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The Corporate Health and Safety Team has undertaken a risk assessment specifically relating to the opening of schools and similar educational establishments for January 2022. The control measures in the assessment are generic in nature and schools are required to evaluate how and to what extent each control measure can/will be implemented within schools (using the standard of 'so far as is reasonably practicable' – i.e. 'reasonable').

The hazard presented by COVID-19 is such that the overall risk is directly proportional to the cumulative effect of all control measures indicated within the risk assessment.

The controls implemented by schools must be effective and balanced (with due consideration of any potential **negative effects** proposed actions may have), therefore it is **essential** that schools refer to the **explanatory note RA 13** (overview of main control measures) and **appendices** (specific guidance) in addition to the risk assessment.

As no two schools are identical, each will be presented with different challenges / opportunities based on their design, type of occupancy etc so it is essential that headteachers/managers consider each of the elements and adapt appropriate measures their own settings.

In UK legislation is that compliance with one piece of legislation cannot result in non-compliance with another and the HSE has reiterated this in relation to COVID-19 adherence to pre-existing legislation is still required (and achievable) whilst complying with COVID requirements. Therefore schools must ensure ongoing compliance with all relevant health and safety and related legislation eg The Education (School Premises) Regulations 1999 (covering welfare facilities etc), COSHH regulations.

Schools main forms of communication are ICT, induction, ongoing monitoring etc so any signage is supplemental therefore should be proportional.



#### **Applicable National Guidance**

UK Govt Guidance. Decontamination in Non-Health Care Settings

Operational guidance for schools and settings

Welsh Government - Keep Education Safe Operational Guidance Covid-19

Welsh Government keeping learners safe education

This document contains less examples of possible control measures than the previous version (for summer term) to enable schools to properly evaluate options appropriate for their specific setting rather than giving the impression that "if it's on the list it must be done" (circumstances /

The information contained in the risk assessment, explanatory note and appendices produced by CHSU will enable schools to implement proportional control measures and schools are invited to discuss specific issues with CHSU.

Date: January 5<sup>th</sup> 2022

School: Bryntirion Comprehensive School

**Assessed By:** Ravi Pawar

Review Date: January 31st 2022

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	In the light of this guidance:	
	<ul> <li>All designated areas for staff and pupil congregation have satisfactory ventilation.</li> <li>Natural ventilation via windows or vents should be used as far as possible. Where centralised or mechanical ventilation is present, recirculatory systems will be adjusted to full fresh air</li> <li>if this is not possible systems should be operated as normal (filters changed by corporate landlord or contractor only).</li> <li>Corporate Landlord visited and expected whole site in Autumn Term 2020 – and agreed simple measures to secure sufficient ventilation in identified areas of the school.</li> <li>CO2 monitors are used to identify areas with inadequate ventilation</li> </ul>	
Control of contractors (including delivery drivers)	The Operations Manager and School Business Manager communicate with suppliers and contractors regarding reopening the school and reinstating or suspending the supply of any required goods or services.	Operations Manager and School Business Manager review all processes to control contractors and delivery drivers in a COVID secure school environment

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a for the second of the second	All contractors to inform MW prior arrival and report to him in E block over prior to the start of any work. Reference made at all times to Health and Safety Guidance from Public Health Wales. Visitors will only be permitted into the chool if they have an appointment; Visitors will only be permitted at their designated time and will be asked to vait outside of the school building antil their school contact is required to attend reception in good time to meet their visitor; Meetings with visitors will be via video onference or phone where possible; not possible social distancing measures will be adhered to at all mes; face to face meetings in small room or within 2m are not permitted; Deliveries will be accepted at designated quiet times only;	
• E	Delivered items will be left in E block byer for site staff to collect and listribute.	

