SEPTEMBER 2021 FULL RETURN OF ALL STUDENTS

COVID19: Re-opening Risk Assessment and Action Plan

SCHOOL NAME: ST JOHN PAYNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OWNER: Headteacher: Mr T COEN

01/09/21 UPDATE INCLUDING REQUIREMENT TO ADMINISTER LATERAL FLOW TESTING FOR NEW YEAR 7 STUDENTS PRIOR TO THEIR PROCEEDING TO TWICE WEEKLY HOME TESTING ALONG WITH ALL OTHER STUDENTS

Purpose of this document:

This COVID19: Risk Assessment and Action Plan document sets out the decisions taken and measures put in place to prepare for the phased re-opening of the school and ensure the school continues to operate in a safe way.

Existing policies and guidance continue to apply alongside the actions within this document, including but not limited to:

- Health and Safety Policy
- First Aid Policy
- Child Protection Policy (CP Policy during school closure + COVID19 CP & Safeguarding Policy Addendum added April 2020)
- CYP Response Plan
- DFE Guidance relating to COVID19
- Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR) 2013
- The Health Protection (Notification) Regulations 2010
- Public Health England (PHE) (2017) 'Health protection in schools and other childcare facilities'

Steps of Re-opening Preparation:



Risk Assessment/ Action Plan Sections:

Theme	Control Measures	Risk to Implementation	Risk Level Pre- Action	Action	Date	Risk Level Post- Action
		Site Manager is unavailable	М	Capacity with Residential Senior Caretaker and caretaker	10/07/20	L
Preparing Buildings and Facilities	Premises and utilities have been health and safety checked and building is compliant. • Water treatments • Fire alarm testing • Repairs • Grass cutting • PAT testing • Fridges and freezers • Boiler/ heating servicing • Internet services • Any other statutory inspections • Insurance covers reopening arrangements	Food stored over summer	M	Recorded full pre-opening premises inspection. Commission water treatment specialist to chlorinate and flush the complete system for all hot and cold-water systems and certify the water system is safe before the buildings are reoccupied. Determine with the catering manager how left over frozen food should be dealt with and action as appropriate. New networked alarm tested. Social distancing and PPE rules followed	14/08/20 14/08/20 20/05/20	L L
	Mass testing site	For detailed information, please refer to Appendix C / Risk Assessment for mass testing which can be located on : https://www.sjp.essex.sch.uk/about-us/covid-19/	М	Covid –19 National Testing programme rules and regulations followed Consistent with LA guidance, we will test our new Year 7 cohort on 3 rd & 6 th September 2021, with all other students continuing to home test.	02/03/21	М

Office spaces re-designed to allow offi Adequate space between staff members	•	L	Desks repositioned. Reception doors & interior office door open for ventilation	03/09/20	L
Entry and exit routes to the school are in place, any physical changes and/or signage required are in place	Bottlenecks possible at entrances to school. We will not operate staggered start times. Buses cannot operate different routes/times, and staggered starts would require groups beginning at later times to be supervised, since they would arrive at the regular time and congregate outside the school waiting to be allowed in. It is not expected that we will review the validity of CO2 monitors and HEPA filters. Rather, on receipt of the CO2 monitors from the DfE we will assess the CO2 level in all areas, using the DfE guidance, to determine the ventilation in the area and thus the likelihood of Covid being spread in it. If necessary we will determine methods to improve the ventilation by improving the air flow by opening windows or if necessary providing mechanical methods.	M	Whilst social distancing is no longer required in schools, the 2-metre markers around teacher desks will remain. Teachers will be able to opt to remain within the vicinity of their desk, where possible. In this case they would mitigate potential detriment to learning & progress by providing feedback they are unable to provide in class via email/SMHW and in exercise books. Outside the entrance- to have a board outside of the main gate visible to all students/parents. Windows to remain open wherever possible. Layout of building considered when devising entrances and exits of buildings. BOSCO: one-way systems via maths corridor and separate flow system throughout art & photography/ICT. Where possible students will enter and exit via fire exits to limit passage through the building. MERICI: one way system on ground and upper floor; stairways UP (music end) and DOWN (library end). AQUINAS: two separate one -way systems to allow flow at each end of the building; students to enter and exit all ground floor rooms via fire exits; other entrances/exits assigned to particular suites of classrooms within closest	02/03/21 Reviewed 13/05/21 Reviewed 23/08/21	L

			proximity to reduce congestion; clear signage in place throughout the building.	07/1/20 Reviewed	
			One-way system signs put up around each building.	01/03/21	
			Staff presence during lesson changeover to be heightened. Students are reminded of the entrances and exits.	Reviewed 13/05/21 Reviewed 23/08/21	
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Consideration given to premises lettings and approach in place.	All lettings cancelled up to April 2021	L	Lettings risk assessment completed (site manager); continue to review guidance in light of government Tier identification system	20/05/20	L
Consideration given to the arrangements for any deliveries.	All deliveries to be to new site office in Aquinas.	L	Signage required and deliveries to be scheduled to departments.	22/05/20	L

