

Brookside Academy

Risk Management - Assessment Report

Risk Area: COVID-19

Assessment Framework: 19 July 2021 onwards Covid-19

Work Area or Activity: September 2021

Competent Person Brian Walton

Assisted by: Sandra Cinicola

Groups Affected: All staff and children

Groups Affected:	07/00/2024		
Assessed on:	07/09/2021		
To be Reviewed on:			
What are the Hazards?	What is already being done?	Is this considered satisfactory?	
Are you familiar with the contingency framework and how might the school use this?	The Government has made it a national priority that education and childcare settings should continue to operate as normally as possible during the COVID-19 pandemic. Measures affecting education and childcare may be necessary in some circumstances: • to help manage a COVID-19 outbreak within a setting • as part of a package of measures responding to a Variant of Concern (VoC) or to extremely high prevalence of COVID-19 in the community • to prevent unsustainable pressure on the NHS	Yes	
Explain your outbreak management plan should the reintroduction of bubbles be required	In the event of an outbreak we would refer to our previous EEC Risk Assessment which operated with bubbles and other restrictions in place. This risk assessment sets out: • roles and responsibilities • when and how to seek public health advice • details on the types of control measures that we had in place including cleaning rotas, staggered opening and closing times, zoned play areas and the expectations for face coverings on site. For each control measure we have set out • actions to take place in the short and long term which ensure the least disruption to children's learning whilst maintaining a safe environment. • how we communicate changes to children, pupils, students, parents, carers and staff.	Yes	
How will good hygiene measures be supervised/reminded?	Everyone must wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with soap and running water or use hand sanitiser after any contact with someone who is unwell. Regular and robust hand-washing promoted through class based, age appropriate education following national guidance. These procedures will start on entry to the Academy and continue throughout the day until children leave. Posters are displayed by sinks to show how to effectively wash hands.		

	Adults will support all younger children and pupils with complex needs. All staff will promote hand washing following NHS and ebugs guidance. The area around the person with symptoms will be cleaned thoroughly to reduce the risk of passing the infection onto other people. Staff will be informed of any areas where there has been increased ricks.	
How will good ventilation be maintained while ensuring thermal comfort?	We have requested that doors are left open whenever possible as well as windows. Classroom windows will be opened as a minimum during break and lunch times to aid ventilation.	Yes
If you are planning a school trip, have you checked details with your insurer?	Academy purchases insurance through the RPA and arrangements are in place for Covid related cancellations, curtailments, replacements & changes of itinary	Yes
Outline when PPE (as opposed to face coverings) may be required	Suitable PPE is available for staff who need to administer intimate care in Nursery and Specialist Provision or who work with children with complex needs. PPE is available to our Welfare Officer and other first aiders in the event of a suspected outbreak.	
Staff to undertake twice weekly tests from home until end September (pending new guidance) how will this be communicated	This has been communicated during INSET (September the 6th 2021). Staff receive a reminder twice weekly via the school email.	Yes
What curriculum specific additional cleaning/other measures might be maintained?	The Academy permits sports on the list in the Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sports guidance. Academy swimming and water safety lessons are conducted along with Strode Pool and Swim England's guidance. Staff are aware of appropriate social distancing within team sports. Competitions between different schools, whether indoor or outdoor can take place in line with government guidance.	Yes
What remote education plans will be in place should a student need to self-isolate?	The Academy would revert to using the previous lockdown online resources in the event of children needing to self-isolate.	Yes
While face coverings are no longer a legal requirement, outline when these may be required	Staff, pupils and visitors are informed that they are not required to wear face coverings at all in school (though they may choose to do so). We would review this expectation in the event of an outbreak or changes to guidance.	Yes
You must continue with effective cleaning measures, what will these be?	The Academy maintains an appropriate cleaning schedule which includes regular cleaning of areas and equipment. If there is a need an area will be temporarily closed, or part closed for cleaning or infection control purposes. Adequate amounts of cleaning agents are available on request. PPE is available to members of staff who require it.	Yes

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