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	•	Procedures are in place to postpone	
		non-essential maintenance	
	•	Measures will be taken to ensure	
		minimal contact with contractors	
		where possible e.g. by ensuring work	
		areas are unlocked and available	
		unless there is a specific lone working	
		risk identified	
	•	Visiting contractors are advised they	
	-	should adhere to social distancing	
		requirements and keep at least 2	
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	_	metres distance when attending site	
	•	Visiting contractors are advised to	
		communicate via mobile phone before	
		entering the site	
	•	Restricted access areas, such as the	
		boiler room, are unlocked prior to	
		contractor attending site to minimise	
		social interaction	
	•	Visiting contractors are advised to	
		communicate via mobile phone when	
		respective works have been	
		completed and prior to leaving the site	
	•	Regular cleaning of work areas will	
		continue and will include cleaning the	
		area where contractors have been	
		working once they have left the site	
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#### APPENDIX RA 14 - IMPLEMENTATION OF CONTROL MEASURES COVID-19 January 2022 (school specific)

Review fire risk assessment (i.e. alcohol gel -storage, use and potentia for arson) NB fire evacuation should be unaffected.	Operations Manager and School Business Manager ensure that:  • Suitable storage and management of flammable hand sanitizer is in place; • All chemicals used for the cleaning of school buildings and equipment is COSHH assessed and managed appropriately; • Material safety data sheets are held for all chemicals and readily available to all staff; • All cleaning chemicals are stored safely and securely in accordance with requirements; • Appropriate PPE is available for all cleaning including suitable PPE for cleaning of potential coronavirus contaminated rooms or equipment. • All staff are familiar with the evacuation process and where to go in the event of a fire • Contractors advised of fire safety arrangements on arrival • All fire alarm testing regimes will remain in place  If required, the fire management plan will be reviewed and all occupants trained in new procedures	Operations Manager communicates fire safety arrangements with staff and contractors, and advises staff on safe storage
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		Provision of drinking water (available periodically throughout school day).	<ul> <li>Drinking water is available at break and lunchtimes from canteens, and from water fountains</li> <li>Parents advised to provide children with water bottles, which can be filled at break and lunch, and at the start of the school day</li> </ul>	
	Transmission of virus	Prevention of symptomatic persons entering school	See Appendices RA 10 and 11  Under no circumstances should learners or staff attend schools/settings if the feel unwell with any of the identified COVID-19 symptoms.( The main symptoms of coronavirus are:  • a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)  • a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3	Updated Public Health Guidance will be distributed to pupils, staff and parents prior to the wider return to school of  All staff to be vigilant for symptoms in pupils on entry to the school and inform SLT with any concerns.
			or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)  • a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste	

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expectation that children now wear face covering in classrooms and in canteen queues, unless medically exempt.  Face coverings should be worn by staff and visitors in all indoor areas of all educational settings listed in the overview section, including classrooms, where physical distance (2m) cannot be maintained.  Face coverings should be worn by secondary aged learners in all indoor areas, including classrooms, where physical distance (2m) cannot be maintained.  There will be some learners and staff who are exempt from wearing face coverings. Confirmation will need to be provided in writing. This position will not change.  Visitors to the school setting should use a face covering, including parents/carers when dropping off and picking up pupils. Face coverings should continue to be worn by pupils when travelling on dedicated school transport.
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The local authority has determined that Type IIR Fluid Resistant Surgical Masks (FRSM) should now replace the previously provided World Health Organisation (WHO) standard face coverings for all staff. Staff are encouraged to use face coverings in internal communal areas where physical distancing is more difficult. They are not required to be worn routinely in the classroom. However, should any member of staff or pupil wish to wear a face mask for their own comfort or wellbeing this is acceptable with the following conditions and controls in mind: When putting on a face covering: a) Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds or use handsanitiser before putting on a face covering b) Do not wear on neck or forehead c) Avoid touching the part of the face

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d) Change the face covering if it becomes