Emergency Evacuations	Evacuation routes confirmed, and signage accurately reflects these. NB In the event of emergency the priority is getting out of the building calmly regardless of social distancing.	Common assembly point is Aquinas playground for all Years.	M	September fire drill Walkie-talkies have been purchased for all members of SLT & Fire marshals to assist communication.	03/09/20 24/09/20 Reviewed 13/05/21 Reviewed 23/08/21	
Cleaning and waste disposal	Enhanced cleaning regime is in place in line with COVID19: Cleaning in non healthcare settings guidance.	SITE MANAGER TO SET OUT ROUTINES WITH SLT	M	Enhanced cleaning schedule implemented, ensuring that contact points, worksurfaces, door handles, taps etc. are cleaned and disinfected regularly. Hand towels and handwash are to be checked and replaced as needed by site staff and cleaning staff. Cleaning routines & responsibilities shared with all staff (see below). Teams to report to HOD where replenishments are required.	19/10/20 Reviewed 13/05/21 Reviewed 23/08/21	L

				Enhanced cleaning regime for toilet facilities particularly door handles, locks and toilet flush. Individual staff risk assessment where necessary.			
	Capacity of cleaning staff is adequate to regime.	o enable enhanced cleaning	М	Prioritise schedule and areas.	03/09/20	L	

Adequate cleaning supplie facilities kept replenished.	Hand sanitiser for visitors at reception.	M	Disposable tissues in each classroom to implement the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach	Reviewed 23/08/2	L
Arrangements for longer-t continual supplies also in p			Stock check and ordering schedule reviewed and order made.		
	Low supply of soap.		Staff to check communal areas are not congested when releasing their students from lesson. It may be appropriate to ask the class to wait for a short moment while areas clear.		L

	Waste disposal process in place for por	tentially contaminated waste.	L	Waste bags and containers - kept closed and disposed of in general waste.	04/03/21	L
	2m distance markers to be marked arc	ound all teacher desks			01/09/20	L
	Information posters displayed in classr information posters in place.	ooms, corridors, main entrance, sch	ool gate, in	the staffroom and in all toilets. COVID19	03/09/20	L
HR	Approach to staff absence reporting and recording in place. Risk Assessments completed for those in a vulnerable category Staff to notify HT of any travel plans with implications for ability to return to work in September.	Staff to email HR who will then communicate with SLT/HOD	M	Individual staff risk assessment where necessary.	22/05/20 Reviewed 03/03/21 Reviewed 23/08/21	L

Plans to respond to increased sickness levels in place. Cover arrangements determined (including leaders and safeguarding designated leads) – on a weekly rather than daily basis to minimise contacts.	SLT/back-up staff assigned to each teaching group to offer support if needed	М	New cover staff employed.	03/09/20	L
Approach to support wellbeing, mental including bereavement support. How s within their own situations and that of aware of available support and advice from ECC, including the Educational Pshttps://schools.essex.gov.uk/admin/CCF Feedback from staff confirms that the support, and no expectations that have wellbeing, has been well received.	taff are supported to follow this pupils and colleagues is clear. Staff for schools and pupils available ychology service DVID-19/Pages/default.aspx policy of encouragement &	M	Bereavement Policy reviewed to reflect current circumstances	01/03/21 Reviewed 23/08/21	L
	ork guidance. Workers and students e	xhibiting sy	sing of home testing for staff and students are in mptoms of the virus would be referred to medical ould apply.	03/03/21	L
Arrangements in place for any visitors/ contractors on site, protocols and expectations shared. NB: employer may require them to wear PPE. This should be documented as part of Contractor risk assessment		L	Check with the contractor any requirements their employer has specified before visit. Share school protocols.	03/09/20	L
Arrangements in place for externally employed adults e.g. sports coaches, music tutors. Protocols and expectations shared.	Outside agencies follow government guidelines.	L	Share amended procedures, obtain assessments outlining controls, e.g. only offer limited activities	03/09/20	L

