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| **Area/Activity Assessed** | COVID-19 Spring Term 2022 | **Responsible Person** | Headteacher – Julie Simons |

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| **Persons Exposed** | **Employees** | [x]  | **Contractor** | [x]  | **Young Person** | [x]  | **Expectant Mother** | [ ]  | **Visitors and/or Public** | [x]  | **Trespassers** | [ ]  |
| **Frequency of Exposure** | **Continually** | [ ]  | **Hourly** | [ ]  | **Daily** | [x]  | **Weekly** | [ ]  | **Monthly** | [ ]  | **Yearly** | [ ]  |
| **Duration of Exposure** | **Less than 1hr** | [ ]  | **1-2 hrs** | [ ]  | **3-4 hrs** | [ ]  | **5-6 hrs** | [ ]  | **7-8 hrs** | [ ]  | **More than** **8 hrs** | [x]  |

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| Probability - (5=Very Likely, 4= Likely, 3= Quite Possible, 2= Possible, 1= Unlikely)Severity - (5=Catastrophic, 4=Major, 3=Moderate, 2=Minor, 1=Insignificant) | 0-8 - Low risk No Action Required.9-15 - Medium risk Ensure adequate controls are in use.16-25 - High Risk Stop operation and implement adequate control measures |

This Risk Assessment was implemented on 14/07/2021 by Compliance Education It will be reviewed on a regular basis and when there have been significant changes in government, United Kingdom Health Security Agency (UKHSA) and local authority guidance.

The risk assessment highlights all control measures the school has put in place to ensure the school is COVID-Secure for all staff, pupils/students, visitors and contractors. See the school Plan for further information on how these control measures will be implemented

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| **Risk Assessment(s) Reviewed** | **Name of Reviewer** | **Date** | **Signature** |
| Update to government guidance September 2021 | Lee Barritt & J. Simons | 01/10/2021 | L Barritt Julie Simons |
| Review | Lee Barritt & J. Simons | 20/10/2021 | L Barritt Julie Simons |
| Review | Lee Barritt& J. Simons | 01/11/2021 | L BarrittJulie Simons |
| Review | Mike Long & J. Simons | 30/11/2021 | M Long,Julie Simons |
| Review | Mike Long & J. Simons | 10/12/2021 | M Long, Julie Simons |
| Review | Mike Long & J. Simons | 03/01/2022 | M Long,Julie Simons |
| Review | Mike Long & J. Simons | 11/01/2022 | M Long, Julie Simons |
| Review | Mike Long & J. Simons | 18/01/2022 | M Long, Julie Simons |
| Review – 19th January Plan B Announcement | Mike Long & J. Simons | 19/01/2022 | M Long, Julie Simons |
| Review – 24th February 2022 | Lee Barritt & J. Simons | 01/03/2022 | L Barritt, Julie Simons |
| Review 7th March, 2022 | Lee Barritt & J. Simons | 07/03/22 | Julie Simons |
| Review 21st March | J. Simons | 21.03.21 | Julie Simons |
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| **No** | **Hazard** | **Initial** | **Existing Control Measures** | **Residual** | **Additional Controls** |
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| **Severity** | **Probability** | **Risk** | **Severity** | **Probability** | **Risk** |
| 1 | School running after easing of restrictions | 4 | 3 | 12 | * From the 24th February 2022, There is no longer a legal requirement for people with coronavirus (COVID-19) infection to self-isolate, however if staff and pupils/students have any of the [main symptoms of COVID-19](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/) or a positive test result, the public health advice is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.
* Staff and pupils/students who have the main symptoms of COVID-19 should [order a PCR test](https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test). **The school also have available PCR tests if required .Y**ou are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people while you are waiting for the test result.

Main Symptoms of COVID-19* A new continuous cough
* A high temperature
* A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

**Working from Home*** As of the 19th January 2022, the government announced that **it is no longer advising staff to work from home**.
* People previously considered to be particularly vulnerable, clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV), and high or higher-risk **are not being advised to shield** again (any personal advice from a specialist or clinician on additional precautions to take should continue to be followed). [Guidance on Shielding and Protecting Extremely Vulnerable Persons from COVID-19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19)

**Ventilation*** Adequate ventilation is provided whilst students and staff are on site.
* Windows may be partially opened in conjunction with heating systems to maintain a comfortable balance.
* School will ensure any events held in the school i.e. plays etc will be in a location where ventilation is maximised.
* School has a supply of CO2 monitors so staff can quickly identify where ventilation requires improvement.

**What to do if you have COVID-19*** The most effective way to avoid passing on COVID-19 infection is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.

Staff should:* **not attend work**. If staff are unable to work from home, consultation will take place about options available.
* if you can, let people who you have been in close contact with know about your positive test result so that they can follow this guidance
* Staff should take an LFD test from **5 days after** symptoms started (or the day the test was taken if they did not have symptoms**) followed by another LFD test the next day**. If both these test results are negative, and the individual does not have a high temperature, the risk that they are still infectious is much lower and they can safely return to their normal routine. **If the day 5 LFD test result is positive, continue taking LFD tests** **until 2 consecutive negative test results. Staff should contact the school to advise of the results.**
* \*Children and young people with COVID-19 should not attend their education setting while they are infectious. They should take **an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms**) followed by another one the next day. If both these tests results are negative, they should return to their educational setting if they normally attend one, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature. *Where vulnerable pupils/students are self-isolating, it is very important that school has systems in place to keep in contact with them, particularly if they have a social worker. School should seek to support any pupils/students who they believe may have challenging circumstances at home*