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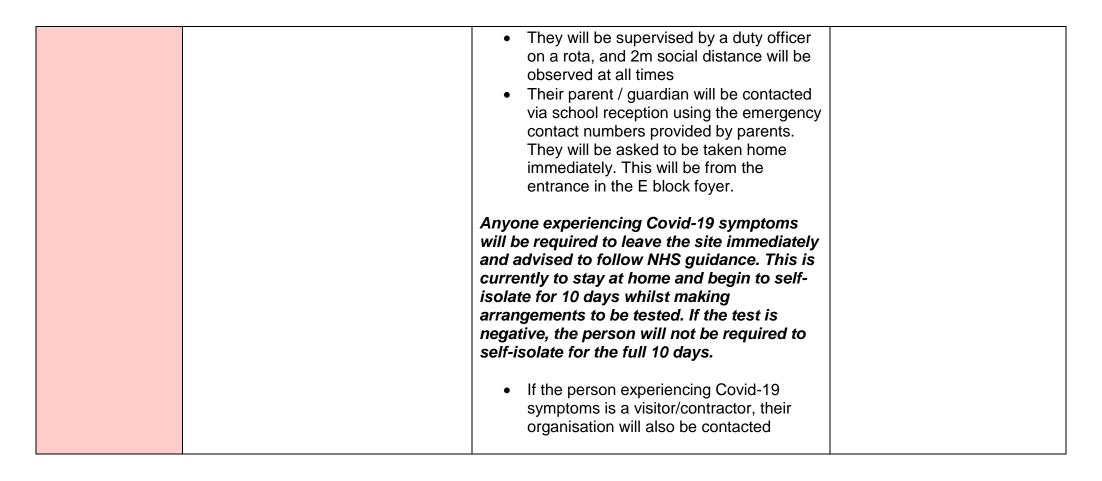
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	e) Avoid removing and replacing it repeatedly
	When removing a face covering:
	<ul> <li>a) Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds or use handsanitiser before removing a face covering</li> <li>b) Only handle the clips or straps</li> <li>c) Do not give it to anyone else</li> <li>d) If single use, dispose of it carefully in a waste bin and do not recycle</li> <li>e) If reusable, wash it in line with the manufacturer's instructions at the most appropriate temperature</li> </ul>
In-school isolation arrangements / procedures for testing/informing.	In any event of someone becoming symptomatic within the school, Test, Trace, Protect will advise the staff member or pupil (parent carer) to follow the Public Health Wales advice and guidance.  • Children in school that feel unwell or who may become symptomatic of COVID-19 will be isolated into an allocated room (currently E block foyer).

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	Hand hygiene	<ul> <li>All pupils and staff will follow the hand washing/hygiene routine on arrival, after eating and following a cough or sneeze, after handling shared equipment, following physical contact, before and after handling food.</li> <li>Hand sanitisers are located throughout the school and outside every classroom</li> <li>Staff and pupils will be provided with information and instruction on hygiene best practices including the use of appropriate posters.</li> <li>Posters in place in all toilets and classrooms</li> <li>Where applicable assistance will be provided to support children with washing of hands. In such cases, the staff member will use PPE as directed in the risk assessment. (The event is unlikely)</li> <li>Gloves and apron should be used when providing intimate care to a child or young person. This can include personal, hands-on care such as washing, toileting, or first aid and certain clinical procedures such as assisted feeding.</li> </ul>	Information provided in school's handbook reissued to staff and pupils
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the staff member due to the pupil's needs (e.g. close contact provision), the staff member follows reasonable hygiene measures;  • Where the staff member delivers intimate care, PPE is provided to them
the headteacher, deputy headteacher, School Business Manager and ALNCO determine on a case-by-case basis whether PPE is required for other activities undertaken by the staff member when working with pupils whose needs may present additional risks.
Staff members that will be working with pupils with an Individual Healthcare Plan (IHC plan  Provision is delivered in line with the pupil's IHC plan as far as possible.  Where provision cannot be delivered in line with the pupil's IHC plan, the ALNCO works with the LA and pupil's parents to explore how provision can be reasonably delivered.

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	<ul> <li>If any changes are agreed to the way provision is delivered, this is communicated to the staff member.</li> <li>Office-based staff, e.g. admin staff and support, other static support staff and office based staff</li> <li>The workspace is arranged so that all staff members can remain physical distance where possible</li> <li>If the staff member cannot avoid entering an area occupied by a pupil group, they maintain distance from all individuals</li> </ul>	
	[Site technical staff and any essential contractors, including cleaners, ICT Technicians]	
	The staff member maintains a physical distance from all individuals when undertaking their work if possible unless in corridor areas/outdoors. This distancing should be 'in passing' i.e staff should not stop to linger and avoid face-to face contact which is closer than 1 metre plus	

