classroom for ventilation between lessons * Pupils and staff are required to wear a face mask on entrance and exit to school as well as when moving around the building and in social times unless outside | **L** |
| **3.3 Movement in corridors** | | | | | |
| **Social distancing guidance is breached when pupils circulate in corridors** | **M** | * Circulation plans have been reviewed and revised. * One-way systems are in place where possible. * Appropriate signage is in place to clarify circulation routes and Year group zones. * Pinch points, and bottlenecks such as entrances and exits are identified and managed accordingly. * Movement of pupils around school is minimised as much as possible, with pupils staying in classrooms and staff moving round. * Pupils are regularly briefed regarding observing social distancing guidance. * Appropriate duty rota and levels of supervision are in place. * Pupils have been placed in Year group ‘bubbles’ and designated ‘zones’ to limit movement * Morning time movement to each zone will be controlled and monitored by duty staff and SLT * Break and lunch times have been staggered to reduce movement from zones | Y  NA  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * Pupils have been placed in year group bubbles and remain in their zones throughout the day * Movement between lessons remains in bubble zones unless practical based subjects and this movement will be heavily controlled by staff collecting and returning pupils * Each year group has a specific entrance and designated waiting zone on entrance to school (see Standard operating procedures) * Each year group will exit through the entrance they use (see Standard operating procedures) * Each year group will form a ‘bubble’ and will remain together during their time at school in designated Zone (see Standard operating procedures) * Each ‘bubble’ will remain in a designated ‘zone’ in school for the majority of the week (one day exception to allow science practical sessions) (see Standard operating procedures) * The timetable has been adapted to include a prolonged P2/Break session and a split lunchtime (see Standard operating procedures) to ensure year groups are prevented from mixing * Staff supervision timetable at the beginning and end of the day has been generated to ensure pupils from different ‘bubbles’ do not mix * Staff supervision timetable created for break and lunch times has been generated to ensure pupils from different ‘bubbles’ do not mix * Standard operating procedures shared with staff. Pupils and parents are briefed * Training days planned for staff to ensure they are well briefed and understand the expectations and procedures put in place * Morning time movement will be controlled by duty staff and SLT * Pupils will return to form rooms at the end of the day to have a controlled and staggered exit from school * Pupils and staff are required to wear a face mask on entrance and exit to school as well as when moving around the building and in social times unless outside | **L** |
| **3.4 Break times** | | | | | |
| **Pupils may not observe maintaining bubbles and social distancing where appropriate at break times** | **H** | * Break times are staggered. * External areas are designated for different groups. * Pupils are reminded about social distancing as break times begin. * Social distancing signage is in place around the school and in key areas including all drop off and collection points. * Supervision levels have been enhanced, to support social distancing. * All pupils and staff clean their hands when they return from breaks | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * Each Year group bubble has their own designated break time to avoid mixing with other bubbles * Pupils are reminded about social distancing. * Hand washing and/or sanitising time planned into break times * Signage on display for reminders. * Supervision levels enhanced with staff: pupil ratio * Pupils and staff are required to wear a face mask on entrance and exit to school as well as when moving around the building and in social times unless outside | **L** |
| **3.5 Lunch times** | | | | | |
| **Pupils may not observe maintaining social bubbles and social distancing where appropriate at lunch times** | **H** | * Rotas are in place to prevent bubbles mixing * Pupils are reminded about social distancing as lunch times begin. * Pupils wash their hands before and after eating. * Dining area layouts have been configured to ensure social distancing and maintaining bubbles. * Floor markings are used to manage queues and enable social distancing. * Additional arrangements are in place, such as staggering lunch times, and new designated eating areas. * Eating areas are cleaned regularly between groups as much as possible | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * Split lunch times planned into timetable so there will be reduced numbers on lunch at a given time * Bubbles given designated areas to eat their lunch and have time outside to avoid mixing between bubbles * Pupils are reminded about social distancing. * Signage on display for reminders. * Floor markings to help with queues * Supervision levels enhanced with staff: pupil ratio * Hand washing time planned into lunch * Pupils to keep face coverings on in the canteen when moving and/or being served. face coverings can be removed when seated | **L** |
| **3.6 Toilets** | | | | | |
| **Queues for toilets and handwashing risk non-compliance with social distancing measures** | **H** | * Queuing zones for toilets and hand washing have been established and are monitored. * Floor markings are in place to enable social distancing. * Pupils are encouraged to access the toilet during class/throughout the day to help avoid queues and school policy is amended to reflect this * The toilets and sinks are cleaned frequently. * Monitoring ensures a constant supply of soap and paper towels. * Bins are emptied regularly. * Pupils are reminded regularly on how to wash hands and young children are supervised in doing so. - building these routines into school culture | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * Supplies of soap and paper towels monitored and regularly filled * Pupils supported to wash their hands effectively * Specific toilets allocated to specific year groups within their zones * Pupils encouraged to use toilets before school starts and in break/lunch times * Toilets in Zones will be accessible to pupils during lesson time for use at the discretion of the teacher * Toilets in each zone will be added to Wendy’s daily rota * Floor markings and signage in place * Supervision of toilet at all social times to monitor numbers and hygiene routines * Supervision levels enhanced with staff: pupil ratio | **L** |
