Every Child Matters Academy Trust Risk Assessment for School Opening January 2021- Lockdown 11.1.21

This is centred on Government and Union Guidance to date, including sections 44 and 100 of Employment Rights Act 1996

Risk Description	Control Measures	Comments / Supporting evidence (where appropriate)
Organisation		
Pupil numbers cannot be safely accommodated	 School recovery plans made based on opening of school to vulnerable children and children of key workers in primary, and all children in nursery provision, in January Bubbles to continue being class / year based depending on school organisation Staff plan in place with designated staff allocated to specific classes (where they will remain to avoid cross contamination). Reviewed on a continuing basis to account for any staff absence, including staff following guidance from the beginning of term and any updates from January. Staff that have to work with more than one bubble i.e. Sports Co-ordinators, HLTAs will maintain social distance from children and other adults Class pupils remain together with their teacher and do not mix with other pupils. SEN pupils to be provided 1:1 cover by same member of staff No staff will be asked to undertake duties outside of their JD. Timetable and arrangements for each class / year group agreed Arrangements in place to continue provision of remote learning for pupils not in school Schools to utilise other available rooms / spaces when necessary. 	High View continue to remain in class bubbles based on ensuring the adults can keep a 2m distance from the pupils. The maximum number in a bubble will be no more than 20. As of 11.1.21 the Nursery will be open to all pupils both morning and afternoon. Where a child's bubble has closed and the child is not a contact of the positive case, school has flexibility, number depending, on child going into the other class yet leaving appropriate 48 hours before returning to their normal class. If a class is reduced to key workers/vulnerable but have a part time member, they will remain in the same class bubble to avoid further cross contamination. HLTA is supporting from a distance on Seesaw to support workload and the sports coach will be taking the groups outside wherever possible and from the door if PE needs to be indoor.
Classroom sizes will not allow adequate social distancing	 No changes in the modelling of classrooms, with chairs and desks in place and forward facing and, wherever possible, allowing for social distancing All unnecessary equipment / desks etc. removed to reduce the number of contacts between all persons within their bubble. Hall(s) being used as required Clear signage displayed in classrooms promoting social distancing. Arrangements reviewed regularly Classrooms appropriately resourced to ensure effective T&L 	For Early Years classes at High View, pupils have flexibility of the tables to enhance the learning where necessary and appropriate. Key Stage Two pupils to ensure social distance due to their age, and remain in rows as much as possible.
Configuration of staff rooms and offices makes compliance with social distancing difficult	 Staff to eat in their designated areas and offices have been re-modelled to allow for social distancing between staff. In addition: Staff will use their own cups, plates and cutlery Any fabric chairs will be cleaned as part of a periodic deep clean Use of classroom staggered, wherever possible if the school is running on reduced numbers and spare rooms available. Alternative locations to be considered as appropriate. Staff to be consulted on preference re break times with the use of classrooms being encouraged rather than communal areas. 	Staffroom is only to be used to make food. Staff will have designated times and places to eat. No bubbles will be socialising. Staff have designated areas to have their breaks with seating and tables.
No or insufficient guidance for moving around school	 Circulation plans have been reviewed and schools can manage movement and ensure social distancing, through: Co-ordinating and timetabling group breaks (staggered) to ensure only one group is using the corridors at any time and so avoid congestion Removal of unnecessary furniture from the corridors Limiting the number of children using the toilets at any one time Minimising the movement of pupils around school as much as possible and existing policy of walking in single file to continue 1:1 supervision where required Provision of hot meals being explored with fall-back position being lunch in classrooms with staff collecting grab-a-bags. Identification of any pinch points/bottle necks. Removal of any furniture likely to cause issues with free movement of pupils and staff Use of laminated posters in re-enforcing the correct use of the corridors If the above is not sufficient, schools can, in addition: Introduce one-way systems. Divide corridors where feasible. Floor markings as appropriate Circulation routes are clearly marked with appropriate signage. Pupils are briefed regularly regarding observing social distancing guidance whilst moving around school. 	High View is on two levels and the existing policy of using only one side of the stairs for going down and up will be used. The handrail on the stairs will be cleaned before / after each use. There is a lift and one child will need to use it. On balance of risk, it has been decided that an adult will accompany this child and wear appropriate PPE (at least meeting Government guidance on working in a confined space). It is felt this is the better option to the child travelling in the lift on her own.

Pupils may not observe social	Break and lunch times are staggered. Fitternal areas and designated for different secure.	Packed lunches - parents will be encourage to use disposable bags instead of lunch boxes wherever possible.
distancing at break and lunchtimes	 External areas are designated for different groups. Pupils are reminded about social distancing as break times begin. 	disposable bags instead of functi boxes wherever possible.
