

NPAT Covid-19 – Risk Assessment Update: November 2020



On the 4th November 2020 the DfE updated their guidance for schools in preparation for the second National Lockdown in England. The guidance can be found here:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/education-and-childcare-settings-new-national-restrictions-from-5-november-2020?utm_source=4%20November%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

As a result of this, NPAT's Covid-19 Risk Assessment has been updated to reflect the updated DfE guidance. Additions are dated and shown in *italics*.

Mitigation Area	Risk Mitigation	Actions Required to Manage the Risk Mitigation	Action Owner(s)
D	Staffing and pupil numbers are appropriate to ensure bubble sizes adhere to government guidance	<p>1. Staff and pupil survey to be undertaken to determine individuals that are clinically extremely vulnerable who have previously been shielding. Where identified in an at-risk category an individual risk assessment will be put in place to provide adequate controls within school for pupils and staff to be able to return.</p> <p>November 2020: <i>Staff who have been identified as CEV and are in receipt of a letter from the government dated November 2020 onwards are able to continue working in schools if they wish to do so. An updated individual risk assessment must be put in place and be signed by the Head Teacher and the member of staff. The decision to continue to work can be reviewed by either the Head Teacher or member of staff at any point.</i></p>	Head Teacher/SLT
G	Cleaning regimes that maintain a high standard level of cleanliness throughout the school building and site, resources and personal equipment that meets the requirements of Covid-19 guidance	<p>20. Ensure all classrooms and areas in school are adequately ventilated throughout the day by opening windows and doors ensuring fire and safeguarding standards are maintained:</p> <p>November 2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>When the room is occupied open windows a small amount to allow a 'trickle' of air in and out of the room. If you have high level windows open these only otherwise windows will have to be open at a lower level. If you have only low level windows it may be worth considering furniture position if this means someone may be working in a drafty location. Opening internal classroom doors will help promote air flow across the</i> 	All Staff

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		<p>room. Please remember that if this involves fire doors someone must be responsible for closing them in the event of a fire alarm going off.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When the room is empty, such as break and lunchtimes, and at the end of the school day please 'purge' the room by opening windows and doors wide to allow fresh air to circulate at a greater rate than when the room is occupied. Although this will lower the temperature in the room it will allow the air to change rapidly. When people return to the room return to 'trickle' ventilation. The temperature of the room will increase as it becomes occupied again. Site staff will need to extra vigilant at the end of the day to ensure that all rooms are checked at the end of the day as part of their locking up procedure for windows and doors being secured after they have been left open to 'purge'. 	
H	Use of PPE for personal care, behaviour issues where intervention is required and emergency first aid purposes	<p>November 2020:</p> <p>10. All visitors to school must wear a face covering when moving around the school corridors and communal areas. Staff may wear a face covering in school corridors and communal areas if they wish to do so.</p>	<p>All Visitors All Staff</p>
I	Creation of isolation space and procedure for any person(s) who become symptomatic	<p>November 2020</p> <p>6. staff member supervising a pupil with symptoms does not need to go home unless the symptomatic person tests positive, the staff member gets symptoms or they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace</p>	<p>Head Teacher/SLT</p>