



Queen Mary's Grammar School

Coronavirus (COVID-19): Risk Assessment Action Plan for full re-opening from September 2020

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The sole purpose of this risk assessment is to support schools in preparing for full school opening in September 2020, whilst reducing the risk of coronavirus transmission.

- For the purpose of this risk assessment, the term 'coronavirus' to refer to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).
- Schools must ensure that this risk assessment reflects the local setting and context of the school. Staff must be consulted with regard to this risk assessment.
- This should be viewed alongside relevant advice and guidance from the Department of Education and reflect any additional subsequent guidance issued to schools.
- Additional information and considerations for leaders is given in the 'Reopening of Schools (Final)' discussion document.
- For further reference, https://www.gov.uk/government/latest?departments%5B%5D=department-for-education, including the documents below,
 - o <u>Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance for schools and other educational settings</u>
 - o Coronavirus (COVID-19): implementing protective measures in education and childcare settings
 - What parents and carers need to know about schools and other education settings during the coronavirus outbreak
 - o Guidance-for-full-opening-schools 22 Oct 2020

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Level of risk prior to control	Identifies the risk before any steps to reduce the risk have been taken
Risk Description:	Outlines the area of concern. This list is not exhaustive and schools should add/amend/delete where appropriate e.g. risks for pupils with complex needs.
Risk Controls:	The measures that will be taken to minimise the risk. These are generic and should be adapted for the school context. Add <additional information=""></additional>
Impact:	Could be L/M/H or numeric, depending on what is used in the school setting.
Likelihood:	Could be L/M/H or numeric, depending on what is used in the school setting. NB IF IMPACT AND LIKELIHOOD ARE BOTH HIGH, THEN THE ACTIVITY
	SHOULD BE STOPPED UNTIL ADDITIONAL CONTROL MEASURES ARE PUT IN PLACE.

Responsible person:	The identified staff member(s) responsible for implementing the risk controls.
Date:	The date by which required plans for controls will be in place. To support planning, identify which controls need to be in place before pupils return to the
	setting. Individual schools can then personalise to their own setting.
Line Manager Check:	Sign off to ensure that the risk has been minimised as far as possible.

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The school lapses in following national guidelines and advice.	M	 To ensure that all relevant guidance is followed and communicated: The school to keep up-to-date with advice issued by, but not limited to, DfE, NHS, Department of Health and Social Care and PHE. Information on the school website is updated. Pupils updated via classrooms/email/text (we will be launching a new SIMS parent app system in the autumn term) as necessary. Any change in information to be shared with Chair of Governors and passed on to parents and staff by email. As a result: The school has the most recent information from the government, and this is distributed throughout the school community. 	Н	L	RJL	01/09/2020	
Poor communication with parents and other stakeholders	L	 All staff/pupils are made aware of current actions and requirements and reminded frequently using school communication systems. Head teacher to share Risk Assessment with all staff. Parents notified of risk assessment plan and shared with parents via website. As a result: All pupils and all staff working with pupils are adhering to current advice. 	Μ	L	RJL	01/09/2020	

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Lack of awareness of policies and procedures.	M	 All staff, pupils and volunteers are aware of all relevant policies and procedures including, but not limited to, the following: Health and safety policy Infection control policy First aid policy Intimate care policy Behaviour policy All staff will have a briefing at the start of term All staff have regard to all relevant guidance and legislation including, but not limited to, the following: The Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR) 2013 The Health Protection (Notification) Regulations 2010 Public Health England (PHE) (2017) 'Health protection in schools and other childcare facilities' DfE and PHE (2020) 'COVID-19: guidance for educational settings' The relevant staff (e.g. first aiders, cleaners) receive any necessary training that helps minimise the spread of infection, e.g. infection control training. Staff are made aware of the school's infection control procedures in relation to coronavirus via email. Parents are made aware of the school's infection control procedures in relation to coronavirus via email, the school website, twitter and posters at the entrance to school – they are informed that they must contact the school's infection control procedures in relation to coronavirus via email, the school website, twicter and posters at the entrance to school – they are informed that they must contact the school's infection control procedures in relation to coronavirus via email, the school procedures in relation to coronavirus via email, the school website, twicter and posters at the entrance to school – they are informed that they must contact the school's infection control procedures in relation to coronavirus via a coordinated 	Н	M	RJL/KSP	01/09/2020	
		programme of delivery from staff on the morning of the day of					

