23rd January, 2022

COVID-19 Pandemic: January 2022 at Easebourne CE Primary School



Key Features and Changes

- Face coverings will need to be worn by staff and visitors in communal areas; staff supervising the arrival or departure of children are required to wear face coverings at pick-up and drop-off.
- Whilst parents and carers will be encouraged to use the phone and e-mail to contact the school where possible, they will be allowed into Reception to speak directly to the office staff, maintaining social distancing throughout and required to wear a face mask.
- Meet the Teacher to be held virtually, along with other parent events, where possible
- Visitors should wash their hands with soap or alcohol-based sanitiser and wear a mask when they enter and exit the building.
- Pupils will not be organised in bubbles, although we will be mindful of the possibility of temporarily reintroducing bubbles, e.g. during a local outbreak.
- Drop-off and pick-up times will continue to be synchronised, and drop-off and collection points used as normal.
- Whole-school assemblies will be suspended; KS1 classes will attend lunch in two sittings, meals being brought to them, whilst KS2 classes will eat lunch in their classrooms.
- Extracurricular clubs will operate in mixed age groups but children will be segregated into year groups at Wraparound.
- The one-way movement system in corridors will no longer be used.
- Children's toilets will operate as before, returning to YR, KS1 and KS2 designations.
- Educational day visits and residential visits will go ahead.
- Indoor and outdoor performances with an audience will go ahead, though restrictive measures will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Whilst we will prioritise outdoor sport, where possible, indoor sport will be able to go ahead; we will use the large hall and maximise the ventilation.
- Classrooms will be well ventilated, with windows/doors open to capacity when children aren't in the classroom to give a ventilation blast.
- CO₂ monitors will be used in classrooms and in the small hall where the CO₂ monitor reading exceeds 800ppm, ventilation will be increased in the necessary space(s), with the room being evacuated as a final resort until the reading is acceptable
- Both indoor and outdoor sporting competitions can take place.

- We will no longer carry out contact tracing NHS Test and Trace will take over, though we recognise that we may be asked to assist in exceptional circumstances.
- From 14 December 2021, adults who are fully vaccinated and all children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 are strongly advised to take a LFD test every day for 7 days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result.
- Daily testing of close contacts applies to all contacts who are:
 - fully vaccinated adults people who have had 2 doses of an approved vaccine
 - all children and young people aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, regardless of their vaccination status
 - people who are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons
 - people taking part, or have taken part, in an approved clinical trial for a COVID-19 vaccine
- Children under 5 are not being advised to take part in daily testing of close contacts. If a child under 5 is a contact of a confirmed case, they are not required to self-isolate and should not start daily testing. If they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 they should limit their contact with anyone who is at higher risk of severe illness if infected with COVID-19, and arrange to take a PCR test as soon as possible. They can continue to attend an education or childcare setting while waiting for the PCR result. If the test is positive, they should follow the stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection.
- From 17th January, people who record a positive test result for COVID-19 can end their self-isolation after 5 full days, as long as they
 test negative on day 5 and day 6. Individuals who are still positive on their rapid lateral flow tests must stay in isolation until they have
 had 2 consecutive negative tests taken on separate days
- The school will follow any further advice from its local Incident Management Team following a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant in the school community

Control Measures

We will continue to:

- Ensure good hygiene for everyone
- Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes
- Keep occupied spaces well ventilated
- Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19

Risks	Who is	Preventative	Key Response	Additional Details	Responsibility
NISK5	affected?	actions	key kesponse		Responsibility