| **3.7 Medical Rooms** | | | | | |
| **The configuration of medical rooms may compromise social distancing measures** | **H** | * Social distancing provisions are in place for medical rooms. * Additional rooms are designated for pupils with suspected COVID-19 whilst collection is arranged. * Procedures are in place for medical rooms to be cleaned after suspected COVID-19 cases, along with other affected areas, including toilets. | Y  Y  Y | * Meeting room in reception will become a designated ‘isolation room’ * Relevant staff given training on procedures if a child or member of staff displays symptoms and has used the medical or isolation room | **L** |

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| 3.8 Reception area | | | | | |
| **Groups of people gather in reception (parents, visitors, deliveries) which risks breaching social distancing guidelines** | **H** | * Social distancing points are clearly set out, using floor markings, continuing outside where necessary. * Social distancing guidance is clearly displayed to protect reception staff (e.g. distance from person stood at reception desk). * Non-essential deliveries and visitors to school are minimised. * Arrangements are in place for segregation of visitors. * Any essential visitors asked to comply with all required control measures. * All visitors sign in with contact details – to be used in the event of a local outbreak Parents should come into school buildings only when strictly necessary, by appointment, and ideally only one (unless for example, an interpreter or other support is required). * Any such meetings should take place at a safe distance (and so the use of small offices may not be suitable). | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * Restricted access to the main office with phone calls being encouraged and meetings to be arranged in advance. * Social distancing in place with markers on the floor * Shielding screens have been installed in reception for staff * Visitors to be restricted to 1 at a time in reception * Hand sanitiser station available for those dropping off deliveries * Floor markings outside the reception doors * Clear markings for pupil entrances on arrival * Separate entrances to be used for different groups, including staff * Parents given clear guidelines on our expectations for them when coming into school | **M** |
| **3.9 Arrival and departure from school** | | | | | |
| **Pupils and parents congregate at exits and entrances, making social distancing measures difficult to apply** | **H** | * Finish times are staggered. * The use of available entrances and exits is maximised. * The need to remove face coverings when pupils and staff who use them arrive at school is communicated clearly to them * Pupils and staff clean hands on arrival and departure to school * Social distancing guidelines are reinforced at entrances and exits through signage and floor/ground markings, including external drop-off and pick-up points. * Weekly messages to parents stress the need for social distancing at arrival and departure times. | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * Pupils and parents informed of our expectations * Each year group has a specific entrance and designated waiting zone on entrance to school (see Standard operating procedures) * Each year group will exit through the entrance they use (see Standard operating procedures) * Parents picking up and dropping off to remain in their cars, off site as normal * Staff entrance is different to pupils to reduce congestion * TA timetables adapted to ensure each Zone has sufficient TA supervision * TA hours adapted for some to ensure staff are available for morning supervision * The canteen area has been set up for two year group bubbles to congregate in the morning separately * The Sports Hall has been set up to allow a year group to congregate in the morning and for lunch time * The yard has been set up to allow year group bubbles to congregate in the morning separately * The yard has been set up to allow year groups to enjoy time outside at break and lunch separately * An area of the yard has been sectioned off to create a pathway for year groups to travel into school from a designated entrance safely away from another year group bubble * Pupils will return to form rooms at the end of the day to have a controlled and staggered exit from school * Pupils and staff are required to wear a face mask on entrance and exit to school as well as when moving around the building and in social times unless outside | **M** |
| **3.10 Transport** | | | | | |
| **The use of public and school transport by pupils poses risks in terms of social distancing** | **H** | * Guidance is in place for pupils and parents on how social distancing can be observed on public transport. This includes advice on the use of face coverings for pupils over the age of 11 * Survey parents on their typical routes to school and potential alternatives. * ‘Safer travel guidance for passengers’ is shared with families using public transport. * Settings should also consider ways to minimise use of public transport to get to and from school at peak time. * Guidance is in place for dedicated school transport – social distancing does not apply from the autumn term if systems are in place to minimise risk of transmission * The need to remove face coverings when pupils and staff who use them arrive at school is communicated clearly to them | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * Encourage alternative transport to and from school * Letters to parents to include recommendations about avoiding public transport where possible * Pupils and staff are required to wear a face mask on entrance and exit to school as well as when moving around the building and in social times unless outside | **M** |
