

#### COVID19: Risk Assessment and Action Plan from September 2021 Updated 25-1-2022.

### The Robert Drake Primary School

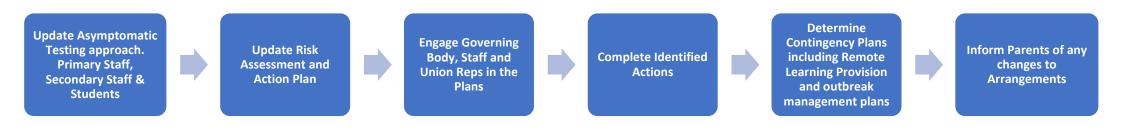
All actions reviewed by the governing body and updated regularly.

### Purpose of this document:

This COVID19: Risk Assessment and Action Plan document sets out the decisions taken and measures put in place following the end of restrictions in July and changes to self-isolation protocols in August, to ensure the school continues to operate in a safe way. Existing policies and guidance continue to apply alongside the actions within this document, including but not limited to:

- Health and Safety Policy
- First Aid Policy
- Child Protection Policy
- CYP Response Plan
- DFE Guidance relating to COVID19
- Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR) 2013
- The Health Protection (Notification) Regulations 2010
- Public Health England (PHE) (2017) 'Health protection in schools and other childcare facilities'

# **Risk Assessment for Full Re-opening:**



# **Risk Assessment/ Action Plan Sections:**

- Engagement in Risk Assessment and Planning
- Site Arrangements
- Emergency Evacuations
- Cleaning and waste disposal
- Classrooms
- Staffing
- Visitors to School Site
- Catering
- PPE
- Response to suspected/ confirmed case of COVID19 in school
- Remote Education Plan
- Safeguarding
- Curriculum / learning environment
- Attendance
- Communication
- Governors/ Governance
- Finance

Theme	Control Measures	Risk to Implementation	Risk Level Pre-Action	Action Required / Decision Made	Action Completed Date	Risk Level Post-Action
Engagement in Risk Assessment and Planning	Risk assessment process fully engages staff, governing body and union representatives.	Risk assessment is not shared with staff, union representative and governing body. Staff and governors not engaged or consulted during risk assessment process.	H	All detail in this document to be shared with all staff and agreed by the governing body. Shared with all staff 17/1/22. Ongoing.	By 17.1.22	L
	Consideration given to premises lettings and approach in place.	Hall cannot be let and reassembled with sufficient time for cleaning in between. Lettings not reviewed to ensure they are aligned with guidance.	M	Office staff- Lettings risk assessment completed.  17.1.22 currently no lettings.	17.1.22	L
Site Arrangements	Consideration given to the arrangements for any deliveries.	Delivery staff entering school premises. Risk of cross contamination.  Packages and letters-cross contamination.	M	Premises staff and office staff - Delivery staff to leave any packages at the gate. Member of office staff to inform premises staff and wait at gate with package until site staff arrive to collect it.  Packages/post to be handled with gloves. If packages opened inside, clean area	By 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021	L

	Dedicated testing site organised, signage up and cleaning processes in place (see full guidance available).	N/A		immediately and dispose of packaging immediately. Open packages outside if it isn't raining.		
Emergency Evacuations	Evacuation routes are confirmed, and signage accurately reflects these.  Consideration given to PEEP – buddies are assigned or reassigned according to available persons.  Arrangements in place to support individuals with reduced mobility including cover arrangements in the case of reduced numbers of staff.	Evacuation routes are not shared with the school community (updated following ending of bubbles – this may be returned to pre COVID19 arrangements).	Н	Evacuation procedure returns to normal procedure. Share with all staff and children.	2.9.2021	L
Cleaning and waste disposal	Enhanced cleaning regime is in place in line with <u>COVID19</u> : <u>Cleaning in non healthcare settings</u> <u>guidance</u> .	Enhanced cleaning does not remain a necessary control measure.	Н	Premises staff - Enhanced cleaning schedule implemented throughout the site, ensuring that contact points, work surfaces,	By 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021	L

	door handles, taps etc.
	are all thoroughly
	cleaned and
	disinfected regularly.
	Paper hand towels and
	dispensers, soap
	dispensers and
	antibacterial handgel,
	antiviral spray and
	cloth (changed daily)
	are to be checked daily
	and replaced as
	needed by
	premises staff. 2 boxes
	of tissues per class – 1
	enclosed bin. Lidded
	bins are foot operated.
	In each class- 2 masks
	(disposable) and 2
	visors. Check supplies
	daily.
	Enhanced cleaning
	regime for toilet
	facilities particularly
	door handles, locks
	and toilet flush.
	Signs for toilets – all
	toilet seats must be
	put down before
	flushing.