1.Spread of virus within (and across) pupil groups	All	Pupil awareness and appropriate behaviour	Familiarity with routines Robust hand and respiratory hygiene	 Children to spend part of Day 1 morning (Tuesday, 4th January) on COVID Good Housekeeping, reviewing key messages and significant changes to practice, clearly reiterating the significance of the measures in place and promoting good practice amongst staff and pupils, with a focus on the responsibility being shared between staff and pupils Handwashing routines and good respiratory hygiene to continue to be part of the school culture Fire drill to be run in Week 4 (wb Monday, 23rd January), with children lining up without spacing within classes but maintaining distancing between classes Three key messages retained in posters around school: Washing hands Bin it, catch it, kill it Not touching face Staff consistently model and refer to good (safe) practice, especially in maintaining good hygiene and ventilation, responding, as necessary, to the CO₂ monitor readings in classrooms 	Class Staff
	All	Minimising contact and mixing Target of 2 metre social distancing	Outdoor play	 Top field restored, but mowing into 'football pitches' to demarcate Bubble playing spaces to be reintroduced promptly, as necessary, to facilitate the reintroduction of Bubbles Children to be encouraged to have wellies at school to enable them to play on the grass as well as on the playground at breaktimes Staff supervising breaktimes to encourage the use of the grass as well as the playground 	Premises Manager/ Countrywide/All Staff
			Learning outdoors	 Outdoor learning to be prioritised when learning focus and weather permit; use of forest, storytelling circle, amphitheatre, willow classroom, tables, grass, etc; 	Teacher/TA

	 Liaison with other adults needed – mobile phones to be used in an emergency; NB phones now connect all classrooms and the key offices and staffroom
Restored drop- off/pick-up timings and points	Drop-off• Wrap\U08:00Front of school• YR08:40Back YR gate• KS108:40Front of school• Y3/4/608:40Front of school• Y508:45Front side gatePick-up• Wrap\U16:15 or 17:30Under canopy• YR15:05Back YR gate• KS115:15Under canopy• Y3/4/615:15Front of school• Y515:20Front side gate
Playtime timings	 Playtime Timings Dragonflies: flexible, using own outside area, separated from Early Days 10:20: KS1 & KS2 (using wellies corridor)
Lunch arrangements, including timings	 At lunch, there will be two sittings, with classes eating together in the dining-hall but alongside other classes in that sitting. Sitting I 11:40 YR 11:45 Y1 Sitting II 12:20 Y2 Surfaces to be cleaned between sittings and after second sitting by MMS KS2 classes will eat their lunches in their classrooms, as before

All	Minimising infection from surfaces & objects	Wiping & washing Classroom doors	 Midday meals supervisors consistently model and refer to good (safe) practice, especially in maintaining good hygiene and ventilation, responding, as necessary, to the CO₂ monitor readings in small hall SBM/PM to ensure sufficient materials Water bottles should remain on the pupil's desk (Y2+) during the day and not be placed in a communal location Milk and fruit for YR/KS1, if available, should be dispensed and handled by one member of staff (wearing disposable gloves or having thoroughly washed hands), not by pupils Good ventilation to be maintained with classroom doors (with magnetic self-releasing catches) and windows to be open whenever possible CTs to ensure that classroom windows are closed if the fire alarm sounds; SBM/PM/HT to ensure that windows and doors of unoccupied rooms that they pass as they exit are shut in the event of a fire alarm 	Pupils Teacher TA SBM PM Cleaners
		End-of-day cleaning	 Full clean at the end of the day to clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces, including: Classroom desks and tables Bathroom facilities (including toilet seats, taps and flush levers and buttons) Backs of seats Door and window handles Light switches Reception desks Computer equipment (including keyboards and mouse controls) Telephones Buttons on coded doors Telephones in admin area cleaned each day; other users avoided but, if necessary, to be wiped afterwards 	Seeclear PM

		 Sanitising wipes to be by communal phones (office x3, SBM, SENDCo, Music Room, staffroom) and photocopier to enable users to clean before and after use Coronavirus (COVID-19) is an easy virus to kill when on 	
All	Initial Handwashing	 Coronavirus (COVID-19) is an easy virus to kill when on skin, either with soap & running water or hand sanitiser Children will handwash on arrival at school Provide soap and paper towels in all classrooms and in key locations Make alcohol-based hand sanitiser available to <u>adults</u> in classrooms, in key locations (Hall, Reception, etc); adults to use hand sanitiser in Reception on arrival and on leaving Children not to bring in either hand sanitiser or E45 cream unless sanctioned following parent discussion 	Teacher/TA (SBM/PM to ensure sufficient materials)
All	Regular handwashing	 Regular handwashing enforced Posters promoting correct techniques on display and reviewed by adults Make sure everyone is washing their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds across the school day, particularly: After coming into school On return from playtime After sneezing or coughing Before and after handling or eating food After going to the toilet Before accessing the library Before and after PE Whole-class handwashing to use conga method around the room, to ensure sufficient time is given to soaping hands Encourage pupils and staff to avoid touching their face with unwashed hands 	Supervised by Teacher/TA