	 Social distancing signage is in place around the school and in key areas. Supervision levels are appropriate, especially with younger pupils, to support social distancing. In addition to the above, the following is in place for lunch times: 	The hall is used for FS only, one class at a time, and wiped before any other year group enters.
	Pupils are reminded about social distancing as lunch break begins. Pupils week their bands before and after acting.	School is looking at providing warm meals to all but these will be distributed in classrooms for those on the rota
	 Pupils wash their hands before and after eating. Staff deliver grab-a-bags to classrooms for lunch to be eaten in class and these are disposed of in the classroom 	system.
Ineffective supervision in use of	 Eating areas in the classroom are cleaned before use and after use. Pupils reminded that they can only use the toilet one at a time. 	All are signed, staff monitor and spray, wipe before and
toilets	 Where possible designate toilets for specific groups (make unisex) 	after use.
Í	Where possible pupils escorted to the toilet by a member of staff	
	Pupils are encouraged to access the toilet during class/throughout the day to help avoid queues. Pupils are required at a superfixed by the superfixed	
	 Pupils are reminded regularly on how to wash hands and young children are supervised in doing so. Staff to wipe door handles and taps before / after use 	
Excessive number of adults /	Staggered school start / finish times	Evidence
pupils at any one time in one location e.g. at drop off / pick up	 Social distancing re-enforced through external ground markings (spray paint) and signage at key points e.g. entrance / exits, school pathways indicate 2 metres distance 	School-specific action plans developed by heads for the managing of adults / children bringing in / taking from
times, hand sanitisation stations	Designated drop off / pick up points	school that will ensure 2 metre distancing is in place e.g.
etc.	Use of available entrances and exits is maximised In Reception area:	circulation routes, ground markings. Instructions sent to parents in advance (email / letter).
	 Parents / visitors to school by appointment only other than in emergencies (use of telephone contact promoted) 	paramo in deventos (emaily ionol).
	 Non-essential deliveries and professionals from support agencies to school are minimised. If visits are made: 	
	Social distancing guidance is clearly displayed to protect reception staff (e.g. distance from person stood at reception desk).	
	 Reception window kept closed when communicating with visitors, table located in Reception area for the drop off of documentation and deliveries left in Reception area 	
	Reception staff apply guidelines and restrictions for visitors	
Stoffing	Parents / carers regularly reminded, at least weekly, of expectations.	
Staffing Reduction in the capacity of Trust	CEO and BD to work from home where possible. When coming into school separate rooms will be used.	Plan in place detailing actions to be taken in these events
Leadership (CEO, Head, BD and SBMs) due to contracting Covid19	Heads / Deputy Heads to oversee the operation of the school and not be attached to any one group of pupils and remain outside	e.g. delegation of work, change in roles etc.
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	 Regular updates for LGB and Board of Trustees to ensure continued effective running of schools throughout the crisis 	
	Clear guidance re senior staff roles	
	Clear cover arrangements	
School does not have enough	 Access to school management for guidance and support All staff have been identified to be available to work in school. Those that are in receipt of a shielding letter work from home 	Supporting Evidence
staff to teach classes, meet statutory requirements in school and/or operate effective home learning	 Staff are aware of safe working practices Staff numbers monitored on a daily basis and expected return dates for those self-isolating Full engagement of those staff who are self-isolating or shielding but who are well enough to plan / review online learning. Number classed as clinically extremely vulnerable is at a manageable level Effective staff testing to help manage staffing levels and support staff wellbeing Use of supply staff (confirmation of no Covid symptoms) School will be closed should there be insufficient staff to keep children safe. Emergency resilience plans will be followed. 	 Staff Health Questionnaire Vulnerable Persons Guidance and staff confirmation of working from home or at school Daily staff absence returns RA for staff classed as vulnerable wishing to return to work Guidance re staff self-referral for testing
No contingency for the absence of IT staff	 Arrangement in place with Code Green for support in the event of one or both IT technicians being off due to suspected / confirmed case of Covid19. 	