	The Government has removed the recommendation for students to socially distance or stay in bubbles. Face coverings are no lon advised for students, staff and visitors in classrooms or communal areas. Other measures such as improved ventilation and maintena of cleaning and hygiene regimes continue to be recommended as an essential part of systems to restrict transmission in education settings. Practical subjects may request for students to wear masks if they feel this is necessary. Staff and students are permitted to wear face coverings in all areas of the premises including classrooms if they wish to. Staff mindful of heightened vulnerability of BAME community. Information shared with parents regarding pupils travelling to school. Link to GOV.UK guidance on safe travel						
	Information snared with parents regarding pupils travelling to school. Link to GOV.OK guidance on safe travel						
Social Distancing	Y7 Form tutors to familiarised their Form groups with one way systems. All other students are aware, and will be reminded (SEND department to offer support to our SEND/Vulnerable students) Enhanced signage to ensure students are familiar with and adhere to one-way systems and the need to wear masks. Social distancing measures that limit interaction and reduce the risk of virus transmission without causing disruption to ordinary activities should continue as far as possible	L M	Sanitiser stations at each entrance, and each room will have sanitiser Floor arrows and signage to direct students in the correct way. One-way systems in corridors. Non-fire doors open to reduce the amount of contact with doors and also potentially improve workplace ventilation Teachers will be able to opt to remain within the vicinity of their desk, where possible and to a reasonable degree mitigating potential detriment to learning & progress by providing feedback they are unable to provide in class via email/SMHW. Students and staff will be regularly reminded that maintaining social distancing reduces the risk of transmission. Tutors & HOYs will provide reminders, and this advice will be addressed in writing to parents.	04/09/20 04/01/21 Reviewed 01/03/21 Reviewed 13/05/21 Reviewed 23/08/21	L		

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	Year group collective worship and assemblies merit the return of HOY assemblies, and feedback from Year teams is that the preference is to run Headteacher assemblies in the normal format, accommodating two Year groups in each assembly.	01/03/21 Reviewed 23/08/21	L
	It is no longer necessary for sporting items to be designated for individual Years' use or rotated to allow them to be left unused and out of reach for a period of 48 hours (72 hours for plastics). However, all activity planned with PHE & the Association for Physical Education guidance will considered and adhered to.	04/09/20 Reviewed 23/08/21	L
Catering	Arrangements in place to provide food, including the requirement of universal free school meals. Grab & go to aid supervision of canteen and hall and reduce numbers using service points. Canteen one-way system. Outside areas open for break and lunch with AQUINAS Canteen offering Year 7-11 a wider food offering.	04/09/20 Reviewed 01/03/21 Reviewed 23/08/21	M L
	Staff having first been informed of our amended position in light of DfE & PHE guidance, masks will remain optional. Our risk assessment does not account for staff & students to be actively encouraged to wear one in any area. This position will be amended as required in response to local and national guidance.	From 08/03/21 14/09/20	М
PPE	PPE requirements understood and appropriate supplies in place. Under government guidelines staff will not be provided with face masks unless fulfilling medical room cover. Medical room staff will be provided with masks & gloves. Students will be able to wear a mask if they source their own Provision of gloves for other staff as supplies allow (need for worksheets will be minimal, and where necessary, staff will wash hand before distributing, gloves providing a false sense of security and possibly bearing contamination)	Reviewed 01/03/21 Reviewed 23/08/21	

Response to suspected case of COVID19 in school	NHS test and trace procedures are intended to ensure that all students who test positive will self-isolate from school/college for the necessary period. The Government removed the need for schools and colleges to oversee contact tracing from 19 July and for close contacts who are under 18 years and 6 months, or fully vaccinated to self isolate from 16 August. This means that where a household member tests positive, Government guidance permits children in that household to continue to attend school. Students and staff are advised they must not attend if they are at all symptomatic. Staff and students exhibiting symptoms will be referred to medical staff, who will seek advice from local health services. Self-isolating arrangements would apply Which staff member/s should be informed/ take action (HOD/SLT link and HSCO). Area established to be used if an individual is displaying symptoms during the school day and needs to be isolated until they can go home/be collected Cleaning procedure in place Arrangements for informing parent community in place Staff to complete seating plans so we can identify students within 2m teacher zone in event of suspected/confirmed infection Staff being encouraged to use the NHS Covid-19 app in school, including in classrooms, and self isolating (if not fully vaccinated) when notified by the app or contacted by NHS test and trace.	M	Thermometer purchased; another on order. Temperatures will not be taken as routine, but will be of anyone displaying symptoms. CONSULT H&S CONSULTANT/LA/GOVS Staff who have helped someone with symptoms and any pupils who have been in close contact do not need to go home to self-isolate unless they develop symptoms themselves. Office staff to be trained on government guidelines and the sharing of statutory information with parents. Parents and carers will be encouraged to help ensure that secondary students test with LFTs on a twice-weekly basis, or daily when someone in the class has tested positive, and that all students seek a PCR test when a household member or other close contact has tested positive.	04/09/20 Reviewed 13/05/21 Reviewed 23/08/21	М

