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COVID19 Risk Assessment for Allen Edwards Primary School September 2021.

Details of the school's preventative measures can be seen in the table below, and provide the risk assessment applied to ensure the safety of all pupils, following the latest DfE Guidance.

For the full guidance issues by the DfE please follow the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/schools-covid-19-operational-guidance>

Each item within the risk assessment is reviewed weekly by Senior Leadership using input from all staff members. These updates will be presented to Governors on a termly basis.

Below is the overview taken from the Department For Education Website, relating to the most recent guidance on controlling the spread of COVID-19 in school establishments.

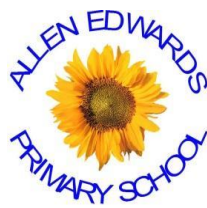
Overview from DfE

As the country moves to Step 4 of the roadmap, the government continues to manage the risk of serious illness from the spread of the virus. This marks a new phase in the government's response to the pandemic, moving away from stringent restrictions on everyone's day-to-day lives, towards advising people on how to protect themselves and others, alongside targeted interventions to reduce risk. As COVID-19 becomes a virus that we learn to live with, there is now an imperative to reduce the disruption to children and young people's education - particularly given that the direct clinical risks to children are extremely low, and every adult has been offered a first vaccine and the opportunity for 2 doses by mid-September.

Our priority is for you to deliver face-to-face, high-quality education to all pupils. The evidence is clear that being out of education causes significant harm to educational attainment, life chances, mental and physical health.

We have worked closely with the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and Public Health England (PHE) to revise this guidance. (DfE 19th July 2021)

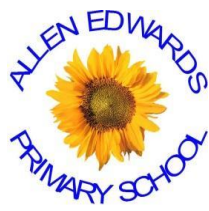
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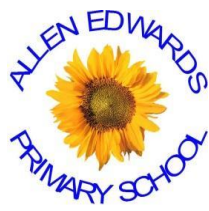
Table below details the school's preventative measures to minimise the risk of the spread of the COVID-19 virus:

Number	Prevention	Actions taken to implement prevention measures	Who will implement measures/responsibility
P1	<p>Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or have a positive Lateral Flow or PCR test, do not attend school. Advice on 'close contacts' of a person with a positive COVID-19 test, will be issued via NHS Test and Trace or via the school, following advice from Public Health</p>	<p>Ensuring that pupils, staff and other adults do not come into the school if they have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or have tested positive on a Lateral Flow or PCR test.</p> <p>Visitors (e.g. therapists) have access to the school's risk assessments and protocols.</p> <p>If symptoms occur during the school day, symptoms to be reported to Headteacher (in absence, a member of Senior Leadership)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Child taken to designated sick bay -Full PPE equipment is available for member of staff dealing with incident -If a pupil, parent to be called for immediate collection <p>If symptoms relate to staff members, members to leave site immediately.</p> <p>If pupils or staff members need to use the bathroom, the bathroom will be cleared of any persons prior and after use, closed to disinfect and clean the bathroom.</p> <p>In an emergency, call 999 if someone is seriously ill or injured or their life is at risk. Anyone with coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms should not visit the GP, pharmacy, urgent care centre or a hospital.</p> <p>Everyone must wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds (taps are set at 20 second timings before they turn off) with soap and running water or use hand sanitiser after any contact with someone who is unwell. The area around the person with symptoms must be cleaned with normal household bleach after they have left to reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people.</p> <p>Advice for Self-Isolation is as follows:</p> <p>Self-isolate immediately if:</p>	<p>Headteacher (In absence of HT, senior Leaders) to ensure correct implementation of procedures</p> <p>Premises manager to carry out cleaning of bathroom and sick bay and areas person was unwell if it is used during the school day prior to cleaners on site.</p>



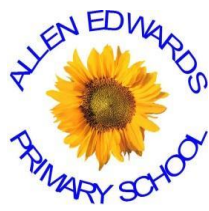
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		<p>you have any symptoms of COVID-19 (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste) you've tested positive for COVID-19 – this means you have the virus</p> <p>Self-Isolate if you have been in contact with a person with COVID, is NOT necessary for double vaccinated adults or children under 18 years and 6 months. However, if someone you live with has symptoms or tested positive you've been told you've been in contact with someone who tested positive – the guidance for non-vaccinated adults and children are that where possible carry out a lateral flow test, where possible avoid contact, particularly to those who are vulnerable.</p> <p>If you have arrived in England from abroad from a 'red list' country, or from an 'amber list' country and not been fully vaccinated – see GOV.UK: <i>how to quarantine when you arrive in England:</i></p>	
P2	Clean hands thoroughly more often than usual	<p>All pupils reminded of good hand washing procedures and hand washing monitored by adults for pupils in EYFS, KS1 and pupils in KS2 who may require support.</p> <p>Assemblies used to remind children that hand hygiene is still a key component to avoid the spread of the virus as well as other viruses e-Bug poster for hand washing to be displayed in all pupil bathrooms and used as a teaching tool in assemblies</p> <p>Hand sanitisation stations will be available throughout the school. Children should be reminded to use these stations regularly, particularly when they are unable to access a sink. Alternatively, they can carry hand sanitiser on their person or in their school/lunch bag.</p> <p>Hand sanitising stations placed outside classrooms and communal areas</p> <p>All staff and visitors to hand wash/hand sanitise upon entering and leaving the school building</p>	<p>All staff</p> <p>Premises Manager to organise via office</p> <p>Office staff</p>