Staff classed as vulnerable or those who are shielding are not identified and so measures have not been put in place to protect them	 All members of staff with underlying health issues, those within vulnerable groups or who are shielding have let the school know through the completion of a Health Questionnaire and Vulnerable Adult form. Any updated government advice will be followed regarding members of staff with underlying health conditions Staff are clear about the definitions and associated mitigating strategies in relation to people who are classed as clinically vulnerable and clinically extremely vulnerable. 	Supporting Evidence Staff Health Questionnaire Vulnerable Persons Guidance and staff confirmation of working from home or at school. If a member of staff classed as vulnerable but wanting to work in school will be allocated duties
New staff have no opportunity to familiarise themselves with the school and its policies and procedures	 Online induction using various media e.g. presentations, videos, virtual tours etc. Issuing of staff handbook and key policies 	
Testing is not used effectively to help manage staffing levels and support staff wellbeing	Guidance on getting tested has been issued to all staff.	The risk of false negatives remains and further testing may be appropriate
		Supporting Evidence Guidance re staff self-referral for testing
Pupil Behaviour		- Canada roo con roo c
Pupils' behaviour on return to school does not comply with social distancing guidance	 The school's behaviour policy has been revised to include compliance with social distancing and this has been communicated to staff, pupils and parents. Clear messaging to pupils on the importance and reasons for social distancing is reinforced throughout the school day by staff and through posters, electronic boards, and floor markings. For young children this is done through age-appropriate methods such as stories and games. Messages to parents reinforce the importance of social distancing. Staff model social distancing consistently. The movement of pupils around the school is minimised. Large gatherings are avoided at all times. Break times and lunch times are structured to support social distancing and are closely supervised. Senior leaders monitor areas where there are breaches of social distancing measures and arrangements are reviewed. Arrangements for social distancing of younger primary school children have been agreed and staff are clear on expectations. Children are reminded of expectations on a daily basis. EHCPs / Positive handling plans and / or RAs updated with measures to mitigate additional risks associated with Covid19 for pupils where 2 metre social distancing cannot be maintained and physical intervention required i.e. child is familiar and comfortable with supervising staff wearing PPE, staff aware of common triggers and the de-escalation strategies to be employed, wearing of appropriate PPE at all times, support of another adult etc. Plans / RAs tailored to the needs of the child. In the unlikely event that representatives from support services visit school, they will be instructed to follow the school's guidelines on maintaining social distancing 	As schools hold school specific behaviour policies these should be reviewed and adapted where appropriate to take account of any impact resulting from Covid19 Supporting Evidence Positive Handling Plans / EHCPs updated with means of mitigating, as far as possible, increased risks associated with Covid19 (tailored to individual needs) i.e. physical intervention for scratching, punching, spitting.
Health and Safety	on maintaining occide dictationing	
Appropriate action not taken when there is a confirmed case of Covid re pupil, staff or parent	Government guidance to be followed re confirmed case amongst the school community (Section 8)	

Cleanliness of the school and equipment is not maintained to high standard School does not have effective cleansing systems in place	 Deep clean of all areas of school prior to opening Cleaning staff, including the caretaker, on site throughout the day Morning and evening cleaning of all areas of school Staff responsible for regular sanitising of PCs, keyboards etc. Sanitising of equipment in other areas e.g. photocopier to be undertaken after each use Play equipment, including loose external (if applicable), to be wiped down after use Throughout the day, regular cleaning of hot spots by caretaker / cleaners External fixed play equipment not to be used Appropriate use of soft furnishings Any fabric chairs will be cleaned as part of a periodic deep clean Shared resources kept to a minimum and cleaned after every use, including books. Pupils will be allocated their own pack of equipment that will remain on their own designated desk and cleaned at the end of each day by them. Regular washing of hands etc. Long-standing Government guidance followed i.e. regular washing of hands, alcohol hand rubs, hand sanitisers All children returning to school to be reminded of expectations regarding hand washing etc. Staff managing each group will ensure washing of hands takes place on entering and leaving school and pre/post break times. Assistance for those that struggle to do so independently. Touch points to be cleaned before / after use. Soap and warm water available in all children's toilets, areas used for personal care of pupils, staff toilets, classrooms and kitchen areas. 	PFI schools – Cleaning Plan to be agreed with contractor Other schools – own Cleaning Plan developed Supporting Evidence Cleaning Plan Supporting Evidence Posters located around school