Response to confirmed case of COVID19 in school	Approach to confirmed COVID19 cases Cleaning procedure in place. Arrangem community in place. Advice from NHS	ents for informing parent	М	Remind family of need to follow NHS guidance.	04/09/20 Reviewed 23/08/21	М
	Approach to preparing pupils for a retuse social situations is developed and share		L	HOYS/Chaplain/PASTORAL/DSL & DDSL: Re- orientation support. Sign up in school/Daily reminders in Form.	08/03/21	L
	Approach to supporting wellbeing, mental health and resilience, including bereavement support is in place. Students/families signposted to support agencies. Wellbeing meetings for those returning. Welfare checks continue for students not attending. Wellbeing newsletter sent to parents.					
	Consideration of the impact of COVID19 on families and whether any additional support may be required (HOYS/Finance/Chaplain/Pastoral team/HOY/SLT): Financial, Increased FSM eligibility, Referrals to social care and other support, PPG/vulnerable groups, Bereavement support					L
Transition into new year	letters, preparation/getting to know your Year 7 will be offered the same transition.	ou activities, New Beginnings booklet on support they would have received	: d in Septem	HT, HOY, Tutors & Pastoral team sent to parents & aber. Tutors will escort their tutor group on a tour cuntil we can be confident students are familiar with	of the site, an	
group What will need to be different this year because of COVID19?	Primary to Secondary Vulnerable children Children with SEND Physical and sensory needs, including adaptations, equipment etc (lead in times) Post 16 School Leavers	HOY form sent out Year 6 to Year 7 transition information from primary schools Vulnerable children individually invited in for a tour of the school. HOY maintaining contact/Rayleigh Careers Advice & Guidance	L	Consistent with LA guidance, we will test our new Year 7 cohort on 3 rd & 6 th September 2021, with all other students continuing to home test.	Reviewed 23/08/21	L
Safeguarding	Individual risk assessments are in place and welfare checks being undertaken.	DSL & DDSL Risk assessments and welfare check process reviewed and updated.	М	Review risk assessments for children to ensure they reflect any changes due to reopening arrangements.	04/09/20 Ongoing	L

				Maintain overview & contacts with vulnerable families established during partial closure (SJP Procedures for supporting students) Individual risk assessments will be carried out – and reviewed where previously carried out – for staff defined as CEV or unable to be vaccinated for medical reasons and for pregnant women in their third trimester of pregnancy.	Reviewed 23/08/21	
wel	ff are prepared for supporting Ilbeing of pupils and receiving any tential disclosures.	DSL & DDSL Preparation for supporting pupils and receiving disclosures (process reminder, refresher training)	М	Staff refresher training session on processes and procedures and the revised wellbeing material.	04/09/20	L
Wo und	dated Child Protection Policy. ork with other agencies has been dertaken to support vulnerable P and families.	DSL & DDSL: Approach to responding to the safeguarding elements of Mental health and wellbeing.	L	Supporting families with vulnerable CYP to attend. Welfare checks for those not in school are happening, actions taken where necessary. Have regular keep in touch meetings/calls with people working at home to talk about any work issues. Line managers to contact staff on a weekly basis.	04/09/20 Ongoing	L
of p	nsideration given to the safe use ohysical contact in context of naging behaviour.		L	Review individual consistent management plans to ensure they include protective measures.	04/09/20 Ongoing	L
The	e school will continue to offer a full b	road and balanced curriculum, with	no student	l required to drop a subject.		

Curriculum / learning environment						
Curriculum / learning environment	Current learning plans, revised expectations and required adjustments have been considered. Curriculum plans revised to accommodate Ofqual adaptations to 2021 assessment. Whole school approach to adapting curriculum (S/M/L term), including: Wellbeing curriculum recognising 'non-curriculum' learning that has been done capturing pupil achievements/ outcomes. Online learning provision and home communication to be a focus with Show My Homework & Edulink. Provision & capacity is enhanced, with teachers trained in delivering live lessons via Microsoft Teams					
	Each activity should be risk assessed and should not be run unless the risks can be mitigated • Art/Photography • PE • Practical science lessons • DT/ FT • Drama/Dance • Music	M	All practical rooms will become available for all Year groups.	08/03/21 Reviewed 23/08/21		
	PE lessons to be delivered		Changing rooms to open from 07/06/21. Cleaning arrangements organised to facilitate this.	08/03/21 Reviewed 13/05/21 Reviewed 23/08/21		
	Behaviour policy amended. Expectations revisited with students upon return in September in welcome assemblies and via Form tutors. Our Sanctions Tariff accounts for deliberate refusal to co-operate to the detriment of other's learning or health and safety.	L	Students advised of updated expectations (parents & carers informed).	08/03/21	L	