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		 term. All are informed that they must tell a member of staff if they begin to feel unwell. Regular electronic briefings issued to staff. As a result, all staff and pupils are aware of the policies and procedures in place to keep themselves safe in school. 					
Poor hygiene practice in school.	M	 Posters are displayed around school reminding pupils of the hygiene practice required in school (e.g. washing hands before entering and leaving school). Pupils to be advised to wash their hands with soap before and after break times and lunchtimes for no less than 20 seconds. All pupils will be expected to use hand sanitiser regularly (available in corridors) Teachers to reiterate key messages in class-time (when directed) to pupils to: Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, To throw all tissues in a bin To avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands. Additional alcohol-based sanitiser (that contains no less than 60 percent alcohol), disinfectant wipes and tissues to be provided for the school reception area, dining hall, in classrooms and other key locations for staff and pupils. Infection control procedures are adhered to in accordance with the DfE and PHE's guidance. Sufficient amounts of soap (or hand sanitiser where applicable), clean water, paper towels and waste disposal bins are supplied in all toilets and kitchen areas. Pupils are instructed to wash hands after using the toilets and to use the sanitising gels when returning to the teaching area 	M	L	RJL/KSP	01/09/2020	

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		 Pupils and staff do not share cutlery, cups or food. Staff to bring in own cups All utensils are thoroughly cleaned before and after use. Cleaners are employed by the school to carry out additional cleaning of areas as required by timetable and builders user movement. Door handles, doors and toilets are cleaned regularly during the day and paper/hand towels are refilled regularly As a result, all pupils and staff are adhering to high standards of hygiene to minimise risk of transmission. 					
Ill health in school.	M	 Staff are informed of the symptoms of possible coronavirus infection, e.g. a cough, difficulty in breathing and high temperature, and are kept up-to-date with national guidance about the signs, symptoms and transmission of coronavirus. Appropriate PPE sourced for use in first aid situations and guidance on its location, use and disposal issued to staff in line with government guidance on what to do is a pupil or staff member becomes unwell. All staff are informed of the procedure in school relating a pupil becoming unwell in school. Any pupil who displays signs of being unwell is immediately moved to an empty room, to wait for referral to the designated first aider on site as per rota. The school admin team (who have been notified by the teacher by phone) to contact parents, and request the duty first aider to attend the isolation room. Parents are advised to follow the COVID-19: Guidance for households, including accessing testing. 	M	L	RJL	01/09/2020	

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		 Any staff member who displays signs of being unwell immediately reports this to the senior member of staff on duty, then leaves the school site immediately. If an isolated pupil needs to go the bathroom, they should use a separate bathroom which will be cleaned after use. Pupils displaying symptoms of coronavirus do not come in to contact with other pupils and as few staff as possible, whilst still ensuring the pupil is safe. A facemask should be worn by the supervising adult if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained. If contact with a child or young person is necessary, then gloves, an apron and a face mask should be work by the supervising adult. If there is a risk of splashing, the eye protection should also be worn. The relevant member of staff calls for emergency assistance immediately if the pupil's symptoms worsen. Unwell pupils who are waiting to go home are supervised in the designated area as signposted where they can be at least two metres away from others Areas used by unwell pupils who need to go home are identified as out of bounds, thoroughly cleaned and disinfected once vacated. Pupils who have displayed symptoms in school, should be advised to be tested. Test results should then be notified to the school as soon as possible. If they test negative, they can return to school. In the event of any member of staff or pupil is identified as having COVID 19 the school will contact the Walsall Health Protection Team on 01922 658065 					

