

<b>Area/Activity Assessed</b>	Managing Respiratory Infections Including Covid -19 and Strep A/Scarlet Fever.	<b>Responsible Person</b>	Headteacher
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<b>Persons Exposed</b>	<b>Employees</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Contractor</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Young Person</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Expectant Mother</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Visitors and/or Public</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Trespassers</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Frequency of Exposure</b>	<b>Continually</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Hourly</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Daily</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Weekly</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Monthly</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Yearly</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Duration of Exposure</b>	<b>Less than 1hr</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>1-2 hrs</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>3-4 hrs</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>5-6 hrs</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>7-8 hrs</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>More than 8 hrs</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

This Risk Assessment was implemented on 05/04/2022 by Compliance Education following the removal of Covid-19 specific guidance for educational settings. It will be reviewed on a regular basis and when there have been significant changes in government, United Kingdom Health Security Agency (UKHSA) and local authority guidance.

<b>Risk Assessment(s) Reviewed</b>	<b>Name of Reviewer</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Signature</b>
Update to Infection Prevention and Control Guidance	Jenny Sykes	07/04/2022	<i>Jenny Sykes</i>
Update to Infection Prevention and Control Guidance, in Particular for Strep A/Scarlet Fever.	Hayley Blackwell	08/12/2022	<i>Hayley Blackwell</i>

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1	Management and Preventative Measures of Respiratory Infections	4	4	16	<p><b>Hand Hygiene:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We recognise that hand washing is one of the most important ways of controlling the spread of infections, especially those that cause respiratory infections</li> <li>Staff and students have access to liquid soap, warm water and hand drying facilities</li> <li>All staff and students will be advised to wash their hands after using the toilet, before eating or handling food, after playtime and after touching animals.</li> <li>Alcohol hand gel can be used if appropriate hand washing facilities are not available but will not replace washing hands</li> </ul> <p><b>Respiratory and Cough Hygiene:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spitting is discouraged.</li> <li>School actively promotes the "Catch it, Bin It, Kill It" campaign <a href="https://www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk/catch-bin-kill.pdf">catch-bin-kill.pdf (infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk)</a></li> <li>Staff and students with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or mild cough, who are otherwise well, will be advised they can continue to attend school as normal.</li> <li>Symptoms of COVID-19, flu and common respiratory infections include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ continuous cough</li> <li>➤ high temperature, fever or chills</li> <li>➤ loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell</li> <li>➤ shortness of breath</li> <li>➤ unexplained tiredness, lack of energy</li> <li>➤ muscle aches or pains that are not due to exercise</li> <li>➤ not wanting to eat or not feeling hungry</li> <li>➤ headache that is unusual or longer lasting than usual</li> <li>➤ sore throat, stuffy or runny nose</li> <li>➤ diarrhoea, feeling sick or being sick</li> </ul> </li> <li>Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature will be advised to stay at home and where possible and avoid contact with other people. They can</li> </ul>	4	2	8	

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					<p>return when they no longer have a high temperature and they feel well enough.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School reserves the right to refuse entry to any person who appears unwell with any of the common symptoms.</li> <li>PPE (disposable gloves, plastic aprons etc) is available when there is a risk of splashing or contamination with blood or bodily fluids during an activity.</li> <li>Students are aware of infection prevention and control. <a href="#">e-Bug   England Home</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Ventilation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adequate ventilation is provided whilst students and staff are on site.</li> <li>Windows may be partially opened in conjunction with heating systems to maintain a comfortable balance.</li> <li>We recognise the requirement to balance the need for increased ventilation while maintaining a comfortable temperature.</li> </ul> <p><b>Cleaning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School has daily cleaning regimes and utilises cleaning products that are sufficient to remove the majority of germs that can cause disease.</li> <li>A nominated member of staff is responsible for monitoring cleaning standards. Any concerns regarding the standards of cleaning are to be brought to the attention of the site team.</li> <li>All cleaning solutions are stored in accordance with <a href="#">Control of Substances of Hazardous to Health (COSHH)</a>, and cleaning equipment is changed and decontaminated regularly.</li> </ul>				
	Covid-19	4	4	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature will be advised to stay at home and where possible, avoid contact with other people. They can return when they no longer have a high temperature and they feel well enough.</li> <li>If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result, they will be advised to stay at home and where possible, avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test as the risk of passing the infection on</li> </ul>	4	2	8	

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					<p>to others is much lower after 3 days if they feel well and do not have a high temperature.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children and young people who live with someone who has a positive test result will be advised to continue to attend as normal.</li> <li>Any members of staff who have a positive COVID-19 test result will be advised to stay at home for 5 days after the day they took the test.</li> <li>School reserves the right to refuse entry to any person who has tested positive or appears unwell with any of the common symptoms.</li> <li>Asymptomatic testing is no longer required in school.</li> <li>School will encourage participation in vaccination programmes.</li> <li>Students/pupils are no longer required to test unless advised by a medical professional.</li> <li>School will retain their stock of surplus LFD test kits until directed by the Local Health Protection Team.</li> <li>School will continue to liaise with Cheshire East Public health for the latest advice.</li> </ul>				
	Outbreak Management	4	4	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School has a supply of CO2 monitors so staff can quickly identify where ventilation requires improvement.</li> <li>In the event of an outbreak (2 or more cases), school (following advice from LHPT) may introduce enhanced or more frequent cleaning, to help reduce transmission.</li> <li>School will review their Outbreak Plan and contact the Local Health Protection Team if multiple cases are present in school</li> <li>School are aware of any staff and students/pupils who may be vulnerable to Covid -19 (including pregnant staff) and will ensure suitable management plans are in place to support the individual.</li> </ul>	4	2	8	
	Strep A/Scarlet Fever	4	4	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents who suspect their child has Strep A/Scarlet Fever should keep them away from school and contact their doctor.</li> <li>If the school feels a student has the symptoms of Strep A/Scarlet Fever, they will contact the parents and ask that</li> </ul>	4	2	8	

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					<p>the student is collected from school and advise they should see a medical professional.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strep A/Scarlet Fever symptoms include a sore throat, headache, and fever, along with a fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel. On darker skin, the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will still have a sandpapery feel.</li> <li>It is important to contact NHS 111 or a GP if a child is suspected of having Strep A/Scarlet Fever because early treatment with antibiotics is important to reduce the risk of complications such as pneumonia or a bloodstream infection.</li> <li>Children must be kept at home until at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment to avoid spreading the infection to others.</li> <li>The most accurate and up to date information can be found at the UKHSA website.  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ukhsa-update-on-scarlet-fever-and-invasive-group-a-strep">https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ukhsa-update-on-scarlet-fever-and-invasive-group-a-strep</a> </li> <li>Poynton High School with continue to follow the advice of Cheshire East Public Health, including communicating to parents when needed.</li> <li>If there are parents who call in to report their child with obvious symptoms of scarlet fever/strep A then they will be rung back and advised to follow the process outlined by public health,</li> </ul>				

ACTION ARISING FROM RISK ASSESSMENT					
No	Risk Rating	Action Required:	Person (s) Responsible	Target Date	Date Completed




Acknowledgement

The following members of staff have read this risk assessment.  
Their signatures are confirmation that they have read and understood all of that which is within its contents.

Name	Signature	Date	Name	Signature	Date