Cleaning staff capacity is adequate to enable enhanced cleaning regime.	No hand sanitiser for visitors to reception. Classrooms do not have tissues. Low supply of soap and hand sanitiser. Low supply of paper towels. Disposal of used paper towels and tissues etc.	Н	Hand sanitiser available at the school entrance. Handwashing stations outside each classroom when children arrive, hand sanitizer. Lidded bins in all classrooms and other rooms in school. Disposable tissues in each classroom to implement the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach. Hand sanitiser inside the classroom. Stock check and ordering schedule reviewed and order made.	By 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021	L
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Adequate cleaning supplies and facilities around the school are in place.  Arrangements for longer-term continual supplies are also in place.	No hand sanitiser for visitors to reception.  Classrooms do not have tissues.  Low supply of soap and hand sanitiser.  Low supply of paper towels.  Disposal of used paper towels and tissues etc.	M	Hand sanitiser available at the school entrance. Handwashing stations outside each classroom when children arrive, hand sanitiser, cleaning wipes. Lidded bins in all classrooms and other rooms in school. Disposable tissues in each classroom to implement the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach. Hand sanitiser inside the classroom. Stock check and ordering schedule reviewed and order made. List of cover staff for cleaners organised in case of absence.	By 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021	L
	Cleaning classrooms too soon after pupils have left.	М	Where possible, staff to have left the site by 5pm. If staff require later access to school for operational reasons, arrangements with premises staff to	17.1.22	L

Sufficient time is available for the enhanced cleaning regime to take place.	Having time to clean all main areas of the school once the children and staff have gone home.		be made in advance to enable cleaning to be scheduled.  All personal belongings must be removed from the classroom immediately. The classrooms will be locked once they are cleaned.  Staff must not enter the classroom again once they have left for the day		
Waste disposal process in place for potentially contaminated waste.	Cross contamination.  Storage of waste bags and containers from classrooms and toilets.  (Testing waste is no longer considered hazardous and can be disposed of in the usual waste).	M	Premises staff -  Waste collections made when the minimum number of persons are on site (i.e. after normal opening hours).  Hazardous waste collection organised.	By 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021	L
Process in place for safe removal and/or disposal of face masks.	Non-safe removal and disposal of masks. (some pupils/ staff may choose to wear face coverings in some situations and know	М	All staff- Safe removal and disposal of masks and disposable gloves – see the school's process for safe	By 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021	L

		how to dispose of them appropriately).		wearing and removal of face masks. This follows government guidance. See government guidance for information on disposable gloves.  Disposal of masks in lidded bins in each room.  Parents to teach their children how to remove masks — shared in letter to parents.		
Classrooms	Classrooms have appropriate ventilation arrangements.	Appropriate ventilation arrangements are not in place.  The HSE have stated that they consider the risk of transmission through the use of ceiling and desk fans to be extremely low. A link to their latest guidance is available <a href="here">here</a> . Key points are:	Н	Windows and outside doors open before and after lessons, and during lessons when temperatures allow.  Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.  Ensure all areas of the school are well ventilated and a comfortable learning	2.9.2021	L

Maximise natural environment is ventilation / fresh air as maintained. much as possible. Good ventilation can This is achieved by a help reduce the risk of variety of measures spreading coronavirus. including natural Schools should be able ventilation – opening windows (in cooler to continue using most air conditioning unless it weather windows should be opened just is solely re-circulated air (the units in the enough to provide computing suite pull in constant background air from outside so ventilation, and should be fine to use). opened more fully Schools may want to during breaks to purge consider where they the air in the space). position desk fans in Opening external and relation to staff and internal doors can also pupils. assist with creating a throughput of air (as long as they are not fire doors and where safe to do so). To balance the need for increased ventilation while maintaining a comfortable temperature, the following measures will also be used as appropriate:

