

Shamblehurst Primary School Covid-19 Risk Assessment

On 21 February 2022, the Prime Minister set out the next phase of the Government's COVID-19 response.

Our priority, at Shamblehurst Primary School, has always been and continues to be to keep everyone safe.

At this time, we still need to be able to operationally run and to staff the school. Therefore, staff and children will continue to be asked to isolate if they test positive.

If a child or if any staff member has symptoms of COVID-19, we would recommend booking a free PCR test at the earliest opportunity.

Isolation can be for up to 10 days from when symptoms start. However many people will no longer be infectious to others after 5 days and if two LFD tests on day 5 and day 6 are negative, isolation can stop on the 6th day.

Remote learning will be provided for any child who tests positive for COVID-19 and it is expected that children complete the work set when well enough to do so.

We will continue to risk assess and if needed put further contingency measures in place.

When an individual develops COVID-19 symptoms or has a positive test

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are a recent onset of any of the following:

- A new continuous cough
- A high temperature
- A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell.

If you/your child have any of these symptoms you should order/book a PCR test. You/your child are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people while you are awaiting the test result.

If the test is negative you/your child may return to school when well and stop isolating.

If the test is positive, you/your child should stay at home and avoid contact with other people for up to 10 days from when symptoms start. However, many people will no longer be infectious to others after 5 days and if two LFD tests on day 5 and day 6 are negative, isolation can stop on the 6th day.

From 24th February, close contacts are no longer required to self-isolate or advised to take daily LFD tests. Contract tracing has also ended.

<u>Identify hazard</u>			
1. PREVENTION - Ensure good hygiene for everyone			
Existing level of risk			
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE
<u>Control measures to reduce the risk</u>			
<p>1) Frequent and thorough hand-washing is now regular practice at School. Pupils will continue to clean their hands regularly. Shamblehurst Primary</p> <p>2) Hand washing points in each classroom which are labelled.</p> <p>3) Additional hand gel points throughout the school.</p> <p>4) Extra signs in toilet re washing hands.</p> <p>5) Reminders how to wash hands properly – videos and posters.</p> <p>6) Children are able to bring in individual hand gel and cream but cannot share it (must be named). This needs to be nut free.</p> <p>7) Those with complex needs and who struggle with good respiratory hygiene, for example those who spit uncontrollably, will need separate IBMPs and risk assessments carried out.</p> <p>8) When sneezing, the ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ approach will continue to be very important. All classes will have access to tissues at all times.</p>			
<u>Identify hazard</u>			
2 .PREVENTION - Ensure appropriate cleaning regimes			
Existing level of risk			
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE
<u>Control measures</u>			
<p>1) Maintain the school’s appropriate cleaning schedule, with a particular focus to frequently touched surfaces.</p> <p>2) Bins are emptied regularly especially after lunchtime by lunchtime supervisors</p> <p>3) Where possible, all spaces should be well ventilated using natural ventilation (opening windows) or ventilation units.</p> <p>4) <u>If there has been a confirmed case in school we will:</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a) Clean the area with normal household disinfectant after someone with suspected coronavirus (COVID-19) has left as this will reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b) Use disposable cloths to first clean hard surfaces with warm soapy water. Then we will disinfect these surfaces with the cleaning products we would normally use. We will pay attention to frequently touched areas and surfaces, such as bathrooms, grab-rails in corridors and stairwells and door handles.</p>			

<p>c) If an area has been heavily contaminated, such as with visible bodily fluids, from a person with coronavirus (COVID-19), we will consider using protection for the eyes, mouth, and nose, as well as wearing gloves and an apron.</p> <p>d) We will wash hands regularly with soap and water for 20 seconds, and after removing gloves, aprons and other protection used while cleaning.</p> <p>e) The area will be fogged.</p>			
Identify hazard			
<p>1. OPERATIONS-Risk of illness of vulnerable staff and family members through direct and indirect transmission of the virus and the risk of emotional distress of the staff-including anxiety</p>			
Existing level of risk			
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE
Control measures			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For those who are classed as extremely clinically vulnerable, the school will risk assess effectively on an individual basis. 2. Sharing of support helplines – HCC and others. 3. At least one SLT member of staff on site every day for staff to share concerns with. 4. Risk assessments reviewed regularly 5. All normal staff absence procedures must be followed. 			
Identify hazard			
<p>2. OPERATIONS - Contingency planning for outbreaks</p>			
Existing level of risk			
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE
Control measures to reduce risk			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the event of a local outbreak, the PHE health protection team or local authority may advise us to adopt a bubble system temporarily to help control transmission. In this event there will need to be a deep clean and further control measures may be implemented. 2. For individuals or groups of self-isolating pupils, remote education plans will be in place. 3. In the event of new local restrictions being imposed, schools will need to communicate quickly and clearly to staff, parents, pupils that the new arrangements require the use of face coverings in certain circumstances. 4. Events at school will be risk assessed against current LA and DfE guidance/regulations and communicated to parents accordingly with any new measures needed to be put in place to reduce the risk of transmission. 			