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		As a result, any member of the school community who becomes unwell, is isolated quickly and appropriate action is taken to minimise the risk of infection.					
A pupil or staff member is tested and has a confirmed case of coronavirus.	М	 In line with government advice: The Headteacher will contact PHE via PH Walsall. Then PH Walsall's protection teams to conduct a rapid investigation and will advise school on appropriate action. As a result, school leaders taken appropriate action in the event of a confirmed case of coronavirus. 	M	L	RJL	01/09/2020	
Staff and Pupil movement traveling to or from school on public transport increases the risk of infection.	Μ	 In line with government advice: Pupils and staff will be encouraged to walk or cycle into school and warned to avoid public transport if possible. For those who still need to take public transport they will be referred to relevant government advice, and will be encouraged to wear masks. Anyone wearing non-disposable face coverings when arriving to school will be expected to bring a plastic bag to keep these in during the school day. A closed bin and hand sanitiser will be located at school entrances in order to allow the safe disposal of disposable face coverings with immediate disinfectant of hands. As a result, the risk of infection is reduced as pupils and staff arrive at school. 	Μ	L	RJL	01/09/2020	

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Staff and Pupil movement between sites school transport increases the risk of infection.	Μ	 If school transport is being utilised to transfer students around campuses students and staff are expected to: Group together pupils within the same bubble if at all possible Where possible allow for additional transport or staggered pickups. Organised queuing and boarding to be implemented where possible School transport vehicles to be distanced apart to reduce large groups gathering Hand Sanitiser to be available for use on boarding/disembarking The use of face masks to be encouraged and a supply of disposable facemasks to be available upon boarding the transport. Regular cleaning of hard surface areas and frequently touched areas before being used by another group / bubble. As a result, the risk of infection is reduced as pupils and staff travel between sites. 	M	L	RJL	01/09/2020	
Poor practice leads to the spread of potential infection at the start of the school day.	Μ	 In line with government advice: Issue information to young people, parents, carers and visitors not to enter the school if they display any symptoms of coronavirus. Issue information to parents about arrival and departure procedures, including safe drop-off and pick-up. Inform pupils and parents of their allocated times for the beginning and end of their school day All students should wear face coverings when arriving at and entering school Inform pupils and their parents of the allocated entrance and exit points to school and where they should go on arrival. 	Μ	L	RJL	22/09/2020	

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		 Pupils are instructed to wash hands after using the toilets and to use the sanitising gels when returning to the teaching area All staff to wash hands on arrival in school. Make it clear to parents and pupils that they cannot congregate at the front of school prior to the day beginning. Make parents and pupils aware of government recommendations with regard to transport. Inform parents and pupils of restrictions and plans relating to school transport. Staffing of gates to ensure year group bubbles are maintained and to manage other hazards (e.g. traffic) Issue information to pupils in relation to restrictions on their movement around the site. Sufficient supplies of hand-sanitising supplies provided to accommodate this procedure at the start of the day. As a result, the risk of infection is reduced as pupils and staff arrive at school.					
Poor management of pupil numbers reduces the ability of pupils and staff to practice social distancing.	L	 Leaders to identify and communicate clearly to parents and pupils with regards to times, routines and expectations Pupils restricted to blocks/classrooms as year group bubbles to minimise movement around the school. Timetable reviewed and refreshed, and programme communicated to teachers and staff. Where possible, pupil movement to be limited to make social distancing easier and specialist teachers to move between allocated classrooms. Leaders to consider how best to supplement face to face education with remote learning to support for students. 	Μ	L	RJL	01/09/2020	

