



# MGSG risk assessment

## V9.4 Revised following Living with Covid-19 guidance 24 Feb 2022

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This risk assessment must be read through completely and thoroughly. Please note that our risks and controls may change at any time based on changes to Government advice and local circumstances (possible cases of COVID-19), etc.

This documents the updated risk control measures MGSG have in place from 24 February 2022.

These are based on current (as at 24 February 2022) government guidance:

- [Guidance for schools](#)
- [Safe working in education settings](#)
- [HSE guidance](#)

HAZARD	WHO MIGHT BE HARMED	CONTROLS TO BE PUT IN PLACE	WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE	WHEN THE CONTROLS NEED TO BE IN PLACE BY	ADDITIONAL NOTES
Contact with someone suffering from coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff</li> <li>• Students</li> <li>• Contractors</li> <li>• Visitors</li> </ul>	<p>Everyone will be asked not to come into school if they have tested positive for Covid, and instead follow official guidance. The legal requirement to self-isolate has been removed however staff and student should continue to stay at home whilst positive to avoid mixing with high risk groups.</p> <p><a href="#">Living with Covid-19 guidance</a></p> <p>Regular reminders will be given about this.</p>	All staff, students, parents, visitors and contractors	Already in place	
Spreading infection due to touch, sneezes and coughs		<p>Hand sanitiser stations will be available at all entrances to school buildings and in all teaching rooms. They will also be in toilets, reception areas, offices and staff areas.</p> <p>Everyone in school will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frequently wash their hands with soap and water for 20 seconds and dry thoroughly using <a href="#">NHS guidelines</a>, or use alcohol-based hand sanitiser to cover all parts of their hands. Non alcohol hand gel is used for technology and science where hands or sleeves may come in contact with a naked flame as per CLEAPS guidance</li> <li>• Clean their hands on arrival, before and after eating, and after sneezing or coughing</li> <li>• Be encouraged not to touch their mouth, eyes and nose</li> </ul>	<p>Premises</p> <p>All staff and students</p>		

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Use a tissue or elbow to cough or sneeze, and use bins for tissue waste</li> </ul> <p>Students will be encouraged by posters put up across the school.</p> <p>Supplies for soap, hand sanitiser and disposable paper towels and tissues will be topped up regularly and monitored to make sure they're not close to running out.</p> <p>Bins for tissues will be emptied throughout the day.</p> <p>Face coverings are not required in any area of the school however any student or member of staff who chooses to wear a face covering or mask will be able to do so.</p>	<p>Premises / cleaning</p> <p>All staff and students</p>		
Spreading infection through contact with coronavirus on surfaces		<p>Cleaning staff will clean frequently touched surfaces using standard cleaning products (e.g. bleach, detergent), including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Banisters</li> <li>● Classroom desks and tables</li> <li>● Bathroom facilities (including taps and flush buttons)</li> <li>● Door and window handles</li> <li>● Furniture</li> <li>● Light switches</li> <li>● Reception desks</li> <li>● Teaching and learning aids</li> </ul>	Premises / Cleaning	Already in place	



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Asymptomatic staff and students inadvertently spreading Covid throughout the school		<p>Whilst the requirement for twice weekly testing for staff and students has been removed the school will continue to issue tests while stocks last.</p> <p>The school will gradually re-introduce large gatherings and assemblies as term progresses.</p>	Staff and students	Already in place	
Spreading infection due to excessive contact and mixing between pupils and staff in classrooms and corridors		<p>At the start of the day premises staff will open windows throughout the school and classroom doors to allow ventilation throughout. Teaching staff should ensure adequate ventilation is maintained throughout teaching periods. Air conditioning units throughout the school are closed system and can be used.</p> <p>A number of CO<sub>2</sub> monitors have been provided by the government and these have been installed in strategic areas. These are regularly monitored by the premises team and show red, amber and green levels of CO<sub>2</sub>. If levels of CO<sub>2</sub> reach or exceed 800ppm and an amber alert shows staff should increase ventilation. If the levels reach or exceed 1500 ppm and a red alert shows staff should vacate the area for a short while and inform the premises team of the reading.</p>	<p>Premises staff</p> <p>All staff</p>		

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Spreading infection due to the school environment		<p><a href="#">Checks to the premises</a> have been done throughout March to August as the school has not closed.</p> <p>Fire, first aid and emergency procedures will be reviewed to make sure they can still be followed with limited staff and changes to how the school space is being used.</p> <p>Areas in use will be well ventilated by opening windows or using ventilation units. Doors will be propped open, where fire safety and safeguarding wouldn't be compromised. Air conditioning units throughout the school are closed system and can be used.</p> <p>Bins will be provided in classrooms and other key locations to dispose of tissues and any other waste.</p> <p>Outdoor space will be used for exercise and breaks, and for education where possible.</p>	Premises Manager		
Individuals vulnerable to serious infection coming into school		<p>The school will continue to follow any government guidance in relation to educational settings.</p> <p>Staff who are deemed clinically vulnerable or clinically extremely vulnerable according to government guidance or a medical professional have had separate risk assessments completed. There is currently no advice for these staff to isolate or avoid the work place</p> <p>Any staff with questions or concerns should raise them with their line manager or a member of SLT.</p>	SLT	In place	

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Trips – staff and students risk of infection outside the school environment		The school is reintroducing trips and visits and will undertake thorough risk assessments to ensure that precautions are taken and that public health advice is followed.	SLT	In place	
Localised lockdown and increased risk of infection		The school has published an Outbreak Management Plan and will continue to follow government guidance and advice. Student and staff absences are monitored and both government and local authority advice and guidance are followed. The school will continue to review the measures and controls in place and if further restrictions are required then these will be implemented.	SLT	In place	