



# Risk Assessment

<b>Area/Activity Assessed</b>	Cleaning Staff Employed by the school – COVID-19	<b>Date</b>	November 2020
<b>Assessment Completed By</b>	Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School		

Probability - (5=Very Likely, 4= Likely, 3= Quite Possible, 2= Possible, 1= Unlikely) Severity - (5=Catastrophic, 4=Major, 3=Moderate, 2=Minor, 1=Insignificant)	0-8 - Low risk No Action Required. 9-15 - Medium risk Ensure adequate controls are in use. 16-25 - High Risk Stop operation and implement adequate control measures
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1	Staff showing signs or confirmed of having Coronavirus COVID-19	4	2	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff are instructed <b>NOT</b> to attend school if they are displaying Coronavirus symptoms.</li> <li>Staff are asked to follow the advice of their GP and should self-isolate for 7 to 14 days.</li> <li>Infected person to contact NHS for a COVID-19 test and to take part in the Test and Trace procedures.</li> </ul>	4	1	4	
2	Staff who have received medical advice regarding social distancing or shielding due to underlying health condition	4	4	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff who have been instructed to shield will be advised to work from home.</li> <li>Staff will follow the advice given to them by their General Practitioner.</li> <li>Staff have a responsibility to keep their manager informed of any changes to their condition or the advice given to them by their General Practitioner.</li> <li>The Head Teacher will review each individual case to ensure all necessary precautions are in place to protect the member of staff.</li> <li>Temporary adjustments when necessary will be put in place.</li> </ul>	4	2	8	



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3	Staff displaying symptoms during school hours	4	3	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Head Teacher and/or SLT will be notified immediately.</li> <li>Staff displaying symptoms of Coronavirus will be sent home.</li> <li>All Staff and pupils who have been in contact with the ill person will wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds.</li> <li>A suspected coronavirus letter will be sent home with each child and parents/cares are asked to monitor the health of their child.</li> </ul>	4	2	8	
4	Social Distancing in school	4	3	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All staff <b>MUST</b> practice social distancing. This includes etc:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Following all temporary alterations to the school routine and procedures that have been implemented by the school SLT to protect both the staff and pupils.</li> <li>Staff are required to wash their hands for 20 seconds regularly throughout the day.</li> <li>To prevent cross contamination, all tools, cloths and equipment will be disinfected after use.</li> <li>Where possible staff will refrain from stooping down to a child's height and avoid close face to face contact.</li> <li>Staff are instructed to maintain an appropriate distance at all times (at least 1m, where possible)</li> <li>Staff are discouraged from gathering in large groups.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	4	2	8	
5	Cleaning up of bodily fluids.	3	3	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suitable PPE have been provided by the school (cover shoes, disposable apron/gloves, facemask and goggles)</li> <li>All waste and contaminated cleaning up materials are double bagged and disposed of</li> <li>The area is cleaned</li> </ul>	3	1	3	



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6	Stopping the virus from spreading <b>Personal Hygiene</b>	4	3	12	<p><b>Transmission</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The virus that causes COVID-19 is mainly transmitted through droplets generated when an infected person coughs or sneezes.</li> <li>This virus can be readily isolated from respiratory secretions.</li> <li>There are two routes by which COVID-19 can be spread: directly from close contact with an infected person (within 2 metres) where respiratory secretions can enter the eyes, mouth, nose or airways - this risk increases the longer someone has close contact with an infected person who has symptoms.</li> <li>Secondly, indirectly by touching a surface, object or the hand of an infected person that has been contaminated with respiratory secretions and then touching one's own mouth, nose, or eyes.</li> </ul> <p><b>Handwashing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Handwashing is one of the most important ways of controlling the spread of infections,</li> <li>The recommended method is the use of liquid soap, warm water and paper towels.</li> <li>Always wash hands after using the toilet, before eating or handling food, and as soon as you enter and before you leave site.</li> </ul> <p><b>Coughing and sneezing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coughing and sneezing easily spread infections. Children and adults should be encouraged to cover their mouth and nose with a tissue.</li> <li>Wash hands after using or disposing of tissues.</li> <li>Spitting should be discouraged.</li> </ul> <p><b>Personal protective equipment (PPE).</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When in communal areas (staff room, corridors, photocopier, front entrance) masks will be worn by staff.</li> <li>When working in the dinner hall, a mask or visor must be worn.</li> <li>In instances where staff have to be anywhere near</li> </ul>	4	1	4	