				 E45 barrier cream available in classes, if necessary, for children with particularly chapped hands from a pump action dispenser 	
	Staff	Identify asymptomatic staff members		 COVID Co-ordinator to co-ordinate identification In line with Government requirements, school staff to be encouraged to self-test at home with LFTs on Sunday evening/Monday morning and Wednesday evening/ Thursday morning, reporting their results both at school and online to the Government Positive results are to be conveyed promptly to the school and staff involved to self-isolate and immediately follow guidance 	
	All	ldentify asymptomatic household members		 Staff and school families to be made aware that their households can self-test at home with LFTs twice weekly and relevant links to be made available Ensure families know that this initiative does not include primary children themselves 	
	All	Elimination of infected individuals from site	No adult or child to come onto site or remain on site if they have: • symptoms • diagnosis confirmed or suspected in last 10 days	 Staff and parents to be made aware of symptoms: a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature) a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual) a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal Key advice to be flagged to all staff and given to parents, as necessary, in both electronic and paper formats, as required, and to be put on the school website 	HT Staff Parents

			 Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection Testing for Coronavirus (COVID-19) Get a free NHS test to check if you have coronavirus If it is felt that a family will struggle to access testing, consideration to be given to the option of giving one of school's small stock of testing kits Guidance documents will be available on Teams and on COVID-19 section of the school's website NB Testing is most effective within 3 days of developing symptoms Parents to be advised to follow <u>Testing for Coronavirus</u> (COVID-19) to engage with NHS Test and Trace and arrange testing Staff testing – self-referral or HT referral to be triggered Staff the have had COVID-19 within 90 days should now continue to test Self-isolation guidelines to be adhered to – conference room to be used; staff to wear PPE Sign to be displayed making clear that conference room in use for isolated individual Suspected infected individual to use disabled toilet Conference room, disabled toilet and key areas to be cleaned before re-use with normal household bleach Everyone who has had contact with someone who is unwell must wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with soap and running water or use hand sanitiser DW to liaise with staff and families of pupils to ensure 	
-	All	Avoidance of infected individuals	 Ow to hase with star and families of pupils to ensure that correct isolation period has been observed Clear overview e-mailed to all staff and parents/carers, with relevant documents (see above) 	HT Staff Parents

	coming onto site		 Parents/carers to be reminded of symptoms and asked to confirm absence by phone to the office; if staff have concerns about symptoms, child's admission to be reviewed Parents/carers to be clear that families should follow the relevant guidance when returning to England from other countries - <u>Travel to England from another country during coronavirus (COVID-19)</u> Parents/carers must advise the school if their children are self-isolating, as above 	SBM PM Cleaners
All	Maximising respiratory hygiene	• Catch it • Bin it • Kill It	 Posters reiterating message around school Ensure all classrooms and key areas have tissues available Importance of sneezing/coughing into elbow if unable to get to tissue in time Staff praise and reinforce correct behaviour Bins identified to children Bins emptied daily, or more frequently, as necessary Staff to stand back if removing bag from a bin to avoid rush of air Classrooms will be well ventilated, with windows/doors open to capacity when children aren't in the classroom to give a ventilation blast In classrooms and the small hall, CO₂ monitors are placed: At head height when seated Away from ventilation outlets, such as grilles or windows At least 0.5 metres away from occupants of the space being monitored Where the CO₂ monitor reading exceeds 800ppm, ventilation will be increased in the necessary space(s), with the room being evacuated as a final resort until the reading is acceptable 	Teacher/TA (SBM/PM to ensure sufficient materials)

