

**Ben Rhydding Primary School Risk Assessment: COVID 19 (Coronavirus) – 24 February 2022 - [Schools Covid-19 Operational Guidance](#)**

Hazards / Guidance	Risk Before Control Measures	Persons at Risk	Control Measures	Comments / Action Points –	Residual Risk Rating
<b>Transmission through Transport</b>	Infection from Virus	Staff, Students, Visitor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schools should still encourage parents and students to walk to school where possible</li> <li>• Allow fresh air into vehicles when occupied</li> <li>• It is important to ensure that vehicles are well ventilated when occupied, particularly by opening windows and ceiling vents. You should balance the need for increased ventilation while maintaining a comfortable temperature.</li> </ul>	<p>Public Transport rules are out of the control of Ben Rhydding School.</p> <p>There is no longer a legal requirement to wear a face covering.</p> <p>Operators are free to set their own requirements for wearing face coverings and you should check with the operator of the service you are using before travelling</p>	<b>Low</b>
<b>Spread of Covid 19</b>	Infection from Virus	Staff, Students, Visitor	<p>Mobile Sanitiser Stations / Hand Gel continues to be located throughout schools and these should still be used routinely.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure good respiratory hygiene – use a tissue or elbow to cough or sneeze and use bins for tissue waste ('catch it, bin it, kill it')</li> <li>• Ensure that bins for tissues are emptied regularly throughout the day by the site cleaning teams</li> <li>• Encourage students not to touch their mouth, eyes and nose</li> <li>• Where possible, all spaces should be well ventilated using natural ventilation (opening windows) or ventilation units. Prop doors open, where safe to do so (bearing in mind fire safety and safeguarding), to limit the use of door handles and to aid ventilation</li> <li>• Clean frequently touched surfaces often using standard products, such as anti-viral wipes, detergents and bleach</li> </ul> <p>The Government recommends that all school staff (and eligible pupils/work experience students) take up the offer of a vaccine.</p> <p>You can find out more about the in-school vaccination</p>	<p>When school is in operation, it is important to ensure it is well ventilated and that a comfortable teaching environment is maintained.</p> <p>Any poorly ventilated spaces should attempt to improve fresh air flow, giving particular consideration when holding events where visitors such as parents are on site.</p> <p>Mechanical ventilation is a system that uses a fan to draw fresh air, or extract air from a room. These should be adjusted if possible to increase the ventilation rate and be checked to confirm that normal operation meets current guidance and that only fresh outside air is circulated.</p> <p>If possible, systems should be adjusted to full fresh air or, if this is not possible, then systems should be operated as normal as long as they are within a single room and supplemented by an outdoor air supply.</p> <p>Where mechanical ventilation systems exist, you should ensure that they are maintained in accordance with the manufacturers' recommendations. Opening external windows can improve natural ventilation, and in addition, opening internal doors can</p>	<b>Medium</b>

			programme in <a href="#">COVID-19 vaccination programme for children and young people guidance for schools</a> .	also assist with creating a throughput of air. If necessary, external opening doors may also be used (if they are not fire doors and where safe to do so).  You should balance the need for increased ventilation while maintaining a comfortable temperature.	
<b>Asymptomatic LFT Testing</b>	Infection from Virus	Staff, Students	From <b>21 February 2022</b> , staff and pupils will not be expected to continue taking part in regular asymptomatic testing and should follow asymptomatic testing advice for the general population.  Further information is available in the <a href="#">NHS get tested for COVID-19) guidance</a> .  Although this will no longer be recommended, staff in education and childcare settings and students and pupils can still access test kits by <a href="#">ordering them online</a> or through their local pharmacy if they wish.	<b>You will not be legally required to self-isolate if you test positive for COVID-19. Stay at home if you can and avoid contact with other people.</b>  <b>You will not have to take daily tests or be legally required to self-isolate following contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19</b>  <b>In the event of an outbreak, a school may also be advised by their local health team or director of public health to undertake testing for staff and students of secondary age and above for a period of time.</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Transmission through Mixing of groups</b>	Infection from Virus	Staff, Students, Visitor	It is no longer recommended or necessary to keep children in consistent groups ('bubbles').	Teaching Staff may prefer floor markings to visibly highlight the 2m gap to be maintained between Staff and Students whilst teaching – this should be individually requested if required.	<b>Medium</b>
<b>Wearing of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Face Coverings</b>	Infection from Virus	Staff	Face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors in classrooms or communal areas.  Staff and pupils should follow <a href="#">wider advice on face coverings</a> outside of school, including on transport to and from school.		<b>Low</b>
<b>Shielded and clinically vulnerable children, young people and Staff</b>	Infection from Virus	Staff, Students, Visitor	Following expert clinical advice and the successful rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine programme, people previously considered to be particularly vulnerable, clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV), and high or higher-risk <b>are not</b> being advised to shield again.  Children and young people who were previously identified as being in one of these groups, are advised to continue to follow the guidance contained in <a href="#">Coronavirus: how to stay safe and help prevent the spread</a> . Children and young people over the age of 12 with a weakened immune system should follow <a href="#">DHSC and UKHSA</a>		<b>Low</b>