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		As a result, staff and pupils are clear about where they should be, the times that they should be there and what they are delivering.					
Insufficient staff to run face-to-sessions for pupils.	L	 Protocols for staff to inform leaders if they need to self-isolate clearly in place. Cover teachers (including those from agencies) and support staff identified and rota in place for cover in the instance that planned staff have to self-isolate. As a result, sufficient staff cover in place to provide the face-to-face support sessions for pupils. 	М	L	RJL	01/09/2020	
Pupil movement between lesson, at break time and lunchtime increases the risk of infection.	M	 Break times to take place in designated year zones Staggered starts to be put in place for lunchtime. Social distancing to be put in place for any pupil queuing for food. One-way circulation to be put in place for pupils arriving and leaving shared lunch space/lessons. Allocated outdoor areas for pupils to be identified for break times. Pupils instructed not to play contact games at break time or lunchtime. Ball games to be prohibited. Pupils to be advised to wash hands before and after lunch. Tables to be cleaned between year groups using lunchtime facilities. In canteen/eating spaces, consideration given to marking seats that can be used and removing other seating. Bench style seating clearly marked. Serving counters set up to protect food in canteen when pupils purchasing food. 	Μ	L	RJL + SLT	2/09/2020	

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		 Catering staff to maintain strict levels of hygiene in food preparation areas and follow whole staff guidance in reporting illness. Face coverings must be worn when moving through corridors and other communal areas appropriate to the control measures in place. Staff will be supplied with a full face visor and masks will be made available for students who do not have access to face coverings appropriate to the school behaviour / uniform policies. Relevant posters with clear instructions will be displayed concerning how to put on, remove, store and dispose of face coverings. Pupils who bring a packed lunch, to eat in classrooms to reduce movement and maintain social distancing. As a result, the risk of infection during unstructured time is reduced. 					
Spread of infection in classrooms/shared areas.	M	 Face coverings must be worn when moving through corridors and other communal areas appropriate to the control measures in place. Staff will be supplied with a full face visor and masks will be made available for students who do not have access to face coverings appropriate to the school behaviour / uniform policies. Relevant posters with clear instructions will be displayed concerning how to put on, remove, store and dispose of face coverings. All unnecessary items to be removed from classrooms and learning environments and stored elsewhere. All soft furnishings and items that are hard to clean to be removed. The classroom must be set up where possible with all desks forward facing and side to side seating. The teacher's desk must be kept 2 metres away from the children's tables/desks. 	Μ	L	RJL/KSP	01/09/2020	

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		Pupils to be directed to specific seats in classrooms and to					
		maintain seats during the day as far as possible.					
		Tissues, disinfectant wipes and hand sanitiser to be located in					
		each classroom/learning space.					
		 Bins to be emptied at least twice daily in classrooms. 					
		Contact with communal surfaces, such as door handles etc. to					
		be minimised. Doors to be kept open.					
		• Where possible, windows to be opened to provide ventilation.					
		 Inform all the pupils that they must bring the required 					
		equipment to school (stationary, calculators etc.) to reduce the risk of infection.					
		• Shared teaching resources (such as science equipment) to be					
		cleaned prior to and after use. The use of practical equipment					
		in PE, Science, DT, Food etc. to be minimised.					
		• Pupils/staff to clean IT equipment (esp. keyboards) with anti-					
		bacterial wipes before and after each use					
		 Shared telephone handsets to be cleaned with anti-bacterial wipes before and after each use 					
		 Guidance issued to staff on the use of the staff room and staff 					
		toilet area, including maximum numbers at any one time. Staff					
		to be reminded to adhere to social distancing at all times.					
		• Staff informed to keep 2m apart for other staff members who are not part of their bubble group					
		• Staff should avoid close face to face contact and minimise time spent within 1 metre of anyone					
		 Hand sanitiser/ anti-bacterial wipes to be in place at 					
		photocopiers/shared keyboards/telephones etc.					
		• Staff must wash and dry their own cups, plates and utensils.					
		Keep assemblies / worship to a minimum when necessary					
		separate to individual bubbles or if room available keep bubbles					
		of one year group separated by at least 1 metres.					