	 areas. Hand sanitisers will be made available throughout school Caretaker will complete daily checks on all soap / sanitiser dispensers and will ensure that they are filled. If the soap / sanitiser dispensers are found to be empty during the school day it will be the responsibility of the member of staff who discovered it to inform the school office / SLT who will make arrangements for it to be filled as soon as possible. Sterilising wipes (alcohol based) to be provided for key touch points e.g. in reprographics room Provision of tissues in appropriate locations, including all classrooms, for 'catch it, bin it, kill it' (gloves available if needed) and pupils reminded of expectations in their use Provision of tall lidded bins in classrooms and throughout school Only rooms with windows that can be kept opened to be used with children. Internal doors to be kept open to aid ventilation and minimise contact with door handles. Where this is not possible, sanitising wipes to be used. Regularly wiping down of touch points Hand dryers – having consulted various parties, including PFI contractors, regarding the risk, these will remain in use with regular reminders regarding the need to wash hands for 20 seconds prior to use Air conditioning will not be used in those schools that have it, the alternative of allowing circulation through the opening of windows (and doors where allowed) will be used Where drinking fountains are in place, these will not be used Limit the amount of shared resources Marking of work in books to be limited and pupils not to take home exercise books from school Posters reminding pupils and staff of responsibilities e.g. in washing hands regularly in places at key areas throughout school Sufficient stock of all products maintained through regular audits (at least weekly) of sanitiser dispensers, wipes and tissues to 	
	 ensure re-orders completed in a timely fashion Pupils to bring in their own water bottles 	
First Aid provision is inadequate	 At least two registered first aiders and paediatric first aiders on site at all times Stock checks of first aid equipment are regularly undertaken A room in school is designated as a medical room that is to be used to hold children exhibiting Covid systems until collected by a parent. Room to allow 2m distancing, ventilation for airflow and access to nearby toilets (PPE to be worn and room to be deep cleaned after use). 	Supporting Evidence Updated FA policy
School does not have appropriate PPE for staff	 The Trust has developed PPE guidance based on NHS staff guidance (rather than government advice). Rolling three months' supply of face masks is held for all staff Further PPE for 'intimate' care is held Gloves Aprons Goggles Designated bins located throughout school for the safe disposal of PPE after use. Pedal bins will be used wherever possible and others will have lids that will be sanitised at the beginning / lunchtime and end of day 	DfE recommendation, to date, is that PPE is not needed in schools (other than for intimate care). More generally it advises that PPE, such as masks, be worn when working with others in confined spaces and the Trust's view is to be overcautious in protecting its staff and provide masks/visors for day to day use. Staff have the available resources for PPE to use both mask and visor when 2m is difficult. Supporting Evidence PPE Guidance

Fire presedures are ret	Fire presentings reviewed and revised as required, due to:	Companies Evidence
Fire procedures are not	Fire procedures reviewed and revised as required, due to:	Supporting Evidence
appropriate for new arrangements	Possible absence of fire marshals Social distancing rules during a vacuation and at accomply points.	School-specific fire procedures / evacuation plans Due to the reduction of numbers pupils can now socially
	Social distancing rules during evacuation and at assembly points	
	 Possible need for additional assembly point(s) to enable social distancing where possible 	distance at the assembly points.
	 Staff and pupils have been briefed on any new evacuation procedures. 	
	 Fire marshals have been trained and briefed appropriately. 	
	 Plans for fire evacuation drills are in place which are in line with social distancing measures. 	
Pupils with underlying health	 Parents have been provided with clear guidance and this is reinforced on a regular basis. 	Supporting Evidence
issues or those who are shielding	Covid-19 page on the school website provides relevant information	Vulnerable Persons Guidance
are not identified and so	 Parents have been asked to make the school aware of pupils' underlying health conditions and the school has sought to ensure 	
measures have not been put in	that the appropriate guidance has been acted upon.	
place to protect them	 The school, and parents are clear about the definitions and associated mitigating strategies relating to people who are classed 	
	as clinically vulnerable and clinically extremely vulnerable.	
	 Schools have a regularly updated register of pupils with underlying health conditions. 	
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Staff cannot travel safely to and	Member of staff to advise school if there are problems in travelling to and from school. From these discussions a way forward will be	
from school	determined, including working from home.	
Social distancing of pupils using	Providers / LA have confirmed that, following their risk assessments, social distancing on the transport provided will be	One school in the Trust has a Resource Provision. A
school transport is not possible	accommodated	number of the children who attend use transport arranged
		by the LA. Assurances have been given that, following their
		risk assessments, social distancing will be maintained
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		Supporting Evidence
		Email correspondence between LA and school 20 May
		2020
Mental Health - children and staff		
Pupils' mental health has been	Schools have trained staff to deliver PHSCE/SEMSH support for vulnerable pupils.	
adversely affected during the	Staff are receiving Trauma Informed Schools training	
period that the school has been	Access to external agencies and therapists as required	
closed and returning to school	Wellbeing/mental health is discussed regularly in PSHE	
with a significantly changed	Parents / pupils to be signposted to websites to support the mental health	
environment	Taronto / papilo to so digripodos to mosoltos to oupport tilo montal notalin	
The mental health of staff has	 Staff are encouraged and reminded to raise any anxieties they may be feeling with their line manager 	
been adversely affected during	 Line managers are proactive in discussing wellbeing with the staff that they manage, including their workload. 	