| **3.11 Staff areas** | | | | | |
| **The configuration of staff rooms and offices makes compliance with social distancing measures problematic** | **M** | * Plan how shared staff spaces are used to help staff distance from each other * Use of classrooms/teaching areas for staff free time to be minimised where possible * Use of staff rooms minimised if possible | Y  Y | * Open teaching spaces to be used where possible by staff if not in use * Staff to use shared staff spaces when free to avoid using teaching areas if open teaching spaces are in use * Staff to ensure these areas are kept clean following use * Santiser packs to be placed in each communal area * When using the staff room staff must maintain social distancing measures. It is the staff's responsibility to ensure numbers don’t become too high to prevent social distancing. This includes other areas used by staff, e.g open work spaces and offices * Small staff rooms can only accommodate a maximum of 2 people at a time. Face coverings must be worn when using these shared spaces and surfaces cleaned on exit | **L** |
| **4. Continuing enhanced protection for children and staff with underlying health conditions** | | | | | |
| **4.1 Pupils with underlying health issues** | | | | | |
| **Pupils with underlying health issues or those who are shielding are not identified and so measures have not been put in place to protect them** | **H** | * Parents have been provided with clear guidance and this is reinforced on a regular basis. * Parents have been asked to make the school aware of pupils’ underlying health conditions and the school has sought to ensure that the appropriate guidance has been acted upon. * The school, and parents are clear about the definitions and associated mitigating strategies in relation to people who are classed as **clinically vulnerable** and **clinically extremely vulnerable.** * Schools have a regularly updated register of pupils with underlying health conditions. | Y  Y  Y  Y | * Parents have made school aware of the children with underlying health issues * Information regarding pupils on medical register is updated | **L** |

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| 4.2 Staff with underlying health issues | | | | | |
| **Staff with underlying health issues (extremely vulnerable, vulnerable or at heightened risk) are not identified and so measures have not been put in place to protect them** | **H** | * All members of staff with underlying health issues, those within vulnerable groups or those with extreme vulnerabilities have been instructed to make their condition or circumstances known to the school. Records are kept of this and regularly updated. * Members of staff with underlying health conditions have been asked to seek and act on the advice of their GP/consultant/midwife or current government advice. * Staff are clear about the definitions and associated mitigating strategies relation to people who are classed as **clinically vulnerable** and **clinically extremely vulnerable.** * Staff previously designated as vulnerable or extremely vulnerable are now expected to return to work (home working is no longer appropriate for school based staff) * Vulnerable staffs risk assessments will acknowledge their requirement to work in school may change depending on community rates of transmission * All staff with extreme vulnerabilities are in work following an individual risk assessment, and those with heightened risk factors have also had a risk assessment. * Current government guidance is being applied. | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * School has records of staff with underlying health issues. * Guidance from DfE about definitions and strategies have been sent in daily updates from LA * National guidance is being followed and shared * Risk assessments will be undertaken with identified members of staff for their return to work if not done so already * Staff that were previously designated as vulnerable or extremely vulnerable and shielding will have an individual risk assessment and meeting with a member of SLT | **L** |
| **4.3 Staff at higher risk of developing more severe complications** | | | | | |
| **Employees with additional risk factors and measures have not been put in place to protect them.**  **(Additional risk factors are BAME, smoking, high blood pressure, obesity, age, disability, pregnancy)** | **H** | * Employees have had discussions with their line managers and provided clear guidance specific for their needs. * Employees have been asked to make their line manager aware of any underlying health conditions and the manager has sought to ensure that the appropriate guidance has been acted upon. * The service is clear about the definitions and associated mitigating strategies relation to people who have any additional risk factors. The following are classed as additional risk factors; BAME, smoking, high blood pressure, obesity, age, disability, pregnancy * Records are kept of this and regularly updated. * Members of staff with additional risk factors have been asked to seek and act on the advice of their GP/consultant/midwife/occupational health or current government advice. * Staff are clear about the definitions and associated mitigating strategies relation to people who are classed as having an additional risk factor. * All staff with additional risk factors that put them at increased risk from COVID-19 are working in line with national guidance and the services’ risk assessment. * Current government guidance is being applied. | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * School has records of staff with underlying health issues. * Guidance from DfE about definitions and strategies have been sent in daily updates from LA * All staff to return to work full time apart from those designated ‘extremely clinically vulnerable’ and in possession of a shielding letter * National guidance is being followed and shared * Risk assessments undertaken with identified members of staff for their return to work if not done so already | **L** |
