

**Staffordshire County Council**  
**General Risk Assessment Record Form**

**1. Section/Service/Team:** Blakeley Heath Primary School **2. Assessor(s):** Laura Richards and Sarah Jones  
**3. Description of Task/Activity/Area/Premises etc.** School opening for Key Workers and Vulnerable children only  
**Minimising the risk of transmission of COVID-19**

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frequent handwashing timetabled.</li> <li>• Hand sanitiser available in classrooms, shared spaces, entrance and exit points.</li> <li>• Good respiratory hygiene encouraged by promotion of 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.</li> <li>• Enhanced cleaning of frequently touched surfaces.</li> <li>• Disposable tissues available in classrooms.</li> <li>• Bins for tissues emptied during the day.</li> <li>• Staff, parents and visitors informed of the measures in place to reduce transmission.</li> <li>• Windows and doors kept open to increase ventilation and regular breaks form rooms where possible.</li> <li>• Replaced bins with foot operated.</li> <li>• Published risk assessment on school website.</li> <li>• Staff and regular visitors in school to be encouraged to participate in lateral flow testing twice a week. Results to be recorded in school and with track and trace.</li> </ul>		<p>materials.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review cleaning schedules to include more frequent cleaning of rooms/shared areas used by different groups.</li> <li>• Signage used to promote hygiene and social distancing.</li> <li>• Review stocks of soap, hand sanitiser and number of hand sanitiser stations, tissues.</li> <li>• Consider if skin friendly skin cleaning wipes are needed for younger children and pupils with complex needs.</li> <li>• Signage to encourage parents to wear masks when on school site.</li> </ul>	<p>8/3/2021 LR</p> <p>8/3/2021 LR/SH/SJ</p> <p>Continuous SJ</p> <p>Continuous LR/CT</p> <p>8/3/2021 SJ</p>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School to provide masks and shields and encourage staff to wear them when in communal spaces such as corridors – as well as keeping social distance.</li> </ul>				
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	<p>Staff and casualty. Transmission may occur when providing First Aid</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wash/sanitise hands before and after treating a casualty.</li> <li>• Wear PPE provided (such as disposable gloves, disposable apron, masks and face shields). When directly treating people with symptoms of COVID-19 a fluid repellent surgical mask should be worn and eye protection may be needed where there is a risk of fluids entering the eyes due to repeated coughing, spitting or vomiting.</li> <li>• When performing CPR phone an ambulance and use compression only CPR until the ambulance arrives. If a decision is made to perform mouth-to-mouth ventilation, use a resuscitation face shield where available.</li> </ul>	<p>Medium</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review Assessment of First Aid Needs.</li> <li>• First aiders instructed on the safe “donning and doffing” of PPE.</li> <li>• Maintain stocks of PPE. Where this is not available contact LA. List of LA PPE suppliers communicated to schools.</li> </ul> <p>PPE Exchange can be used to help with finding a supplier. <a href="https://www.ppeexchange.co.uk/">https://www.ppeexchange.co.uk/</a></p>	<p>8/3/2021 LR 8/3/2021 LR  Continuous LR/SJ</p>	<p>Medium</p>
<p><b>Resuscitation Council UK Statement:</b> It is likely that a child having an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest will be known to you. We accept that doing rescue breaths will increase the risk of transmitting the COVID-19 virus, either to the rescuer or the child. However, this risk is small compared to the risk of taking no action as this will result in certain cardiac arrest and the death of the child.</p>						

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	<p>Staff Transmission may occur when supervising pupils taken ill with symptoms of COVID-19 and need direct personal care until they return home.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase ventilation in the room</li> <li>• PPE provided for supervising adult: Fluid resistant surgical mask, shield, gloves must be worn.</li> <li>• Where contact with the pupil is needed: Fluid resistant surgical mask, disposable gloves, disposable apron and shield.</li> <li>• Hand sanitising must be completed before and after and between touching of items.</li> </ul>	<p>Medium</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain stocks of PPE. Where this is not available contact LA.</li> <li>• Supervising adult instructed on the safe “donning and doffing” of PPE.</li> <li>• Consider using first aiders to supervise to reduce numbers of staff who need access to PPE.</li> </ul>	<p>Continuous LR/SJ</p> <p>8/3/2021 LR</p> <p>8/3/2021 LR</p>	<p>Medium</p>
	<p>Staff and pupil. Transmission may occur when staff administer medicines or supervise pupils who self-administer.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supervising staff to maintain 2m social distance.</li> </ul>	<p>Medium</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review medication plans to assess PPE requirements (if any) for staff administering medication.</li> </ul>	<p>8/3/2021 LR/CT</p>	<p>Medium</p>



4. Tick (✓) if any of the identified hazards relate to any of the following specific themes:

Hazardous Substance	Manual Handling	Display Screen Equip	Fire	Work Equip / Machinery	Stress	Individual Person such as Young Person New/ Expectant Mother or Service User
✓					✓	✓

If any are ticked a specific risk assessment form must be completed separately. For example a COSHH form must be completed if a hazardous substance is used.

### 5. Risk Rating

The risk rating is used to prioritise the action required. Deal with those hazards that are high risk first.

Risk Rating	Description	Action Priority
High	Where harm is certain or near certain to occur and/or major injury or ill-health could result	Urgent action
Medium	Where harm is possible to occur and/or serious injury could result e.g. off work for over 3 days	Medium priority
Low	Where harm is unlikely or seldom to occur and/or minor injury could result e.g. cuts, bruises, strain	No action or low priority action

### 6. Assessment

**Signature of Assessor(s):**

**Print Name:**

**Signature of Line Manager:** *L.Richards*

**Print Name:** Laura Richards

**Date Assessed:** 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**Review Date:** when new guidance is published or 19<sup>th</sup> April

### 7. Communication and Review

This risk assessment should be communicated to all employees and relevant persons who may come into contact with the hazards being assessed. The assessment must be reviewed annually or following a significant change, accident or violent incident.