			 Suggestions made to parent body: Avoiding congregation at drop-off/collection Wearing masks when dropping off and picking up Dropping off/picking up alone, i.e. without other adults in the family Keeping their children by their side at drop-off until the school doors open Where possible, telephones and computer terminals/laptops should only be used by designated users and not shared; where this is not possible then sanitising wipes left by these devices should be used to clean equipment before and after use Office staff to liaise with staff and families of pupils to ensure that correct isolation period has been observed Children to attend school wearing PE kit on days when PE 	
All	PE sessions	Clothing, PE delivery and equipment	 Children to attend school wearing PE kit on days when PE is scheduled Children to wash hands before and after PE sessions Outdoor PE to be prioritised when possible Equipment to be wiped at the end of each session, if not individual to the child 	CTs Aspire
All	Fire Alarm	Fire signage Fire drill	 Classes to line up, without spacing between children, but retaining spacing between classes Fire drill to be run with classes in second week after return 	PM JC
All	Maintaining First Aid Provision Accidents Supporting and Containing	First aiders Management of children with symptoms	 See separate guidance on what to do if a child/adult is displaying symptoms Parents reminded of symptoms to be alert to, including anosmia; if in any doubt, parents should keep their child at home to avoid risking infection of child's class Minor low level first aid to be dealt with by class staff using first aid kits; non-minor first aid and routine 	DW SB First aiders SBM

Children with Symptoms	 medication to be dealt with by office staff who will judge whether interaction requires PPE, including visor for face If children displaying symptoms, class staff to phone office, explaining symptoms, and office staff member will collect child Ensure that all parent aware that admission to school grounds will be blocked if a diagnosis of Covid-19 is confirmed or suspected and that children with temperature above 37.8 should not be on site Consider if pupil is hot from running/cycling into school and clothing/weather – check temperature using contactless infra-red thermometer if concerned and confirm with aural thermometer if in doubt Make sure staff in school know that they should: Observe strict no contact rule Contact Parent/Guardian with instructions to take home and consult medical aid and contact school once outcome known Isolate pupils in Conference Room Wash their hands for 20 seconds after making contact with the ill pupil Use PPE equipment, as appropriate Conference Room identified as a room that sick pupils can be kept in until parents come to collect them, as it has: A door you can open for ventilation Separate toilets they can use A separate exit from which children can be
Manage space for	collected and which can be opened to promote air circulation ement of • Clean and disinfect surfaces the person has come into

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	 Dispose of any items that are heavily soiled or contaminated with body fluids Keep any waste from possible cases and cleaning of those areas (e.g. tissues, disposable cloths and mop heads) in a plastic rubbish bag and tie when full Place these bags in a suitable and secure place away from children and mark them for storage in locked part of the school Wait until the test results are known before taking the waste out of storage If the individual tests negative, put the bags in with the normal waste; if the individual tests positive, place in locked part of school for 72 hours 	
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2. Spread of virus out to parents/other family members and in to school	All	Drop-off & pick-up arrangements	Parents/carers encouraged to consider ways in which to reduce the spread of virus in their communication with the school	unaccompani drop-off zone In anticipation the return to Avoiding Wearing Dropping adults in Keeping t the schoo As much com mail or telept Gates unlocke 15:25 and the	if driving n of the spike predict school, suggestions i congregation at drop masks when droppin off/picking up alone the family their children by thei ol doors open munication as possib none	b younger children to use ted by SAGE, following made to parent body: p-off/collection og off and picking up e, i.e. without other r side at drop-off until ole encouraged via e- nd 09:00 and 15:05 and	Teachers TAs Parents
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	All	Water bottles	Water bottles	 Water bottles to be sent home empty and returned cleaned and refilled Children without water bottle on day to be given disposable cup 	Teachers TAs Parents
	All	Reducing risk from reading books and lunchboxes potentially carrying virus	Wiping additional items Treatment of books	 Parents advised to wipe reading books before sending in and on getting home No additional items beyond reading books, KIT Book, water bottles, sun cream (when needed) and lunchboxes (if packed lunches) to travel between school and home Class staff advised to hand wash and/or use hand sanitiser as appropriate if reviewing KIT Books, or choosing to review and give feedback on children's paper learning Online homework using Google Classroom to continue as a regular class initiative, at least weekly 	Teachers/TAs Parents SC
	All	Minimising risk from lunchboxes carrying virus	Lunchboxes	 Lunchboxes not to be handled by adults or other children Children clear that they shouldn't touch another child's lunchbox Children should be able to open packaging of all elements of lunchbox without adult assistance 	Teachers TAs
_	All	Other items moving between school and home	PE kit	 Parents to be told which days there will be PE PE kit and shoes (and coat) to be worn into school on specified days and worn home School uniform to be worn on other days; suggestion that parents/carers consider washing uniform at least weekly 	Teachers TAs Parents
	All	Water bottles	Water bottles	 Water bottles to be sent home empty and returned cleaned and refilled Children without water bottle on day to be given disposable cup 	Teachers TAs Parents