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		As a result, the risk of infection to staff and pupils in classrooms / areas is reduced.					
Students attending lessons at another MAT school (site) increases the risk of infection at both the host and home schools.	M	 School leaders will ensure that: Students will not be admitted onto the school site until 5mins before their lessons start Waiting areas are cleaned after use Toilet facilities are available to host students and have enhanced cleaning In classrooms teachers will: Group together pupils from the same school in their classrooms and try to keep these student groups at least 2m apart These desk/ chairs will be cleaned after use Resources will not be shared between these groups during the lesson Students will ensure they: Do not need to use the canteen/ study facilities at host schools Frequently wash/ sanitise their hands Wear face masks on transport and around the school site Arrive and depart the host school site in a timely manner, where this is not possible they will ONLY use the facilities that have been designated for host students 	M	M	Head Teacher	6/11/2020	
Staff attendance at another MAT school (site) increases the risk of infection at both the host and home sites	M	 Visits between sites will be minimised, and only considered no suitable alternative is feasible. No more than 2 MAT sites will be visited in any one day, and covid site registration should be completed. 	М	М	Head Teacher	6/11/2020	

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Poor practice leads to the spread of potential infection at the end of the school day.	M	 All visiting staff to sanitise hands using appropriate hand gel available upon arrival onsite. Any visitor who feel unwell on site to report reception and leave the site immediately. Advice from PHE sought. All areas in which visitors work are cleaned in line with government guidance. Visiting staff to bring own food/drink and all utensils onto site. If possible social distancing rules are to be adhered to at all times. Where social distancing is not possible then additional precautions to be taken and a mask worn at all times. All visiting staff should arrive and depart the host school site in a timely manner, where this is not possible they will ONLY use the facilities that have been designated for visitors Issue information to parents about departure procedures, including safe pick-up. Inform pupils and parents of their allocated times for the end of their school day. Inform pupils and parents of the allocated exit points and pick up points. Make it clear to parents and pupils that they cannot congregate at the front of school prior to the end of the school day. If waiting to collect pupils, parents are to remain in cars and park safely. All students to wear masks when leaving the site Make parents and pupils aware of government recommendations with regard to transport. Inform parents and pupils of restrictions and plans relating to school transport. 	Μ	L	RJL	22/09/2020	

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Spread of infection at before or afterschool clubs	M	 Classroom / Area to be cleaned pre and post club usage of the space Where possible keep pupils in their year groups or bubbles Where not possible look at consistent small groups only. Arrange for same staff to deliver before and after care provision to reduce risk 	M	L	RJL	01/09/2020	
Poor pupil behaviour increases the risk of the spread of infection.	L	 Pupils are reminded of the behaviour policy on their return to school. Sanctions (and how they will be applied in the context of social distancing) are clearly communicated to pupils and parents. Behaviour policy temporarily adjusted as consequence. Pupils' individual behaviour plans are reviewed, and specific control measures identified and shared with pupils and staff where necessary. As a result, pupils understand the behaviour policy in context. 	Μ	L	TBB	01/09/2020	
Pupils with complex needs are not adequately prepared for a return to school or safely supported	L	 Specific arrangements for pupil transport have been risk assessed and agreed with local providers Leaders and staff should review individual pupils' handling plans, including the use of PPE Additional advice should be sought from external agencies where appropriate in relation to moving and handling (physiotherapy, occupational therapy) Review individual communication plans where close proximity is expected e.g. on-body signing Plans should be understood, shared and followed consistently by all staff working with those pupils Prepare additional social stories to support pupils with autism / learning difficulties (highlighting changes to 	M	L	GKC	30/09/2020	

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		classrooms/arrangements/use of PPE, for example) and share with parents and pupils prior to pupils returning to school. As a result, pupils with complex needs are well supported.					
Vulnerable pupils and pupils with SEND do not receive appropriate support.	L	 Appropriate planning in place to support the mental health of pupils returning to school. Agree what returning support is available to pupils with SEND with new temporary plans to put in place for pupils with EHCPs which cover what can be offered and shared with parents. Additional support with regards to this is available from the Executive Director for Education. It is the Mercian Trust's policy that limitations cannot be used as a reason to stop a SEND pupil returning a result, pupils with SEND and those concerned about returning to school are supported. 	M	L	GKC NJY	30/09/2020	
Increased number of safeguarding concerns reported following lockdown.	Н	 Agree safeguarding provision to be put in place to support returning children. Ensure that key staff (DSL & Deputies) have capacity to deal with arising concerns KCSIE Sept 2020 has an expectation that the DSL time will be increased, additional advice to be sought if necessary from the trusts Executive Director for Education Enhanced level 1 training through INSET days to ensure that staff are confident in looking for signs of distress/ abuse and what their duties are If referrals made by staff, these are followed up appropriately and swiftly and social distancing practice maintained. As a result, safeguarding remains of the highest priority and practice 	Μ	L	GKC	30/09/2020	