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	which place a legal	
	obligation on	
	employers to provide a	
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	temperature in the	
	workplace.	
	The <u>Approved Code of</u>	
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	minimum temperature	
	in a workplace should	
	normally be at least 16	
	degrees Celsius.	
	<b>Air Quality Monitors</b>	
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				1500+ full ventilation to improve airflow and air quality rapidly.		
	Approach to staff absence reporting and recording in place. All staff aware.	Inadequate staffing in school.	н	Staff to continue to follow staff absence procedures.	By 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021	L
Staffing	Risk assessments in place for those staff who are clinically extremely vulnerable, and appropriate arrangements for mitigating risk are identified.  Communication arrangements are in place with those staff and their role in continuing to support the working of the school is clear.	Risk assessments not in place. Shielding is no longer in place.	M	Risk assessments show that all staff are able to return to work under the current guidance. Safety arrangements are in place to support individual members of staff if needed.	By 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021	L
	Staffing roles and responsibilities with regards to the contingency remote provision alongside inschool provision agreed and communicated.	responsibilities. Adequate staffing and time to continue with	М	Staff are aware of their role in the continued contingency plans regarding remote education, should the plan be enacted.	By 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021.	L
	Approach to support wellbeing, mental health and resilience in	Knowing where/who to approach for support.	М	Staff are aware of available support and advice for schools and	2.9.2021 Ongoing monitoring	L

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available to staff who prefer to use						

them or for when adding more people to a staff room would reduce social distancing ability).					
·	Possible diagnosis or having symptoms COVID 19.	Н	See school document  - 'COVID-19 Operational Guidance'.  Register of staff/pupils using each area of the school. Office staff- Investigate self- testing kits for availability in school. Procedures to follow if somebody has symptoms in school.  Lateral Flow Tests (LFT): All staff - twice weekly testing and registration of results with school and government.	By 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021. Reviewed and updated regularly, in line with current COVID 19 regulations.	L
externally employed adults delivering learning in school e.g.	Cross contamination, understanding of school's current health and safety procedures.	Н	Share amended procedures, obtain their assessments outlining controls, e.g. only offering limited	By 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021	L

	forest school leaders. Protocols and expectations shared.			activities which maintain distancing, all equipment stringently cleaned.		
Visitors to School Site	Arrangements in place for any visitors/ contractors on site, protocols and expectations shared.  NB: Their employer may require them to wear PPE. This should be documented as part of the risk assessment carried out by the Contractor.	Cross contamination, understanding of school's current health and safety procedures.	M	External visitors must be pre-agreed by the school and be participating in twice weekly LFT. Those visiting on an ad-hoc basis should be asked to carry out a LFT before visiting.  In exceptional circumstances, if visitors need to come into school, they must follow all procedures set out in the school's COVID Visitor Protocol.  Contractors working on the current building project must participate in LFT twice weekly and report results.  All contractors have NO contact with any pupils during school hours and work within a contained area.	17.1.22.  By 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021	L

				Contractors must walk around the outside of the building to access their own toilets and welfare unit. All communication required is through the site staff. Other contractors can only visit the school outside of school hours.  Check with the contractor any requirements their employer has specified before visit.  H&S checklist for contractors.  Share school protocols.  Ensure there are no pupils/staff in the specified area within the school.		
(external) a	are encouraged to social and take twice weekly LFT	Parents not aware of school COVID-19 risk assessment. Parents are not reminded prior to visiting the school site of restrictions currently in place.	M	Parents are informed, prior to visiting, of any current restrictions put in place by the school.	19 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	L

				Parents are reminded of COVID-19 procedures upon entering the site and are informed not to attend if they are displaying any symptoms of COVID-19.  Parents are not to enter the school building and will be informed that no toilet and changing facilities are available. Hand sanitizer available upon entry to the school site.		
Catering	Arrangements for the continued provision of FSMs for eligible children not attending school due to self-isolation are in place.	Entitled pupils do not receive provision  (this is only applicable for under 18s who have tested positive for COVID19 and required to isolate, who are eligible for FSMs).	M	Office staff to monitor FSM provision for all pupils and adapt as and when required.	By 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021	L
PPE	All staff and visitors (unless with a valid exemption) requested to wear a face covering in the corridors and communal areas.	Lack of PPE in school for staff.	H	Initial replenishment of supply of disposable face masks on 29/11/21.	25 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 (change from statutory use of	L