3. Spread of virus to others	All	Reducing visitors to site	Deliveries	 Office staff to liaise with Brakes Avoid any manual handling that requires a two-person lift Check with Premises Manager about any manual handling issues 	Office staff PM
4. Spread of virus to staff and between staff/into homes	All	Reducing risk of respiratory infection	Social distancing	 Staff to consider signing in with own pen on arrival Staff to use hand sanitiser on arrival and on departure, as well as during the day Staff to clean computers at communal workstations before using and accessible telephones (office x3, SENDCo, SBM, staffroom, music room); cleaning agents to be by devices Hatch to office to be open each day to enable staff communication with admin staff without entering office All staff toilets to be equipped with sanitised wipes and/or disinfectant spray and paper towels Share risk assessment with colleagues and circulate, putting on TEAMS and the website 	PM All
	All	Maximising surface & object cleanliness	Registers and paper resources	 Pupil lists to be ticked daily in class and attendance to be phoned through to office staff to complete registers online or staff to use SIMS, depending on personal choice Staff to hand wash if risk of contamination by others handling documents 	All
	All	Monitoring staff health to maintain sufficient staff to cover	Staff becoming unwell	 Staff should inform the Headteacher at the earliest opportunity if they have concerns about being well enough to attend school Symptoms for staff to be alert to clearly up around school At the end of each day everyone should conduct their own 'wellness' check; if there are any concerns or staff feel unwell then these should be raised with the headteacher immediately 	Teachers TAs
	All	Reducing infection	Classes	 Be outside as much as possible Try, where possible, to avoid close contact with children 	Teachers TAs

DL/LA	through contact with large numbers of children Reducing possible infection	Wraparound	 If this is not possible, e.g. hearing, reading, etc, stand behind children (on basis that risks to adults are greater than to children) or beside them Try, where possible, to avoid face-to-face contact Tables to be wiped down after each session AM – Children sanitise hands before entering Hall AM – Breakfast delivered by trolley, children taking food from the trolley themselves PM - Children sanitise hands before entering Hall 	DL/LA
Peripatetic teachers, including supply teachers	Reducing possible infection	Management of peripatetic teachers	 School risk assessment to be made available to peripatetic teachers - see brief summary below: Sign in, preferably with own pen Sanitise on arrival and departure Make sure the room is well ventilated Avoid close contact, where possible, with pupils and staff Wipe surfaces that have been touched by a student or by you Model the three key messages Washing hands Bin it, catch it, kill it Not touching face Use staff toilets next door to conference room Provision of hand sanitiser for peripatetic teacher in teaching area Photocopying facilities to be available to eliminate the sharing of sheet music Seating in room to enable teacher and pupil(s) to exercise social distancing, where possible Music peripatetic staff to use phone to ring class to collect the next pupil to avoid visiting classes 	Peripatetic teachers PM

	Volunteers	Reducing possible infection	Management of volunteers	 Volunteers to take an LFT before coming into school Volunteers are likely to be in an older demographic than most adults in school and therefore to be more vulnerable Where volunteers have read and are comfortable with the school risk assessment and would like to return to supporting the children's learning, though they should wear a mask (available at Reception, if they don't have their own) and/or a visor, if they prefer Provision of hand sanitiser alongside volunteer When supporting reading, volunteer to sit alongside the child, minimising touching of book, and to sanitise hands after each 1:1 session
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NB Staff must be fully familiar with all of the contents of this risk assessment and ensure that they promote the control measures detailed within it. In addition, where staff identify an additional risk or an issue within the measures proposed or observed practice, they should raise it with the HT so that the risk assessment can be reviewed with a view to making it more robust.