the period that the school has	Staff briefings and training have included content on wellbeing.	
been closed	Staff will be signposted to useful websites and resources	
	Referrals to OHU	
Pupils and staff are grieving	Schools have Thrive trained staff	
because of loss of friends or	Staff are receiving Trauma Informed Schools training	
family	Access to external agencies e.g. educational psychologists and therapists as required	
	OHU referrals	
Communication		
Ineffective communication with	Communications strategies for the following groups are in place:	Supporting Evidence
key stakeholders	Staff - email / online meetings	Parent-friendly recovery plan and other relevant information
,	Pupils – Seesaw, Dojo etc.	available on the school website
	Parents - email, Schoolcomms, Seesaw (other online communication media)	
	Trust – email / online meetings	
	LGB - email / online meetings	
	Local authority - email / online meetings	
	Regular updates provided.	
Staff, pupils and parents are not	Staff, pupils and parents have received clear communications informing them of current government guidance on display /	Update websites if required
aware of the school's procedures	confirmed cases of COVID-19 and how this will be implemented in the school.	Opuale Websiles ii requileu
for self-isolation / closing of		
bubbles	This guidance has been explained to staff and pupils in readiness for return	
มนมมเลง	Any updates or changes to this guidance are communicated in a timely and effective way to all stakeholders.	
	Covid 19 section on the school website provides the latest government guidance and school specific documentation e.g. how to	
	make self-referrals for testing	

Leaders are informed of a positive Covid-19 case out of working hours	 Headteacher to contact Trust CEO Leaders to follow LA guidance COVID-19 Outbreak Plan and contact Public Health England Headteacher to contact LA emergency contact Richard Lynch, Mel-John Ross, Meigan Oxley, using numbers distributed Communicate outcome with necessary parties re closure/non-closure of 'bubble' 	LA Covid-19 Outbreak Plan and supporting letters
Existing policies on safeguarding, health and safety, fire evacuation, medical, behaviour, attendance and other policies are no longer fit for purpose in the current circumstances	 All relevant policies have been revised to take account of government guidance on social distancing and COVID-19 and its implications for the school Staff, pupils, parents, governors and trustees have been briefed 	As dependent on individual school circumstances; Behaviour and Attendance policies to be updated by Heads Supporting Evidence Updated policies
Governors / trustees are not fully informed or involved	 Online meetings are held with governors / trustees together with the issuing of emails Key decisions about the opening plans are shared with the Chairs of LGBs / Board of Trustees Governors / trustees are updated on the latest government guidance and its implications for the school. 	
Lack of Trust / LGB oversight during the COVID-19 crisis leads to misunderstandings.	 The Board / LGB continues to meet regularly via online platforms (Zoom and / or Teams). The Trust Board / LGB agendas are structured to ensure all statutory requirements are discussed and school leaders are held to account for their implementation. The Heads report to LGB includes content and updates on how the school is continuing to meet its statutory obligations in addition to covering the school's response to COVID-19. Regular dialogue with the Chair of the Board / LGB and those with designated responsibilities is in place. Minutes of meetings are reviewed to ensure that they accurately record Board / LGB oversight and holding leaders to account for areas of statutory responsibility. 	Supporting Evidence Meeting agendas, minutes / notes and associated documentation
Teaching and Learning Additional anxiety caused by the lack of transitional opportunities for pupils moving into their next phase	 Pastoral staff to communicate with pupils and their parents about the next stage in their education and address any concerns Regular communications with the parents of incoming pupils are in place, including letters, newsletters and online broadcasts. Regular communication with feeder secondary schools to keep up-to-date with transition plans Virtual tours of the school are available for parents and pupils. Online induction days for pupils and parents are planned. 	Any transition will depend on the current Covid situation and will be monitored closer to the summer term.
Pupils remaining off school will fall behind in their learning and progress during school closures and achievement gaps will widen Free School Meals	 Remote learning to continue and complement in-school learning Curriculum design prioritises support for children to transition back into school and address any anxieties around this Intervention strategies will be used for those pupils who have fallen behind in their learning as appropriate 	
Pupils eligible for free school meals do not receive a school meal	 Children who are FSM and not attending school at all will receive weekly food hampers. Children qualifying for FSM when attending school will receive grab-a-bags and those attending part time will be offered a grab-a-bag to collect on days not in school. 	Hampers are being created in the first instance of support. Parent will be expected to collect these from school during a given timetable to enable social distancing.