	(From November 2021 update). Face coverings are not required outside.  PPE requirements understood and appropriate supplies in place.		Monitor supplies and re order as needed.	face coverings to "requested to" reflecting change of guidance 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2022.	
Response to suspected/ confirmed case of COVID19 in school	Approach to confirmed COVID19 cases in place: during school day  • Which staff member/s should be informed/ take action  • Area established to be used if an individual is displaying symptoms during the school day and needs to be isolated  • Cleaning procedure in place  • Arrangements for informing parent community in place  • Approach to close contacts and positive cases – check operational guidance for latest procedures and timescales required for isolation, type of test	Н	If a pupil or student begins to display symptoms of COVID19 during the day, they are isolated and parent is called immediately. They wait to be collected in the medical room, overseen by a member of staff.  Any staff member who begins to display symptoms of COVID19 during the day, immediately informs the headteacher and office staff and leaves the site as soon as possible.  Individuals are given a PCR from school stock or asked to seek a PCR test as soon as	By 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021	L

required to validate a confirmed case.			possible. NB PCR confirmation is suspended to positive LFT from January 11, 2022 – school operational procedures updated to allow for this change.  Close contacts are identified by NHS test and trace if the individual has confirmed case.  For latest advice on how close contacts should manage isolation or daily testing, see link here.	From January 11, 2022 until reintroduced.  Ongoing.	
Approach to confirmed COVID19 cases in place: outside of school hours  • Cleaning procedure in place • Arrangements for informing parent community in place	'COVID 19 Operational Guidance' not in place.	Н	See 'COVID 19 Operational Guidance.' Close contacts are now identified by NHS test and trace following a confirmed case.  Those who have been double vaccinated or under 18 do not need to isolate but asked to take a daily LFT instead.	Operational Guidance updated 17.1.22.  From 11.1.22.	L

	<ul> <li>Approach to close contacts and positive cases – check operational guidance for latest procedures and timescales required for isolation, type of test required to validate a confirmed case.</li> </ul>			School to contact Essex Test and Trace team for advice.  For latest advice on how close contacts should manage isolation or daily LFT testing, see link here.	Ongoing	
Remote Education Plan	Contingency plan for remote learning developed should selfisolation or restricted attendance be required.	No contingency plan for remote learning in place.	M	Remote learning contingency plan in place. Staff and children aware of how to access remote learning. Continue to liaise with families to ensure fair access to technology/curriculum etc.	By 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021	L
	Technology support in place. DFE laptop allocation ordered, for contingency purposes.	Access to technology at home.	M	Continue to liaise with families to ensure fair access to technology/curriculum . Continue to monitor and review all	By 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021	L

				government guidelines and technology offers to schools.		
	Staff are prepared for supporting wellbeing of pupils and receiving any potential disclosures.	Staff unaware of updated policy and procedure.	Н	Staff refresher training session on processes and procedures and the revised wellbeing material.	By 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021	L
Safeguarding	Updated Child Protection Policy in place.	Staff unaware of updated policy and procedure.	М	Adopt the most recent COVID19 Child Protection Policy.  Share with staff at refresher training.  Continue to monitor and review.	By 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021	L
	Where appropriate, work with other agencies, such as social care, has been undertaken to support vulnerable CYP and families to complete risk assessments and planning.	Monitoring vulnerable children and families during COVID 19.	Н	Continue- regular contact with identified families. Feeding back any issues to relevant staff and outside agencies in a timely manner.	By 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021	L

	Where physical contact is required in the context of managing behaviour.	Breach of behaviour policy or Consistent Management Plan (if relevant).	Н	Review individual consistent management plans to ensure they include protective measures.	By 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021	L
	Current learning plans, revised expectations and required adjustments have been considered.	Pupils struggle to access learning.	Н	Full curriculum implemented with a focus on PSHE during the first week and additional intervention for identified pupils.	By 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021	L
Curriculum / learning environment	Whole school approach to adapting curriculum (S/M/L term), including:  • Wellbeing curriculum  • recognising 'non-curriculum' learning that is being done at home  • capturing pupil achievements/ outcomes	Adapting the curriculum to cater for individual needs.	M	All staff are trained and supported in front of classroom delivery style and aware of how best to provide students with additional support.  DFE 'Catch Up' programme in place. Continue to monitor and review.	By 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021	L

Attendance						L
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	Arrangements for teaching pupils how to keep themselves safe online are in place and aligned to the contingency remote learning plan.	Pupils' safety online.	M	All online safety policies in place and shared with staff, families and pupils.  Regular online safety lessons for pupils including Online Safety week.	By 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021.	L
	Student behaviour policy reviewed and amended where necessary to reflect the current circumstances.	Breach of Behaviour Policy.	M	Current behaviour policy in place.  On the first day back after each half term, staff to remind the children about the following: Behaviour and Anti-Bullying Policy. COVID 19 procedure to follow in school.	2.9.2021	L
	<ul> <li>utilising the DFE 'catch-up' funding and programmes</li> <li>contingency remote learning plan</li> </ul>			Recovery Curriculum implemented across the school.  Contingency Remote		