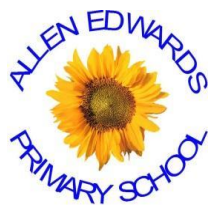
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P3	<p>Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach</p> <p>Continue, where possible, to ensure indoor spaces are well ventilated</p>	<p>All classes to have tissues in classroom and pupils encouraged to bring own packet of tissues to have on their person as well as hand sanitizer</p> <p>All classrooms and bathrooms to have a bin with a lid</p> <p>*Individual risk assessments are in place for pupils with some complex needs who may struggle to maintain as good respiratory hygiene as their peers, for example those who spit uncontrollably or use saliva as a sensory stimulant. These are shared with parents and staff working with these pupils are involved in the process of drawing up risk assessments.</p> <p>All indoor spaces, where possible, will be well ventilated. This will include keeping windows and doors open in enclosed spaces, where the building allows this.</p>	<p>Staff</p> <p>Responsibility of premises manager to ensure products available for all pupils</p> <p>Inclusion Manager</p>
P4	<p>Introduce enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces using standard products, such as detergents and bleach</p>	<p>-Cleaning contractor will clean the school each morning</p> <p>-Staff to highlight any cleaning concerns upon arrival to the premises manager who will rectify concerns. Concerns will be logged and reported to the School Business Manager to liaise with the cleaning contractor.</p> <p>-Handwashing arrangements to be re-visited with all staff and by staff to pupils regularly</p> <p>-Hand washing by pupils to be monitored, where appropriate, by staff</p> <p>-Toilets to be checked, cleaned and signed off by Premises Manager two times per day. Sign off sheets to be handed by PM to SBM each day with issues identified in toilets. These to be addressed with staff immediately. If not urgent, discussed at Wednesdays handover meeting</p> <p>-Premises Manager to ensure class cleaning packs are regularly stocked. Class cleaning packs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dettol Spray - Blue Roll/paper towels - Non latex gloves - Hand sanitizer - Tissues for pupils - Aprons 	<p>Headteacher and School Business Manager/Premises manager</p>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Soap <p>For EYFS and Year 1, additional bottles of Milton Liquid to sanitise plastic equipment and buckets All classes have a lidded bin preferably with a foot pedal.</p>	
P5	Use of face coverings in cases of an outbreak (usually 14 or more cases)	<p>Face coverings are 'expected and recommended' in enclosed and crowded spaces where people may come into contact with others they don't normally meet, such as on public or school transport</p> <p>Temporary use of face coverings in communal areas or classrooms (by staff and visitors), in the case of an outbreak</p>	Headteacher
P6	Educational Day visits or domestic residentials	Following the school's Educational Visit Risk Assessment policy, visits will take place, where appropriate and where these can be undertaken safely	Headteacher
P7	Pupils with special educational needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Pupils with special educational needs may require an individual risk assessment. This will be carried out in consultation with the parent and pupil. Measures including visiting the school prior to other pupils returning, use of social stories and pupil information passports have and will continue to be used for those pupils who require this. -Interventions identified on pupils' Educational Health Care Plan or their SEND support plan will continue as before and delivered where stated by the recommended professionals. 	AHT Inclusion
P8	Indoor and outdoor performances Indoor and Outdoor Sport	<p>The school will consult DFE guidance on performing arts when planning indoor and outdoor performances</p> <p>outdoor sport will be prioritised where possible Where it's not, large indoor spaces with sufficient ventilation, will be used</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -When planning for team sports, government guidance will be consulted 	Headteacher
P9	External visitors on site. This includes reference to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Governors - Therapists - Music Teachers - Clinicians 	-All external visitors should be made aware of the school's protocol for visitors and have access to the school's risk assessment	Office staff



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	- Contractors - Deliveries		
P10	Confirmed PCR tests	<p>Confirmatory PCR tests</p> <p>Staff and pupils with a positive LFD test result should self-isolate in line with the stay at home guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection. They will also need to get a free PCR test to check if they have COVID-19.</p> <p>Whilst awaiting the PCR result, the individual should continue to self-isolate.</p> <p>If the PCR test is taken within 2 days of the positive lateral flow test, and is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD test and the pupil can return to school, as long as the individual doesn't have COVID-19 symptoms.</p>	All members of school community
P11	Use of PPE Equipment	<p>The majority of staff will not require PPE beyond what they would normally need for their work. PPE is only needed in a very small number of cases, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • where an individual child or young person becomes ill with coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms while at schools, and only then if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained • where a child or young person already has routine intimate care needs that involve the use of PPE, in which case the same PPE should continue to be used 	Headteacher
P12	Lateral Flow Testing and Engagement with NHS Test and Trace	<p>-All staff have access to lateral flow tests which should be completed twice weekly, until the end of SEptember when this will be reviewed by Government</p> <p>Staff and parents should: book a test if they or their child are displaying symptoms. Staff and pupils must not come into the school if they have symptoms and must be sent home to self-isolate if they develop them in school.</p>	All school community



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Additional information on:

Attendance

School attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age and it is a priority to ensure that as many children as possible regularly attend school.

Where a child is required to self-isolate or quarantine because of COVID-19 in accordance with relevant legislation or guidance published by PHE or the DHSC they should be recorded as code X (not attending in circumstances related to coronavirus). Where they are unable to attend because they have a confirmed case of COVID-19 they should be recorded as code I (illness).

For pupils abroad who are unable to return, code X is unlikely to apply. In some specific cases, code Y (unable to attend due to exceptional circumstances) will apply. Further guidance about the use of codes is provided in the [school attendance guidance](#).