			<p><a href="#">advice</a> for people whose immune system means they are at higher risk from Covid-19.</p> <p>Children and young people previously considered CEV should attend school and should follow the same <a href="#">COVID-19 guidance</a> as the rest of the population. In some circumstances, a child or young person may have received personal advice from their specialist or clinician on additional precautions to take and they should continue to follow that advice.</p>		
<b>Staff, Student or Visitor becomes unwell whilst at home or School</b>	Infection from Virus	Staff, Students, Visitor	<p>Pupils, staff and other adults should follow the updated guidance on <a href="#">People with COVID-19 and their contacts</a> if they have COVID-19 symptoms.</p>	<p>From <b>24 February 2022</b>, the Government have removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. In addition, the Government will no longer ask fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 to test daily for 7 days and routine contact tracing will end.</p> <p><b>Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days.</b></p> <p>Staff, children and young people who are contacts should attend their education settings as usual. This includes staff who have been in close contact within their household, unless they are able to work from home.</p> <p>The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) published <a href="#">updated guidance</a> on 24 February 2022</p>	<b>Medium</b>
<b>Contact Tracing</b>	Infection from Virus	Staff, Students, Visitor	<p>Public health advice for <a href="#">People with COVID-19 and their contacts</a> changed from <b>24 February 2022</b>.</p> <p>Contacts are no longer required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests, and contact tracing has ended.</p>	As Above	<b>N/A</b>
<b>How to clean schools where</b>	Infection from Virus	Staff, Students, Visitor	<p>Arrangements are to be put in place to maintain an appropriate cleaning schedule. This should include regular</p>	<p>Site Cleaning Teams have their own arrangements and protocols during any outbreaks and will follow</p>	<b>Low</b>

<p><b>there were children, students or staff with suspected cases of COVID-19</b></p>			<p>cleaning of areas and equipment (for example, twice per day), with a particular focus on frequently touched surfaces.</p> <p>UKHSA has published guidance on the <a href="#">cleaning of non-healthcare settings</a>.</p> <p>Coronavirus symptoms are similar to a flu-like illness and include cough, fever, or shortness of breath. Once symptomatic, all surfaces that the suspected case has come into contact with must be cleaned using disposable cloths and household detergents. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All surfaces and objects which are visibly contaminated with body fluids</li> <li>• All potentially contaminated high-contact areas such as toilets, door handles, telephones</li> </ul>	<p>PHE Guidance.</p> <p>Disinfectant, anti-bacterial wipes and spray is to be used immediately on the threat of infectious disease or virus.</p> <p>Public areas where a symptomatic individual has passed through and spent minimal time in (such as corridors) but which are not visibly contaminated with body fluids do not need to be specially cleaned and disinfected. If a person becomes ill in a shared space, these should be cleaned as detailed above.</p>	
<p><b>Virus being spread through Waste transfer</b></p>	<p>Infection from Virus</p>	<p>Staff, Students, Visitor</p>	<p>All waste that has been in contact with a confirmed positive case of Covid 19, including used tissues, and masks if used, should be put in a plastic rubbish bag and tied when full.</p> <p>The plastic bag should then be placed in a second bin bag and tied. It should be put in a safe place and marked for storage until the result is available.</p> <p>If the individual tests negative, this can be put in the normal waste. Should the individual test positive, you will be instructed what to do with the waste</p>	<p>Waste Disposal will be completed by the Site Teams and escalated if appropriate</p>	<p><b>Low</b></p>
<p><b>Educational Visits</b></p>	<p>Infection from Virus</p>	<p>Staff, Students, Members of the Public</p>	<p>Prior to any Educational Visit, a full and thorough risk assessment should be undertaken and Educational Visit Leaders must ensure that any public health advice, such as hygiene and ventilation requirements, are included as part of that risk assessment.</p> <p><a href="#">General guidance</a> about educational visits is available and is supported by specialist advice from the <a href="#">Outdoor Education Advisory Panel (OEAP)</a>.</p>		<p><b>Medium</b></p>
<p><b>Remote Learning</b></p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Staff and Students</p>	<p>Not all people with COVID-19 have symptoms.</p>	<p>The remote education provided should be equivalent in length to the core teaching pupils would receive in</p>	<p><b>N/A</b></p>

		<p>Where appropriate, we should support those who need to self-isolate because they have tested positive to work or learn from home if they are well enough to do so.</p> <p>We will maintain our capacity to deliver high-quality remote education across this academic year, including for pupils who are abroad, and facing challenges to return due to COVID-19 travel restrictions, for the period they are abroad.</p>	<p>school.</p> <p>We should work collaboratively with families and put in place reasonable adjustments so that pupils with SEND can successfully access remote education.</p> <p>Full expectations for remote education, support and resources can be found on the <a href="#">get help with remote education service</a>.</p>	
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