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School understands that: Adequate ventilation is an effective dispersant to prevent the accumulation of virus containing material and for indoor environments, where reasonable, opening doors/windows (assisted by fans in rooms where already available) will assist existing mechanical ventilation systems. However if opening doors/windows presents significant safeguarding, thermal comfort issues etc. it would be an inappropriate course of action. Advice sought from BCBC In the light of this guidance: H&S safety team on areas of air circulation / replenishment school where there is little All designated areas for staff and pupil natural ventilation. congregation have natural ventilation. Natural ventilation via windows or vents should be used as far as possible. Where centralised or mechanical ventilation is present, recirculatory systems should be adjusted to full fresh air, if this is not possible systems should be operated as normal (filters changed by corporate landlord or contractor only). In order to increase the fresh air ventilation rate to ensure dilution, we will, alongside Corporate Landlord:

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<ul> <li>Start ventilation of rooms ahead of school day and allow it to continue throughout the day and after classes have finished.</li> <li>Set air handling units to maximise fresh</li> </ul>
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	Contact with inanimate objects	<ul> <li>Pupils should limit the amount of equipment they bring into school each day, to essentials such as lunch boxes, bags, hats, coats, books, stationery and mobile phones.</li> <li>The basic equipment permitted is as follows:         <ol> <li>Pens and pencil case</li> <li>Geometry set</li> <li>Notebook</li> <li>Calculator</li> <li>Planner</li> <li>Bag</li> </ol> </li> <li>Learners and staff can take books and other shared resources home, although unnecessary sharing should be avoided, especially where this does not contribute to learners' education and development.</li> <li>Exercise books and pupils' work can be taken home by teachers to mark and assess. Staff should employ good hand hygiene</li> <li>For individual and very frequently used equipment, such as pencils and pens, it staff and pupils should have their own items that are not shared.</li> </ul>	Large supply of disposable wipes for each classroom are necessary for cleaning of equipment and resources in every classroom.  Pupils are reminded that they are responsible for wiping down equipment after use.  PE staff each need buckets and disinfectant so that equipment is cleaned  D&T, Art and Science staff follow relevant CLEAPSS guidance, as provided by school H&S representative.
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	<ul> <li>Classroom-based resources, such as books and games, can be used and shared; these should be cleaned regularly by pupils, along with all frequently touched surfaces.</li> <li>Resources that are shared between contact groups, such as sports, art and science equipment should be cleaned frequently and meticulously and always between contact groups, or rotated to allow them to be left unused for a reasonable period.</li> </ul>	
Enhanced cleaning regime	<ul> <li>Toilet facilities have all been cleaned, and will be checked continuously every day.</li> <li>To support effective hygiene practices, the school will maintain an enhanced cleaning system to help prevent risk of transmission of the virus.</li> <li>The building will be cleaned throughout the day and, thoroughly, at least once per day.( Particular attention will be given to clean 'high-touch' areas and surfaces, which will be cleaned more frequently than normal, including toilets, railings, tables, equipment and door handles.)</li> <li>The school will continue to dispose of waste in line with latest guidance and</li> </ul>	Cleaning regime protocol to be prepared and shared



		ensure it is removed daily. This includes the procedure for disposing of any waste suspected of being in contact with someone showing symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19).  The Operations Manager/School Business Manager will ensure that the cleaning team fully understand the cleaning requirements throughout the school	
ission of ontinued	Identifying Individuals at enhanced risk NB risk reduction controls must be developed for anyone in this category.	<ul> <li>All staff are asked to complete the 'All Wales COVID-19 Workforce Risk Assessment Tool for education settings' in advance of the new school term: Workforce-risk-assessment-tool.</li> <li>If an individual was previously shielding they will automatically score 7 on this Risk Assessment Tool putting them at Very High Risk with stringent 2m social distancing.</li> <li>Shielding guidance was removed on April 1st 2021. If an individual is in the clinically vulnerable 'people at risk' group, advice is the same as it is to the wider population. They should pay particular attention to the guidance on social distancing and hand hygiene (see above).</li> </ul>	Following completion of self-assessment, colleagues are invited to discuss any concerns or queries with headteacher, deputy headteacher or line manager.



