

SCHOOLS - ADDENDUM TO COVID-19 GENERAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Due to the frequency of changes to Government guidance in relation to Coronavirus, both nationally and locally, any changes to the general risk assessment for schools will be noted in this addendum document.

The [school opening arrangements during COVID-19 restrictions general risk assessment](#) available on the HS&Q web site reflects the changes noted in the table below. Each time this document is changed the issue number will be updated and any **new** amendments to the content will be **highlighted in yellow** so that schools can see exactly what has altered in the revised version.

Schools **do not** need to produce a new risk assessment after each change to government guidance or each time HS&Q publish an updated version of the general risk assessment on the web site.

However, schools **do** need to stay informed of the changes noted in the table below and review the content of their existing risk assessment to identify whether any changes are required. If so, the existing risk assessment can be updated by copying and pasting the relevant sections highlighted in yellow in the generic document linked to above.

Schools must remember to inform staff, and anyone else who may be affected, about changes to their risk assessment.

Risk Assessment Issue No	Government guidance that has changed/published	Date changed	Brief overview of changes
1	N/A	13/07/20	New risk assessment issued to accommodate the full opening of schools from September 2020. This version replaced previous risk assessment documents for Primary and Secondary Schools.
2	Extension of self-isolation period	30/07/20	Extension of self-isolation period from 7 to 10 days for those who have symptoms or a positive test result.
3	Face coverings in education	26/08/20	From 1 September new advice applies to the use of face coverings by staff and pupils in some schools, and to learners in further education. This guidance is for schools and other education institutions that teach people in years 7 and above in England. There is separate guidance for early years and childcare providers and schools with children in year 6 and below .
	DfE guidance for full opening of schools	28/08/20	Arrangements to minimise the number of different temporary staff entering school including supply teachers and peripatetic teachers as well as sports coaches and those engaged to deliver before and after school clubs.
	COVID-19 contain framework: a guide for local decision-makers	28/08/20	The government has issued detailed guidance for schools on contingency planning for areas with local lockdowns in place. Schools will need to update, or attach an addendum to, their risk assessment to reflect changes in their arrangements to control the risk of transmission of COVID-19 due to local restrictions.

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4	DfE guidance for full opening of schools	17/09/20	Wearing face coverings in schools: Due to local restrictions being introduced in Lancashire the discretion given to schools in relation to staff and pupils in Year 7 or above wearing a face covering outside the classroom where social distancing cannot easily be maintained, such as corridors and communal areas, has been removed. Face coverings should be worn in these circumstances with the exception of anyone with a medical exemption.
	Public Health England (Lancashire) COVID-19 Template Resource Pack for Schools (provided to schools via the Schools Bulletin service)	17/09/20	Managing a confirmed case of COVID-19: A new procedure has been implemented for schools to manage single confirmed cases locally, including a secure on-line reporting system to the Local Authority. Arrangements for managing a possible outbreak of COVID-19: schools need to refer to the PHE resource pack on how to manage positive cases and who to contact for help.
5	Department of Health & Social Care and Public Health England Guidance on shielding and protecting people who are clinically extremely vulnerable from COVID-19	26/11/20	Wording updated to reflect current Gov't guidance for employees in the clinically extremely vulnerable category.
	DfE Guidance for full opening of schools	26/11/20	Headteacher can make the decision to refuse a pupil from attending school if, in their reasonable judgement it is deemed a necessary action to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with coronavirus (COVID-19).
	LCCs Guidance & checklist on Extended Services in Schools.	26/11/20	New row added to accommodate guidance on wraparound provision.
	CLEAPSS – dangers in use of alcohol based hand sanitiser or wipes in lessons	26/11/20	A paragraph has been added to highlight the dangers of using alcohol based hand sanitiser or wipes in lessons involving naked flames.
	Guidance on physical education	26/11/20	Separate row added to accommodate transmission of COVID-19 during physical education.
	LCC guidance on educational visits	26/11/20	New row added to accommodate guidance on educational visits.
	Health Protection Board	26/11/20	A separate risk assessment and working arrangements agreed with the Health Protection Board are in place which include the wearing of medical standard PPE by passenger assistants and driver attendants (where appropriate) and training on their correct use and safe disposal.
	Public Health England Guidance on the	26/11/20	Additional controls identified for safely singing.

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	suggested principles of safer singing		
	Health and Safety Executive Guidance of First Aid Training	26/11/20	FAW or EFAW certificates that expired after 16 March 2020 can remain valid until 31 October 2020 or 6 months from date of expiry, whichever is later. All requalification training for these certificates should be completed by 31 March 2021.
6	Reduction in self-isolation period UK Chief Medical Officer - statement on the reduction of the self-isolation period	16/12/20	Self-isolation period for contacts has been reduced from 14 days to 10 days.
	Shielding Guidance on shielding and protecting people who are clinically extremely vulnerable from Covid-19		Updated advice on protecting the clinically extremely vulnerable, based on the tiers of local restrictions. The advice sets out the additional things people at the highest risk from COVID-19 are advised to do to keep themselves safe for each tier. More targeted advice to 'formally shield' may be issued in some of the worst affected areas and only for a limited period of time.
	School COVID-19 outbreak PHE North West Schools Resource Pack		Section on Outbreaks in school has been removed. Hyperlink added for PHE North West Schools Resource Pack which schools should follow.
	Face coverings on dedicated transport Transport to school and other places of education: 2020 to 2021 academic year		Pupils 11 years old and above <u>must</u> wear face coverings on dedicated transport.
	Early Years Guidance Actions for early years and childcare providers during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak		In situations where social distancing between adults in settings is not possible (for example, when moving around in corridors and communal areas), settings have the discretion to recommend the use of face coverings for adults on site, for both staff and visitors.
			Early years settings who only care for children under the age of 5 are no longer required to keep children in small, consistent groups. Therefore the setting's normal group sizes can be resumed.
			Additional measures identified on managing circumstances around parents visiting early year's settings.
	LCC guidance on ventilation & air conditioning		Additional recommendations and guidance on ventilation during the winter period.

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	<p>Use of Ventilation and Air Conditioning during the Coronavirus Pandemic – Winter supplementary guidance</p> <p>Ventilation during indoor sport Guidance for full opening: Schools</p> <p>Live performances to an audience Guidance for full opening: Schools Guidance for the Christmas period</p> <p>COVID-19 National Testing Programme: Schools & Colleges</p>	23/12/20	<p>Measures for suitable ventilation during indoor sport/P.E.</p> <p>Schools in local restriction tier 3 areas are not permitted to host performances with a live audience.</p> <p>A link has been added to signpost schools & colleges to the Government guidance on how to begin rapid coronavirus testing of staff, pupils or students in secondary schools and colleges from January 2021 in order to identify asymptomatic cases. Further supporting guidance and training materials are expected to be published in the near future.</p>