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				<p>children from other bubbles (e.g. SLT behaviour management, PPA cover, supply cover) a mask or visor must be worn and a 2m distance must be maintained as much as possible.</p> <p><b>After School visit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Upon returning home all staff are instructed to change out of their work clothing and shower.</li></ul>					
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7	<p>Stopping the virus from spreading</p> <p><b>General Cleaning</b></p>	4	3	12	<p><b>Cleaning of the environment,</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The school is cleaned with normal household disinfectant.</li> <li>• All surfaces that the symptomatic person has come into contact with must be cleaned and disinfected, including:</li> <li>• Objects which are visibly contaminated with body fluids.</li> <li>• All potentially contaminated high-contact areas such as bathrooms, door handles, telephones, grab-rails in corridors and stairwells</li> <li>• Use disposable cloths or paper roll and disposable mop heads, to clean all hard surfaces, floors, chairs, door handles and sanitary fittings.</li> <li>• Monitor cleaning contracts and ensure cleaners are appropriately trained with access to PPE</li> </ul> <p><b>Cleaning of blood and body fluid spillages.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All spillages of blood, faeces, saliva, vomit, nasal and eye discharges should be cleaned up immediately (always wear PPE).</li> <li>• When spillages occur, clean using a product that combines both a detergent and a disinfectant. Use as per manufacturer's instructions and ensure it is effective against bacteria and viruses and suitable for use on the affected surface.</li> <li>• Never use mops for cleaning up blood and body fluid spillages – use disposable paper towels and discard clinical waste as described below. A spillage kit should be available for blood spills.</li> </ul> <p><b>Laundry</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should be dealt with in a separate dedicated facility.</li> <li>• Soiled linen should be washed separately at the hottest wash the fabric will tolerate.</li> <li>• Wear PPE when handling soiled linen.</li> <li>• Children's soiled clothing should be bagged to go home, never rinsed by hand.</li> </ul> <p><b>Clinical waste.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Always segregate domestic and clinical waste, in accordance with local policy.</li> </ul>	4	1	4
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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Used nappies/pads, gloves, aprons and soiled dressings should be stored in correct clinical waste bags in foot-operated bins.</li> <li>All clinical waste must be removed by a registered waste contractor.</li> <li>All clinical waste bags should be less than two-thirds full and stored in a dedicated area.</li> </ul>				
8	Failure to Deep Clean the school after a member of staff or child is suspected of having coronavirus COVID-19	4	3	12	<p><b>Deep Cleaning.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The school is cleaned with normal household disinfectant after someone with the suspected coronavirus COVID-19 has left to reduce the risk of others being infected.</li> <li>Where possible the area is closed and secure for 72 hours before the commencement of the deep cleaning.</li> <li>Suitable personal protective equipment is available Disposable gloves and apron Disposable eye protection (where there is a risk of splashing).</li> <li>Once used all PPE is disposed of</li> <li>Hands are washed before and after cleaning for at least 20 seconds.</li> <li>Handwashing facilities are available i.e. hot water, soap, hand sanitiser, paper towels etc.</li> <li>Pregnant staff or staff with a low immune system must take care and use the precautions available when dealing with bodily fluids</li> </ul>	4	1		



