

Gillingham School Covid Risk Assessment 2021-2022

What is the risk?	Level of risk	Mitigation and adaptation
<b>Catching and transmitting covid through poor hygiene practices</b>	Potentially high because of the nature of the virus and risk of spreading it to vulnerable people.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage good hygiene practices by all. Regular and effective washing of hands with soap and water or hand sanitiser at regular points in the school day.</li> <li>• Ensure plentiful access to hand sanitiser in all classrooms, corridors and ensure soap is topped up throughout the day in toilets</li> </ul>
<b>Poor respiratory hygiene transmits the virus</b>	Potentially high because of the nature of the virus and risk of spreading it to vulnerable people.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach continues to be very important</li> <li>• Ensure all classrooms have access to tissues</li> <li>• Encourage students to bring their own packs of tissues to school.</li> </ul>
<b>Contracting the virus through intimate care of students with disabilities or first aid treatment</b>	Medium risk as likelihood of infection is low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure staff are wearing appropriate PPE</li> </ul>
<b>Catching and transmitting covid through unclean and regularly touched surfaces</b>	Potentially high because of the nature of the virus and risk of spreading it to vulnerable people.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Put in place and maintain an appropriate cleaning schedule. This will include regular cleaning of areas and equipment (for example, twice per day), with a particular focus on frequently touched surfaces. Cleaning staff in throughout the day. Use of appropriate cleaning products and detergents.</li> <li>• Teachers to wipe down classroom desks twice during the day at the end of periods 2 and 4.</li> </ul>
<b>Catching and transmitting of covid through poorly ventilated rooms.</b>	Potentially high because of the nature of the virus and risk of spreading it to vulnerable people.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure rooms are well ventilated and that a comfortable teaching environment is maintained (workable temperature)</li> <li>• Consider fitting more auto-closures to classroom doors.</li> <li>• Close doors and windows in the event of a fire evacuation.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure mechanical ventilation systems are well maintained and circulating outside air into the building</li> </ul>
<b>Catching and transmitting the disease because of attendance at school whilst displaying symptoms or having tested positive.</b>	Potentially high because of the nature of the virus and risk of spreading it to vulnerable people.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inform all stakeholders of the need to stay away from school if they are displaying symptoms</li> <li>• Any students developing symptoms during the school day to be isolated and immediately sent home to get a PCR test. They must not travel on public transport.</li> <li>• Families informed of the following guidance  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection</a></li> <li>• Having tested positive individuals must follow PHE and NHS advice regarding isolating  <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/">https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/</a></li> </ul>
<b>Catching and transmitting the disease whilst travelling on school transport.</b>	Potentially high because of the nature of the virus and risk of spreading it to vulnerable people.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advise students and families that the bus companies have requested that the wearing of masks remains mandatory.</li> </ul>
<b>Catching and transmitting the disease because of asymptomatic cases in school.</b>	Potentially high because of the nature of the virus and risk of spreading it to vulnerable people.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Majority of students (those given consent) to receive two on-site tests on their return to school in the autumn term.</li> <li>• Continuation of twice weekly home testing in the autumn term up until the end of September for staff and students.</li> </ul>
<b>Catching and transmitting the disease because of a major outbreak of the disease.</b>	Potentially high because of the nature of the virus and risk of spreading it to vulnerable people.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assist PHE if there is an 'outbreak' at school.</li> <li>• Contact PHE via DFE if an outbreak is suspected 0800 046 8687</li> <li>• Continue to keep central seating plans on Edulink in case we are required to track and trace</li> <li>• Continue to use Microsoft teams to deliver high quality remote learning where students are isolating</li> </ul>