	Physical Activity: students will receive Extra-curricular activity will be introdu			=		
Catch-up	Catch-up funding will be assigned to HODs to deploy for academic enrichment and professionally delivered revision sessions within the school day, and to HOYs for Pastoral care. We will guard against students simply being required to complete more work. Work provided during partial school closure has supported students to progress. A programme of intensive tuition and intervention would compromise the environment we wish to establish to support students' mental health & wellbeing so that they are able to fulfil their potential.		L	Teachers will assess students' learning throughout closure, prioritising aspects of the curriculum for is custom, support will be targeted where it is more catch-up funding used to buy laptops so that student have a computer at home can access on-line lear An online tutoring programme commissioned for	specific atter ost required. dents who do ning.	ntion. As
CYP with SEND	Approach to provision of the elements of the EHCP including health/therapies. Annual reviews, requests for assessment	SENDCO: Approach to provision of the elements of the EHCP including health/therapies.	М	Virtual meeting with SEND Inclusion partner	29/05/20 13/5/20 Ongoing	L
Attendance	Approach to supporting attendance for prioritised year groups determined. Where a pupil is unable to attend school because they are complying with clinical and/or public health advice, access to remote learning will be provided. AO to continue liaison with MECES.		L	Attendance officer support for students not attending Communication - parents to inform the school if a child is not attending. AO to monitor-parent portal (Edulink) to allow parents to monitor their child attendance.	08/03/21	L
	Approach to support for parents where rates of PA were high before lockdown.		L	AO to contact parents of non-attenders to seek verification/Reason	29/05/20 Ongoing	L

	Detailed plan to revert to original rooms shared with staff, and communicated to parents 15.10.20 Further communications have been regular and parents will be informed of further changes via email, EduLink and social media communications.	Headteacher & SLT	L		30.09.20/ 15.10.20 Reviewed 13/05/21	
Communication	Parents and students are informed of changes to curriculum, examinations and school procedures.	Arrangements & expectations outlined by Headteacher/HOY	L	 Pupil communications around 2020-21: Changes to timetable Expectations when in school travelling to & from school safely Updates of one-way system sent to all staff, parents and students. From 01/09/21: Students are welcome to continue wearing a mask from 01/09/21 if they prefer, in which case they are to be worn over the mouth and nose and are not to be treated as an accessory. The following measures will remain. One way systems. Enhanced supervision during lesson change overs. Year group zones during break & lunch. Fountains for bottle refill only. Continued promotion of safe hand hygiene. Sanitiser available in all rooms, and students strongly advised to have a personal supply. 	Reviewed 04/01/21 Reviewed 13/05/21 Reviewed 23/08/21	L

	On-going regular communication plans kept well-informed. Weekly update let		L	Letters, website updates, social media	Weekly	L	
	Meetings and decisions that need to be taken prioritised.						
Governors/ Governance		Governors are clear on their role in the planning and re-opening of the school, including support to leaders. Approach to communication between Leaders and governors is clear and understood.					
		Certain aspects of governance are on-hold in order to deal with the immediate situation, these are agreed and clear with all governors and there is a plan for then these will be reviewed and potentially reinstated.					
School events, including trips	The school's annual calendar of events has been reviewed and decisions made on cancelling or going ahead with events in the immediate term, including school trips.	Plan in place for reviewing future events.	Н	Plan for re-instating school trips. Individual trips to be risk assessed as usual, and with particular regard for COvid-19 restrictions & guidelines. Geography field trip is running on 10/05/21-14/05/21 in line with government guidance.	AUGUST 2020 Reviewed 13/05/21 Reviewed 23/08/21	М	
Finance	Additional costs incurred due to COVID19 are understood and clearly documented.	Claims submitted for reimbursement for example, increased premises related costs; additional cleaning; support for FSM		Awaiting form to claim. Cost centre in place for additional costs and spreadsheet.			
	Any loss of income understood, including the impact of lettings and the financial implications of possibly not restarting. Budget adjustments have been allowed for and discussed by the Governors' Finance committee Continue phased approach to re-instating lettings.						

surance claims, including visits/trips booked previously.						
Reintroduction or re-contracting services, such as: Cleaning IT support Catering						
All in house. Some catering staff furloughed						
Consideration given to any support that may be brokered through working together, for example, partnerships, trusts etc.						