



Children First Trust Risk Assessment and Contingency Framework in response to COVID19 outbreak

Stepping Down Measures – in place from 19th April 2022

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This Risk Assessment was completed taking into account the DFE guidelines: [Schools guidance.24.02.22](#)

and the Government guidance (updated 14th April 2022) on [Reducing the spread of infections, including COVID19, in the workplace](#)

This document contains only the Stepping Down measures which are effective currently. The previous Risk Assessment and Contingency Framework Document are still available from the school if required and will come back into use, should we need to put in place Stepping Up Measures, following an outbreak in the future.

Children First Academy Trust Risk Assessment: Coronavirus

To ensure complete transparency, this Risk Assessment will be available on the Trust and individual school websites

All schools must comply with health and safety law and put in place proportionate control measures. They must regularly review and update the risk assessments - treating them as 'living documents', as the circumstances in school and the public health advice changes. This includes having active arrangements in place to monitor whether the controls are effective and working as planned.

It is essential that all the mitigating measures listed throughout this risk assessment are adhered to. They remain relevant at all times and will be under continuous review against on-going updated Government advice. Monitoring checks on behaviours and controls will continue to take place and advice updated as relevant.

| Prevention | Response |
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| 1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone | 4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19 |
| 2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes, using standards products such as detergent | 5. Contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice – see Contingency Framework |
| 3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated | |

Stepping down Measures – to run from 14th April 2022

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| A. | Masks: Currently there is no recommendation from the Government to wear facemasks in schools. Where staff are particularly concerned, or have specific health issues, please speak to your Headteacher. |
| B. | Close Contact: There is no longer any need to isolate if you believe that you are a close contact of someone with COVID. You are no longer required to test daily if you are a close contact. There is no requirement for someone who is not vaccinated, and believes they are a close contact, to isolate. |
| C. | Exhibiting COVID symptoms: The symptoms of COVID have been updated to include a larger number: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/main-symptoms Try to stay at home if you have symptoms of COVID or have a high temperature or do not feel well enough to go to work If possible, it would be helpful to take a test (LFD or PCR) to confirm whether you have COVID, however this is not essential and the school will not pay for this If you do test positive, please stay at home until you no longer feel unwell or until the LFD test shows that you are negative (up to 10 days) Take extra care to avoid close contact with anyone who is at a higher risk of getting seriously ill from COVID You can return to work when you feel better to do so or do not have a high temperature |

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| D. | <p>Asymptomatic Testing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular asymptomatic testing is no longer recommended in any education or childcare setting, including in SEND, alternative provision, and children's social care settings. UKHSA will be issuing further communications in due course about how to manage surplus stock. In the meantime, remaining self-test kits and ATS (onsite) test kits should continue to be stored. You should not continue to hand out test kits to staff or pupils or dispose of text kits (unless they have expired) because they may be used in the future, such as to be used in another setting (e.g. health care) or to help manage a variant of concern. Expired stock is classified as municipal waste and may be disposed of with other waste. |
| E. | <p>Regular reminders to all staff of 'hands, face, space' – hand washing, masks, distance and ventilation.</p> <p>Responsibility for social distancing, handwashing, wearing masks, opening windows/ventilation, is everyone's. Any concerns regarding this should be raised with their line manager in the first instance.</p> |
| F. | <p>Staff absence</p> <p>Whilst we continue to ask staff to isolate if they have symptoms, feel unwell or test positive, there is continued likelihood of high levels of staff absence. This means that there will be stresses on the system. Actions that may be taken are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher levels of internal cover required by non-class based teachers and support staff Senior leaders covering classes temporarily Splitting classes /merging classes temporarily Agency staff brought in if available and financially possible Closure of classes as a last resort <p>The situation will be closely monitored by the school and Trust with a recognition of the impact staff absence is having on the well-being of all staff members.</p> |
| G. | <p>Monitoring pupil attendance</p> <p>The guidance relating to Covid-19 has been updated to show that schools are no longer advised to record pupils who are not attending school for reasons related to coronavirus using Code X (not attending in circumstances related coronavirus).</p> <p>If a child at school is exhibiting COVID symptoms, they should be treated as they would be normally if they were ill and sent to welfare. The parent will make the decision as to whether the child remains at home based on whether they are well enough to be in school.</p> |
| I. | <p>Communal activities</p> <p>All staff meetings, assemblies, Parent Consultations etc can now in person. Face coverings are not required in any situation.</p> <p>Trips out of school to be re-instated.</p> |