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Emergency evacuation due to fire etc.	L	 Lockdown, fire and emergency evacuation procedures to be reviewed so that social distancing can be maintained. Leaders to communicate procedures to all staff. Staff to communicate emergency evacuation procedures to pupils at the beginning of each day. A fire drill, applying social distancing to take place at the earliest opportunity (in year group bubbles) As a result, social distancing is maintained in the event of an emergency evacuation. 	Μ	L	RJL/KSP	30/09/2020	
Poor hygiene practice in office spaces increases the risk of infection.	L	 For any administrative staff, start and end times for work are staggered to support social distancing. Tissues, disinfectant wipes and sanitiser to be placed in office locations. Staff to wash hands in line with government advice on arrival. Everyone is responsible for wiping down own desk/place of work before and after use. Separate risk assessment prepared for office staff As a result, office practice in office spaces limits the risk of the spread of any infection. 	Μ	L	RJL/KSP	01/09/2020	
Poor hygiene practice at school entrance/reception increases the risk of infection.	L	 Clear signage in place re social distancing Barriers/screens to be used by reception staff when dealing with any parents/contractors/visitors. Signing in and out procedures to ensure enough detail that can be useful if track and trace is required inc where in the building visitors have been Any touched areas wiped down. 	Μ	L	RJL/KSP	01/09/2020	

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		Parents discouraged from visiting the school.					
		• Rearrange furniture in reception to facilitate social distancing.					
		As a result, reception staff are protected.					
Cleaning is not sufficiently comprehensive.	L	 Ensure that all cleaning and associated health and safety compliance checks have been undertaken prior to opening. The site manager monitors the standards of cleaning in school and identifies any additional cleaning measures. Where possible, additional cleaning staff employed (or given additional hours) to increase the regularity of cleaning. Whilst pupils are at break time/lunchtime, clean tables/door handles with a disinfectant spray. Gloves to be work during this and hands washed afterwards. Disposable gloves/wipes/sprays next to photocopiers/printers etc. Cleaners to act upon guidance normally linked to 'deep cleans' as part of their daily procedures (i.e. a focus on door handles, toilets, changing room, toys in the EY, etc.) – pupils / teachers to clean IT equipment (esp. keyboards) with anti-bacterial wipes after use. Separate risk assessment prepared by cleaning company 	M	L	KSP	01/09/2020	
Contractors, deliveries and visitors increase the risk of infection	L	 Only essential visitors to be permitted onsite All contractors to be checked to ensure that they are essential prior to entry to school. Contractors to come onto site/leave site at staggered times so 	М	L	KSP	01/09/2020	
		 as not to have contact with pupils or staff. All contractors/visitors to sanitise hands using appropriate hand gel available upon arrival onsite. 					

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		 All contractors/visitors should be made aware of control measures (not arriving if showing symptoms, hygiene requirements, social distancing) All contractors/visitors to be supervised All contractors/visitors to leave contact details for follow up through track and trace if there are any issues Any contractors who feel unwell on site to report reception and leave the site immediately. Advice from PHE sought. All areas in which contractors work are cleaned in line with government guidance. Contractors to bring own food/drink and all utensils onto site. Staff who receive deliveries to the school to wash hands in line with government guidance after handling. Where possible, delivery drivers to leave post/parcels and packages in a safe location with coming into contact with staff or pupils. If it is unavoidable and drivers must enter the school site, they are advised to follow most up to date government advice on social distancing. Drivers to hand wash/sanitise hands before entering school buildings. Surfaces to be cleaned after the deliveries have been made. 					