| **5. Enhancing mental health support for pupils and staff** | | | | | |
| **5.1 Mental health concerns – pupils** | | | | | |
| **Pupils’ mental health has been adversely affected during the period that the school has been closed and by the COVID-19 crisis in general** | **H** | * There are sufficient numbers of trained staff available to support pupils with mental health issues. * There is access to designated staff for all pupils who wish to talk to someone about wellbeing/mental health. * Wellbeing/mental health is discussed regularly in PSHE/virtual assemblies/pupil briefings (stories are used for some vulnerable pupils to help talk about feeling where appropriate). * Resources/websites to support the mental health of pupils are provided | Y  Y  Y  Y | * A higher number of staff are trained in mental health support via on-line learning that has taken place during lockdown. * Pastoral leaders and Form tutors to use face to face interviews and home contact to identify pupils who may need extra support * Resources for supporting mental health are on the website and have also been provided via PD google classroom for each pupil. | **L** |
| **5.2 Mental health concerns – staff** | | | | | |
| **The mental health of staff has been adversely affected during the period that the school has been closed and by the COVID-19 crisis in general** | **H** | * Staff are encouraged to focus on their wellbeing. * Line managers are proactive in discussing wellbeing with the staff that they manage, including their workload. * Staff briefings and training have included content on wellbeing. * Staff briefings/training on wellbeing are provided. * Staff have been signposted to useful websites and resources. (e.g. Salford Wellbeing Programme) | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * Staff have been signposted to resources to support mental health * Staff have been encouraged to complete on-line training to support their mental health * School chaplain to offer some spiritual and emotional support to staff and pupils | **L** |
| **Working from home can adversely affect mental health** | **H** | * Staff working from home due to self-isolation have regular catch ups with line managers. * Staff are encouraged to speak regularly with colleagues, take regular breaks and exercise. * Appropriate work plans have been agreed with support provided where necessary. * Staff working from home due to track and trace isolation will be expected to conduct as many aspects of their role as possible e.g live lessons, setting of work, phone calls, etc | Y  Y  Y  Y | * Each member of staff that was working from home throughout lockdown has an allocated member of SLT to check in with them on their return * All staff to return to work full time apart from those designated ‘extremely clinically vulnerable’ and in possession of a shielding letter * Staff have been signposted to resources to support mental health * Staff have been encouraged to complete on-line training to support their mental health * School chaplain to offer some spiritual and emotional support to staff and pupils | **L** |
| **5.3 Bereavement support** | | | | | |
| **Pupils and staff are grieving because of loss of friends or family** | **H** | * The school has access to trained staff who can deliver bereavement counselling and support. * Support is requested from other organisations when necessary. | Y  Y | * Staff and pupils that are grieving are provided with opportunities to have counselling and support. * A large number of staff have completed an online course on supporting people who have been bereaved * School chaplain to offer some spiritual and emotional support to staff and pupils | **M** |
| **6. Operational issues** | | | | | |
| **6.1 Review of fire procedures** | | | | | |
| **Fire procedures are not appropriate to cover new arrangements** | **H** | * Fire procedures have been reviewed and revised where required, due to: * Possible absence of fire marshals * Maintenance of bubbles and Social distancing measures during evacuation and at muster points * Possible need for additional muster point(s) to enable social distancing where possible * Staff and pupils have been briefed on any new evacuation procedures. * Incident controller and fire marshals have been trained and briefed appropriately. | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * Designated assembly points for each year group bubble * HODs to be designated fire marshals for the Zone their department is teaching in during a fire procedure. * Site staff and SLT will support HODs in their roles as fire marshals * Fire drill walkthrough will take place for each year groups first days back in school in September * A whole school fire drill to take place by the end of September | **L** |
| **Fire evacuation drills - unable to apply social distancing effectively** | **H** | * Plans for fire evacuation drills are in place for early in the autumn which are in line with maintaining bubbles and social distancing measures. | Y | ● Fire drills will be tested to ensure social distancing is in place and the pupils adhere to this   * Fire drill walkthrough will take place for each year groups first days back in school in September * A whole school fire drill to take place by the end of September | **L** |
| **Fire marshals absent due to self-isolation** | **H** | * An additional staff rota is in place for fire marshals to cover any absences and staff have been briefed accordingly. | Y | ● HODs to be designated fire marshals for the Zone their department is teaching in during a fire procedure.   * Site staff and SLT will support HODs in their roles as fire marshals | **L** |
| **6.2 Managing premises on reopening after closure during the school holidays** | | | | | |