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9	<p>Stopping the virus from spreading</p> <p><b>Deep Cleaning</b></p>	4	3	12	<p><b>Cleaning of the environment,</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public areas where a symptomatic individual has passed through and spent minimal time, such as corridors, but which are not visibly contaminated with body fluids can be cleaned thoroughly as normal.</li> <li>• All surfaces that the symptomatic person has come into contact with must be cleaned and disinfected, including:</li> <li>• Objects which are visibly contaminated with body fluids</li> <li>• All potentially contaminated high-contact areas such as bathrooms, door handles, telephones, grab-rails in corridors and stairwells</li> <li>• Use disposable cloths or paper roll and disposable mop heads, to clean all hard surfaces, floors, chairs, door handles and sanitary fittings, following one of the options below:</li> <li>• Use either a combined detergent disinfectant solution at a dilution of 1,000 parts per million available chlorine</li> <li>• A household detergent followed by disinfection (1000 ppm av.cl.). Follow manufacturer's instructions for dilution, application and contact times for all detergents and disinfectants</li> <li>• If an alternative disinfectant is used within the school, this should be checked and ensure that it is effective against enveloped viruses</li> <li>• Avoid creating splashes and spray when cleaning.</li> <li>• Any cloths and mop heads used must be disposed of and should be put into waste bags as outlined below.</li> <li>• When items cannot be cleaned using detergents or laundered, for example,</li> <li>• Upholstered furniture and mattresses, steam cleaning should be used.</li> <li>• Any items that are heavily contaminated with body fluids and cannot be cleaned by washing should be disposed of.</li> <li>• If possible, keep an area closed off and secure for 72 hours. After this time the amount of virus</li> </ul>	4	1	4
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10	Use of COSHH chemicals and materials	4	3	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All staff members who use COSHH materials have received training in the safe use.</li> <li>COSHH risk assessments/Material Data Sheets are available for all materials used and have been shared with the staff concerned.</li> <li>COSHH materials are never mixed together.</li> <li>When diluting a COSHH substance, the substance is always added to the water rather than the other way around.</li> <li>PPE is worn in accordance with COSHH risk assessments and MSDS.</li> <li>All COSHH materials are stored in a secure place (e.g. locked cupboard or storeroom) away from unauthorised persons</li> </ul>	4	1	4	
11	Slip, trips and falls	4	2	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All spillages are mopped up with immediately.</li> <li>Wet floor signs are placed appropriately to warn persons without causing a trip hazard.</li> <li>All floors are dry mopped after cleaning.</li> <li>Appropriate footwear is worn</li> <li>Cleaners are instructed to use the electric sockets near to where they are cleaning to prevent trailing cables.</li> </ul>	4	1	4	
12	Moving furniture and equipment	4	3	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resources that need to be moved on a regular basis are broken down into manageable sizes/loads.</li> <li>A trolley or other lifting aid is used to assist with the handling task.</li> <li>Cleaners have received Manual Handling Training.</li> <li>Dynamic manual handling risk assessments are carried for items that have to be moved (Pushed/pulled/lifted etc) where there is a significant risk of injury.</li> <li>Where needed more than one person will assist in the handling task</li> <li>Staff are instructed not to lift more than they can handle.</li> </ul>	4	1	4	



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13	Electricity and electrical equipment	5	3	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fixed electrical installation inspected.</li> <li>PAT testing up to date</li> <li>A pre-use visual check of all electrical equipment is carried out by the user</li> <li>110-volt or battery powered hand tools are used where possible.</li> <li>A Residual Current Device (RCD) is used when necessary.</li> <li>Extension reels are fully unwound before use.</li> <li>All equipment is maintained and subject to regular checks as instructed in the manufacture's guidelines.</li> </ul>	5	1	5	
14	Use of Electric handheld tools or cleaners.	4	3	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cleaners have received full training in how to use the machine safely.</li> <li>Electric machines are subject to a Portable Appliance Tested (PAT) on a regular basis and serviced/maintained annually as a minimum.</li> <li>All wires and cables are visually inspected before each use.</li> <li>Task is only carried out when the area is not in use (e.g. outside of the school day).</li> <li>Warning signs are erected where necessary.</li> <li>If symptoms of HAVS are noted (e.g. numbness of fingers /white fingers etc.), then medical attention is sought and reported to the school.</li> </ul>	4	1	4	
15	Work related stress	3	3	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All staff receive regular supervision/development reviews where workload, etc., can be discussed</li> <li>There is an open-door policy so that staff can approach their manager to discuss any potential stress factors</li> <li>Stress assessments and awareness training is available for those identified as at risk, or for staff members who feel it would be beneficial.</li> </ul>	3	1	3	

