

RISK ASSESSMENT

Service Area:CHILDRENSSchool:GRANGE VIEW CE FIRSTSERVICESSCHOOL	Employee Name: LOUISE LASKEY		
Activity: Pupils returning to school during COVID19 pandemic who are considered to be at higher risk from COVID-19 as defined by specific clinical advice (previously designated as 'clinically extremely vulnerable' (CEV)/previously been shielding OR who are 'clinically vulnerable' (CV)) Reviewed 27 August 2021	Additional Information: guidance on completion: risk assessment form Each school should have already reviewed its existing task specific risk assessments in light of Covid 19 and should be familiar with relevant guidance provided by the government/Public Health England and internally at NCC. All staff should be familiar with the Covid19 risk assessment for their school which records arrangements in place to make the building Cov secure.		
[This model risk assessment documents the process to follow in relation to pupils attending school returning to school for the first time during the pandemic. For CV and CEV pupils It is likely that the controls recorded in the school COVID-19 risk assessment, in addition to the control measures detailed below, are sufficient to reduce the risk of contracting COVID-19 to a very low level. For those CEV pupils considered to be at higher risk, a separate risk assessment is likely to be required, especially for children with complex needs].			
People at Risk: All pupils who have been identified by specific clinical advice as being at higher risk from COVID-19 as having falling within the CV/CEV category. Pupils with an EHCP.	Additional Information: guidance on completion: risk assessment form Existing service/task specific risk assessments and guidance provided by the government/Public Health England and internally at NCC. Government/Public Health England Advice: https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus/NCC Health and Safety Team webpage		

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Hazard	Risk	Initial Rating L, M, H	Existing Control Measures	Final Rating L, M, H	Additional Action Required (action by whom and completion date – use separate Action Plan if necessary)
An escalation in the number of Covid-19 cases results in the activation of settings Outbreak Management Plan & associated additional controls local or national lockdown controls being instigated	Increased risk of Covid-19 transmission within the community presenting an elevated risk to CEV pupils	Н	All CEV pupils are now able to attend school unless they are one of the very small number of pupils under paediatric or other specialist care and have been given specific advice advised by their GP or clinician not to attend. Individual Healthcare Plans for all pupils are reviewed where appropriate. If necessary, the Government will reinstate shielding arrangements and clinically extremely vulnerable pupils will not attend school until restrictions are lifted. Twice weekly lateral flow home testing is being undertaken by staff (and pupils in year 7 and above) to identify asymptomatic cases of Covid19. Existing Protective Measures are kept under review. Settings will implement the Outbreak Management Plan and associated measures as advised by the NCC Public Health Team. Records are kept of the actions taken.	L	Face coverings are worn as determined by the school's face covering risk assessment.—by all staff and visitors (and pupils in year 7 and above) in areas of the school where social distancing cannot be achieved. Pupils/staff in year 7 and above also wear face coverings in classrooms. [delete as appropriate].
Failure to make appropriate arrangements for Clinically Vulnerable (CV) pupils returning to school for the first time	Exposure to live virus resulting in contracting COVID19 with symptoms that may be exacerbated by their personal characteristics/underlying health	Ħ	The school has contacted the parents/carers to check the child's current health status. Their individual healthcare plan has been updated as appropriate and shared with relevant staff. (see section below on those with an EHCP). A school Covid19 risk assessment (add link) is in place which details the arrangements within the school to comply with the latest Schools Coronavirus Operation Guidance, such as ensuring social	£	A School policy on Supporting Pupils with Medical Needs is in place. This has been reviewed in light of Covid19 and any changes made have been shared with staff e.g., use of the school's own emergency inhaler etc.

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	condition		distancing is in place (where possible/age dependent), hand/respiratory hygiene actively encouraged, additional cleaning regimes etc. This has ensured the school is Covid secure.		
Failure to make appropriate arrangements for those children or young persons identified as being at higher risk Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) pupils who have previously been shielding (on the shielded patient list (SPL)), or hold an SEND/EHCP returning to school for the first time	Exposure to live virus resulting in contracting COVID19 with symptoms that may be exacerbated by their personal characteristics/ underlying health condition	Н	Eligible children (and all adults) have now been offered a COVID-19 vaccination. Clinical studies have shown that young people under 18, including those originally considered to be CEV, are at very low risk of serious illness if they catch the virus. The UK Clinical Review Panel has recommended that all children and young people under the age of 18 should no longer be considered CEV and should be removed from the Shielded Patient List. Department for Health and Social Care provide further guidance in their FAQ document. The school has made contact with the parents/carers and clinician where appropriate, medical consultant, of the child to check the child's current health status and to confirm that they have been removed from the shielding list and are able to return to school and ascertain any specific arrangements that may be required. The healthcare plan is updated as appropriate and shared with relevant staff (see also the section below on those with an EHCP). As children who fall in this category (those previously classed as CEV) are likely to have complex medical needs, a risk assessment has been completed which covers aspects such as personal care requirements, including people handling, PPE needs of staff etc. Input is provided by parents/school nurse/medical consultant. A school Covid19 risk assessment http://www.grangeview.northumberland.sch.uk/websit	M	A School policy on Supporting Pupils with Medical Needs is in place. This has been reviewed in light of Covid19 and any changes made have been shared with staff e.g., use of the school's own emergency inhaler etc. Staff are familiar with the content of the Government guidance: Special schools and other specialist settings: coronavirus (COVID-19) Where there are concerns about the health provision for a child or young person, urgent advice must be sought from a healthcare professional.

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			e/covid19/471500 is in place which details the arrangements within the school to comply with the latest Schools Coronavirus Operation Guidance, such as ensuring social distancing is in place (where possible/age dependent), hand/respiratory hygiene actively encouraged, additional cleaning regimes, increased ventilation etc. This has ensured the school is Covid secure.		
Failure to update existing risk assessments for those with SEND/EHCP	Exposure to live virus resulting in contracting COVID19 with symptoms that may be exacerbated by their personal characteristics/ underlying health condition	M	The potential risks from Covid19 to children and young people who have an EHCP/additional educational support needs must be assessed in light of individual circumstances including any underlying health conditions. Risk assessments were required and completed at the beginning of the Covid pandemic to assess the needs of children with an EHCP. These assessments have been reviewed and updated prior to the children attending to school. Staff have been consulted/trained on any resultant measures to be introduced.	L	School staff familiar with government guidance: Special schools and other specialist settings: coronavirus (COVID-19)

Document History

Item	Nature of change	Date of Update
Full Document Review	Changes to reflect current guidance and Model School Covid 19 Outbreak Contingency Plan and Department for Health and Social Care FAQ regarding status of CEV young people, dated 24 August 2021.	27/08/2021
An escalation in the number of Covid-19 cases results in local or national lockdown controls being instigated	New row inserted. CEV/shielding changes and additional general control measures in place in relation to testing and face coverings.	07/04/2021

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Full Document Review	Minor changes to wording to reflect updated guidance.	07/04/2021
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