



Kensington Park School

This Risk Assessment remains in place during the period of restrictions due to the increased risk of transmission of Coronavirus.

Date of Assessment	09.01.2022
Area assessed	Kensington Park School
Subject of assessment	All areas of Kensington Park School

Details of workplace/activity				
<p>This is a summary of the risk assessment; the risk assessment is undertaken in compliance with the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 to aid the planning and monitoring of a safe reintroduction of the staff and students of the School in line with the government guidance.</p> <p>This summary aims to address the protective measures that will need to be implemented during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Preventing the spread of coronavirus involves dealing with direct transmission (for instance, when in close contact with those sneezing and coughing) and indirect transmission (via touching contaminated surfaces). A range of approaches and actions should be employed to do this. These can be seen as a hierarchy of controls that, when implemented, creates an inherently safer system, where the risk of transmission of infection is substantially reduced.</p>				
Hazards and Risks	Persons at risk	Control measures in place/available	Assessment of risk (very low, low, medium, high, very high)	Further control measures recommended
Poor hand washing protocols increase risk of spread of infection.	Students & Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cleaning hands more often than usual - wash hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly (if hand washing facilities are not available, use alcohol hand rub or sanitiser, ensuring that all parts of the hands and wrists are covered). Students to be requested to wash hands (and use toilet facilities) in a staggered and spread out manner to avoid build-up of students in a small confined space. Hands should be washed regularly, and at least on arrival to setting, before and after eating, and after sneezing or coughing. 	Very low	


A person with Coronavirus (or with the symptoms of) infects others within the buildings	Student & Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents, guardians, House parents and staff and will be asked to be vigilant about noticing the symptoms of COVID-19, notably a new and sustained cough, a raised temperature (above 37.5C) or loss of taste and smell, and will be asked to keep their students at home or in Boarding House. • Regular and routine testing through Lateral Flow Tests • Any student displaying any symptoms will be isolated immediately in a nominated room and sent home as soon as is practicable. • Any student showing symptoms should remain at home, or in the boarding house and tested according to Government guidelines. • Boarding students who test positive will usually be expected to go to their guardian or to home. They should remain at there until they have satisfied all Government isolation and retesting requirements. • Day pupils should remain at home following a positive test and should remain at there until they have satisfied all Government isolation and retesting requirements. • Students will be allowed back to School following a negative test. • All students and staff will be welfare monitored by either parents, house staff, or self-monitoring. • Any staff member displaying symptoms will be sent home to test and self-isolate as necessary – and should remain at there until they have satisfied all Government isolation and retesting requirements. • PPE should be worn by staff caring for the student or member of staff while they await collection if a distance of 1m+ cannot be maintained. Any staff member involved in the care of that person will not need to go home unless they begin to display symptoms themselves. They should wash their hands thoroughly, and the area in which the person has been working should be thoroughly disinfected. • In the case that a student or member of staff tests positive for COVID-19, then close contacts will be established and government guidelines will be followed; this is likely to include a period of testing and potentially self-isolation. • The School will inform parents, students and staff of any requirements for testing isolation at the time. • The School will advise any regulatory bodies – PHE/NHS and the London Coronavirus Response Cell. 	Low - medium	This has been raised due to the observed increased transmissibility of the Omicron variant.
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Increased risk through inadequate cleaning of spaces and resources.	Students & Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleaning routines in place for the decontamination of frequently used spaces and surfaces. All areas will be provided with suitable hand sanitiser, decontamination units and hygiene kits, to include sterilising spray and wipes. • Please refer to the cleaning RA routines, policy and procedures. 	Very low	
Increased risk through contact between different members of the School community.	Students & Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular LFT testing by the school community to identify and isolate index cases as soon as possible. • Minimise contact between students by managing the classroom layout. • Teachers to teach or supervise from a 'removed' position, at least 1m+ from the nearest pupil where possible. • Specialist provision to be delivered 'remotely' either at school or from home when necessary • As necessary, assemblies to be streamed through Teams • All spaces should be well ventilated using open windows and doors propped open for ventilation and removing the need to touch the door handle (where safe to do so). 	Medium	This has been raised due to the observed increased transmissibility of the Omicron variant.
Increased risk of transmission during times where social distancing is difficult to adhere to or cannot be applied	Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In general, students will be asked to wear face masks in all academic School buildings. • Face masks, visors, gloves and aprons will be available and provided by the school for all instances where close contact or personal care is required (e.g. first aid, and when checking temperatures). • If a student becomes unwell with symptoms of COVID-19 while in their setting and needs direct personal care until they can return home, a face mask should be worn by the supervising adult if a distance of 1m+ cannot be maintained. If contact with the student is necessary, then gloves, an apron and a face mask should be worn by the supervising adult. If a risk assessment determines that there is a risk of splashing to the eyes, for example from coughing, spitting, or vomiting, then eye protection should also be worn. • Any member of staff who becomes unwell during the day should inform their line manager, return home and test as required. 	Medium	

Increased risk of transmission during outdoor education	Students & Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When outside the classroom, the likelihood of students forgetting or neglecting to keep their distance from one another increases. Students to be reminded at frequent intervals to retain 1m+ gap between one another and the member of staff. Before returning to the classroom, hands must be washed or sanitised. 	Medium	
Increased risk to vulnerable and extremely vulnerable members of the community	Students & Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clinically vulnerable individuals are monitored on a regular basis are advised to follow shielding measures in order to keep themselves safe. This is done on an individual basis. 	Very low	
Increased risk through the use of shared resources.	Students and staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students to have allocated workspaces and to bring their own laptop or tablet and stationery. No sharing of devices or stationery should take place. 	Very low	
Increased risk due to inadequate training of staff in the handling of PPE or the lack of understanding of protocols and risk.	Students and staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All staff receive training in the use of PPE equipment and in the regular cleaning and sanitising protocols that will come into place when school returns. 	Very low	

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