| **All systems may not be operational** | **H** | * Government guidance is being implemented where appropriate. * All systems have been recommissioned. | Y | * Caretaker staff have been onsite daily and maintenance of the site has been on-going if required * All systems have been in place so do not need to be | **L** |
| **Statutory compliance has not been completed due to the availability of contractors during lockdown** | **H** | * All statutory compliance is up to date. * Where water systems have not been maintained throughout lockdown, chlorination, flushing and certification by a specialist contractor has been arranged. | Y  Y | ● All taps have been flushed as required.  ● All daily/weekly routines have been carried out | **L** |
| **6.3 Contractors working on the school site** | | | | | |
| **Contractors on-site whilst school is in operation may pose a risk to social distancing and infection control** | **H** | * Ongoing works and scheduled inspections for schools (e.g. estates related) have been designated as essential work by the government and so are set to continue. * An assessment has been carried out to see if any additional control measures are required to keep staff, pupils and contractors safe. * Assurances have been sought from the contractors that all staff attending the setting will be in good health (symptom-free) and that contractors have procedures in place to ensure effective social distancing is maintained at all times. * Alternative arrangements have been considered such as using a different entrance for contractors and organising classes so that contractors and staff/pupils are kept apart. * Social distancing is being maintained throughout any such works and where this is not possible arrangements are reviewed. * In addition to arrangements for COVID-19, normal contractor procedures are being applied and have been updated in light of COVID-19 (including contractor risk assessments and method statements, and contractor induction). | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * Only essential contractors to be on site or allowed in the building * Contractors to be briefed by site staff on COVID-19 Standard Operating Procedures before entering the building * Only identified entrances and exits to be used * Supervision in place at all times * All safeguarding checks and other procedures completed as normal | **L** |
| **7. Finance** | | | | | |
| **7.1 Costs of the school’s response to COVID-19** | | | | | |
| **The costs of additional measures and enhanced services to address COVID-19 when reopening places, the school in financial difficulties** | **H** | * Additional cost pressures due to COVID-19 identified and an end-of-year forecast which factors them in has been produced. * LA or trust finance team has been consulted to identify potential savings in order to work towards a balanced budget. * Additional COVID-19 related costs are under monitoring and options for reducing costs over time and as guidance changes are under review. * Additional sources of income are under exploration. * The school’s projected financial position has been shared with governors and LA or trust. | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * School has set up a separate budget to monitor Covid 19 spend. This is closely monitored and reported to governors. * A claim has been submitted to the DFE for additional cost incurred due to Covid 19. * School has requested via heads of departments to pool resources to support the return of all pupils in September to ensure every working classroom has the required resources to ensure they can carry out their lessons smoothly and effectively. | **L** |

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| 8. Governance | | | | | |
| **8.1 Oversight of the governing body** | | | | | |
| **Lack of governor oversight during the COVID-19 crisis leads to the school failing to meet statutory requirements.** | **H** | * The governing body continues to meet when key decisions need to be made via online platforms. * The governing body agendas are structured to ensure all statutory requirements are discussed and school leaders are held to account for their implementation. * The headteachers report to governors includes content and updates on how the school is continuing to meet its statutory obligations in addition to covering the school’s response to COVID-19. * Regular dialogue with the Chair of Governors and those governors with designated responsibilities is in place. * Minutes of governing body meetings are reviewed to ensure that they accurately record governors’ oversight and holding leaders to account for areas of statutory responsibility. | Y  Y  Y  Y  Y | * Chair of governors and chairs of subcommittees invited to reports * Invite Headteacher's PA to take minutes for these meetings | **L** |
| **9. Additional site-specific issues and risks** | | | | | |
| * **Settings to add any site-specific issues/arrangements here and ensure mitigation strategies are in place to address them** | | | | | |
| **Misuse of water fountains could increase the risk of the virus spreading** | M | * Staff and pupils will be briefed on the use of water fountains * Signage will be in place on all fountains | Y  Y | * Use of water fountains will be restricted to bubbles in zones * Use of water fountains will be restricted to filling up bottles, no direct drinking * Users to sanitise hands before and after use | L |
| **Parent and pupil congregation at school entrances breaches social distancing measures and causes distress to local residents** | M | * Parents will be sent reminders about where they can pick up and drop off pupils * Pupils will be reminded of our expectations for their behaviour on entrance and exit of the school premises * The school will liaise with the police on concerns about parking and safety at certain entrances/exits | Y  Y  Y | * SLT to monitor this on reopening * Duty staff to monitor pupils behaviour, social distancing and any road traffic violations | L |
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