**The School will:**1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone (hand and respiratory - which should now be regular practice)2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes including regular fogging3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated (using CO2 monitors to identify where ventilation needs to be improved)4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.Liaise with SPOC TEAM LIVERPOOL LEA to ascertain whether further measures are needed | 4 | 2 | 8 | \*If a parent or carer insists on a pupil/student attending school where they have a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19, the school can take the decision to refuse the pupil/student if, in your reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other pupils/students and staff from possible infection with COVID-19. |
| 2 | Transmission of Covid 19 due to close contact | 4 | 4 | 16 | * If you live with, or have stayed overnight in the household of, someone who has COVID-19, you are advised to:
* minimise contact with the person who has COVID-19
* work from home if you are able to do so
* avoid contact with anyone you know who is at higher risk of becoming severely unwell if they are infected with COVID-19, especially those with a severely weakened immune system
* limit close contact with other people outside your household, especially in crowded, enclosed or poorly ventilated spaces
* wear a well-fitting face covering made with multiple layers or a surgical face mask in crowded, enclosed or poorly ventilated spaces and where you are in close contact with other people
* pay close attention to the main symptoms of COVID-19. If you develop any of these symptoms, order a PCR test. You are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people while you are waiting for your test result
* Follow this advice for 10 days after the day the person you live or stayed with symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms). Children and young people who usually attend an education or childcare setting and who live with someone who has COVID-19 should continue to attend the setting as normal.
* **Daily testing is actively encouraged for both staff and children within classes of increasing numbers of Covid 19 infections. Letters are sent out directly to parents to advise of this.**

[COVID-19: People with Covid and their contacts](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts) | 4 | 2 | 8 |  |
| 3 | Coronavirus spread from one country to another | 4 | 3 | 12 | * All children and staff travelling to England must adhere to government travel advice in travel to England from another country during coronavirus (COVID-19). [Guidance: Travel Abroad from England During Coronavirus COVID-19](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-abroad-from-england-during-coronavirus-covid-19)
* Parents travelling abroad should bear in mind the impact on their child’s education which may result from any requirement to quarantine or isolate upon return.
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| 4 | Stepping measures up and down | 4 | 4 | 16 | * The school has contingency plans outlining how to would operate if there is a need to take extra measures in exceptional circumstances. **The school liaises closely with the LEA SPOC TEAM to discuss any extra measures that might need to be implemented.** Given the detrimental impact that restrictions on education can have on children and young people, any measures should only ever be considered as a last resort, kept to the minimum number of schools or groups possible, and for the shortest amount of time possible.

[DfE Contingency Framework](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1057141/Contingency_framework_education_and_childcare_settings_February_2022.pdf) | 4 | 2 | 8 | A director of public health, their team, or a HPT may give schools advice on whether to take extra action, reflecting the local situation. Eg extra testing, face coverings |
| 5 | Those formerly considered to be clinically extremely vulnerable | 4 | 4 | 16 | * Following expert clinical advice and the successful rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine programme, people previously considered to be particularly vulnerable, clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV), and high or higher-risk are not being advised to shield again. Children and young people who were previously identified as being in one of these groups are advised to continue to follow [Guidance for people previously considered clinically extremely vulnerable from COVID-19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19). Children and young people over the age of 12 with a weakened immune system should follow [Guidance for people whose immune system means they are at higher risk from COVID-19.](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-people-whose-immune-system-means-they-are-at-higher-risk/covid-19-guidance-for-people-whose-immune-system-means-they-are-at-higher-risk)
* Children and young people previously considered CEV should attend school and should follow the same [COVID-19 guidance](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus) as the rest of the population. In some circumstances, a child or young person may have received personal advice from their specialist or clinician on additional precautions to take and they should continue to follow that advice.

*School will need to follow this specific* [*guidance for pregnant employees*](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-advice-for-pregnant-employees/coronavirus-covid-19-advice-for-pregnant-employees)*.* [*COVID-19 vaccination: a guide for women of childbearing age, pregnant or breastfeeding*](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-women-of-childbearing-age-currently-pregnant-planning-a-pregnancy-or-breastfeeding) *contains further advice on vaccination. You should also consider the needs of pregnant students*. | 4 | 2 | 8 |  |
| 6 | Cleaning | 4 | 3 | 12 | * The school has put in place and maintained an appropriate cleaning schedule. This includes regular cleaning of areas and equipment with a particular focus on frequently touched surfaces.
* **Regular Cleaning and fogging will continue (especially within areas where known individuals have become infected with covid 19.**
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| 7 | Educational Visits | 4 | 4 | 16 | * Educational visits should be subject to risk assessments as normal and reflect any public health advice or in-country advice of the international destination. [General guidance on educational visits](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-and-safety-on-educational-visits/health-and-safety-on-educational-visits) is available and is supported by specialist advice from the [Outdoor Education Advisory Panel (OEAP)](https://oeapng.info/).
* For international educational visits, the school will refer to the [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office travel advice and the guidance](https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice) on international travel before booking and travelling to make sure that the school group meet any entry and in country requirements especially in relation to vaccinations. More information can be found [here](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1056212/Schools_COVID-19_operational_guidance_-_February_2022.pdf#page=15) and in the guidance on [health and safety on educational visits](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-and-safety-on-educational-visits/health-and-safety-on-educational-visits).
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| **ACTION ARISING FROM RISK ASSESSMENT** |
| **No** | **Risk Rating** | **Action Required:** | **Person (s) Responsible** | **Target Date** | **Date Completed** |
|  | 4 | Ensure that the school has lateral flow and PCR tests available in the event of an emergency. | J. Simons | March, 2022 | March, 2022 |
|  | 4 | Individual Risk Assessments will be arranged if required for pupils or staff. | J. Simons | March – July, 2022 (when required) | On going |
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**Acknowledgement**

The following members of staff have read this risk assessment.

Their signatures are confirmation that they have read and understood all of that which is within its contents.

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