		We recognise that the clinically vulnerable 'people at risk' group includes a wide spectrum of disease severity. Staff are invited to discuss with the headteacher, deputy headteacher or line manager, Occupational Health or GP about health conditions to discuss whether it is safe for you to return to work.  Pregnant women may be particularly vulnerable and have been included in the list of people at increased risk as a precaution. If you	
		are in your third trimester (more than 28 weeks' pregnant) you should work at home (tbc)	
stress	Outline of measures in place to prevent 'pressure' developing into 'stress' for individuals.	<ul> <li>Covidence of control of control of covidence of covidence</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Control measures put in place are fully explained in induction training</li> <li>School tries to demonstrate that it complies with government advice</li> <li>Staff survey re-issued following first 2 week cycle</li> <li>Employees will be consulted prior to any</li> </ul>

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any individual on their specific job and concerns they may have

- Employees have access to a confidential employee assistance programme through the school counsellor. SLT (KO) ensures all employees have the details of the assistance programme and other support needed
- Work structure and calendar is clearly defined
- SLT meet with staff to explain and changes and discuss any concerns raised
- Regular team meetings continue to ensure that the changing environment and arrangements are consulted with staff and communicated on a consistent basis

#### Job roles

- Staff are supported in prioritising tasks relating to the re-opening of school and pupil supervision duties
- Staff are supported when undertaking new/unfamiliar tasks under revised conditions – this will include the implementation of new management control measures for the school site

- changes to their role within the school
- Provisions are put in place to receive feedback from staff to SLT on operational changes.
- Where applicable, training is provided to staff for new equipment or process, this will include the use of personal protective equipment items where identified as being required.
- Where possible, staff are empowered to exert autonomy within applicable activities
- Staff are encouraged to develop their work skills to adapt to new requirements or control measures they are implementing
- Adequate resources are provided to

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<ul> <li>Regular meetings are held to review workload under restricted re-opening conditions and reduced staff</li> <li>Effective procedures are in place to safeguard those engaged in lone working and where there may be a risk from violence/aggression</li> <li>Staff are recognised and rewarded when they have done a job well</li> <li>Staff experiencing problems at work or home are dealt with sensitively</li> <li>Communication and consultation</li> </ul>	include the provision of materials, hygiene products and alternative resources  • Staff who work in isolation are supported by welfare checks
<ul> <li>Open and regular communication is encouraged within the team during changing circumstances with higher levels of stress</li> <li>Policies and procedures are reviewed and implemented within the school e.g. Bullying and Harassment, Working Hours, Dignity at Work etc.</li> <li>Staff are encouraged to report any unacceptable behaviours from staff or external visitors</li> <li>Staff are aware of how to obtain help and support for new tasks or responsibilities implemented during the pandemic response plan</li> </ul>	

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	<ul> <li>Policies and procedures are in place to support staff throughout ongoing changes to work arrangements, the working environment and staffing arrangements.</li> <li>Clear and appropriate communication is provided to staff at the earliest opportunity to incorporate a review of Government Guidance for school operations and how it will affect staff job roles</li> <li>Ongoing team briefings and individual contact to ensure staff are supported through significant changes to day to day job roles</li> <li>The reasons for change and the likely timescales are communicated as and when new pandemic response and school business continuity plans are implemented</li> <li>Support</li> </ul>	
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COVID-19 implications for existing assessments	Consideration of eg first aid, PPE for certain tasks	Designated First Aiders are asked to follow this guidance: https://www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/first-aid-and-medicals/first-aid-certificate-coronavirus.htm  Guidance for first aiders	In staff training, ensure that all understand that fire evacuation protocols take precedence over all measures associated with COVID 19 risk management

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All procedures developed as part of the control measure strategy must be effectively communicated to relevant persons, which may include council representatives, school staff, unions, pupils, parents/guardians etc

Schools are actively encouraged to consult the local authority's Corporate Health and Safety Team whenever an element of doubt exists, particularly as the implementation of inappropriate control measures can be as if not more detrimental that not having any.

Specific tasks such as catering should be assessed by those delivering the service in conjunction with schools.

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