	Approach to promoting and supporting attendance for all pupils determined, including those who may be anxious.	Pupils not attending school.	M	Continue with daily absence procedures.	By 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021.	
	Approach to support for parents where rates of persistent absence were high before closure.	Parents not engaging in support.	М	Continue with welfare procedures in place.	By 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021.	L
	Information shared with staff around the updated plan, including returning to some pre COVID arrangements and some new arrangements – as appropriate.	Staff don't have all information regarding re opening.	Н	All information shared regularly with all staff.	By 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021.	L
Communication	Union representatives informed of updated plans.	Lack of communications.	Н	Union representatives consulted and in agreement with this risk assessment.	By 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021.	L
	Updated Risk Assessment published on website.	Risk assessment not shared on website.	М	Publish risk assessment on website. Update regularly.	By 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2022.	L
	Communications with parents on the:					L

	<ul> <li>Revised plans, any control measures that remain in place and any that have ceased</li> <li>Contingency plans</li> <li>Outbreak management plans</li> <li>Wellbeing/ pastoral support</li> </ul>	Parents don't have all information regarding returning to school.	M	All information shared regularly with all parents.	By 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021.	
	Pupil communications around:  Revised plans, any control measures that remain in place and any that have ceased  Contingency plans  Outbreak management plans	Pupils don't have all information regarding returning to school.	M	All information shared regularly with all pupils.	By 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021.	L
	On-going regular communication plans determined to ensure parents are kept well-informed.	Parents are not well informed about every day school life.	М	Letters, website updates, newsletters.	By 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021.	L
Governors/ Governance						L

	Governors have oversite of plans and risk assessments.  Approach to communication between Leaders and governors is clear and understood.	Governors are not clear on their role and are not involved in strategic planning.	Н	Virtual governing body meetings. Virtual governing body meetings organised. Decisions minuted and monitored.	By 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021.	
	Governors have oversight of all staff wellbeing and appropriate arrangements in place to support Headteacher and SLT. Refer to Headteacher wellbeing materials.	Governors are not clear on their role and no understanding or knowledge of staff wellbeing.	н	Virtual governing body meetings include staff wellbeing and feedback form wellbeing committee. Virtual governing body meetings organised. Decisions minuted and monitored.	By 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021.	L
	Additional costs incurred due to COVID19 are understood and clearly documented.	Additional costs related to COVID 19 are not recorded.	М	Record any additional cost related to COVID19.	By 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021.	L
Finance	Claims submitted for reimbursement for example, increased premises related costs; additional cleaning; support for FSM	Additional costs related to COVID 19 are not recorded.	М	Monitor, record costs and make claims under the listed circumstances.	By 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021.	L

	Any loss of income understood, including the impact of lettings and the financial implications of possibly not restarting.	Loss of income from lettings.	M	Continue to record the loss of income from lettings will be recorded and ensure that this is reflected in the new budget.	By 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021.	L
	Test kits are securely stored and distributed to staff and students (secondary).	N/A				
Testing	Staff and students (secondary) are aware of how to safely take and process the test.  Shared the following:  NHS instruction leaflet  Training video and online resources on the document sharing platform  Contact details if queries  Process for reporting incidents	N/A				
	Staff and students (secondary) are aware of how to report their test results to school and to NHS Test and Trace.	N/A				
	Staff and students (secondary) are aware of how to report any	N/A				

	incidents both clinical and non clinical.  Process in place to monitor and replenish test supplies - may require more regular orders if close contacts are required to test daily for 7-10 days after contact.	N/A			From 14 December 2021	
Outbreak Management Plan	Outbreak management plan developed to cover arrangements should children, pupils, students or staff test positive for COVID19, and how the school shall operate if advised to take extra measures to help break chains of transmission.  Settings will continue to have a role in working with health protection teams in the case of a local outbreak. If there is a substantial increase in the number of positive cases in a setting (Stepping measures up and down) or if central government offers the area an enhanced response package, a director of public health might advise a setting to temporarily reintroduce some control measures.	Outbreak Management	Н	See 'COVID 19 Operational Guidance'.	By 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021.	L