## East Stour Primary School Reopening: Risk Assessment for May 2021

The measures we list are based on current government guidance:

- Guidance for full opening: schools
- Guidance for full opening: special schools (this includes guidance on pupils with EHC plans that should be useful for mainstream schools as well)
- Actions for early years and childcare providers during the coronavirus outbreak
- Actions for education settings to prepare for wider opening
- Implementing preventative measures in education settings
- Planning guide for early years and childcare settings
- Planning guide for primary schools
- Guidance for secondary school provision
- Safe working in education settings

This document is to be read alongside:

- In school protocols
- Return to school parent protocols
- Lunchtime rota
- PPA/Cover plans
- Visitor protocols
- Fire evacuation protocols
- Behaviour policy
- Recovery curriculum documents

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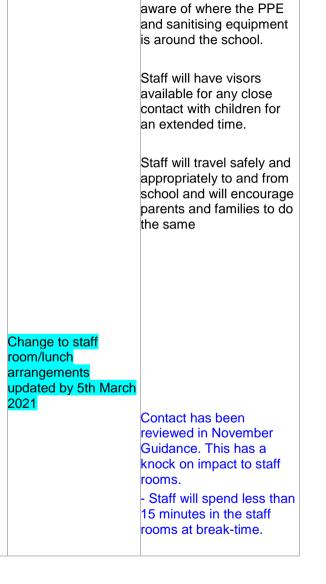


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HAZARD	WHO MIGHT BE HARMED	CONTROLS TO BE PUT IN PLACE	WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE	WHEN THE CONTROLS NEED TO BE IN PLACE BY	ADDITIONAL NOTES
Contact with someone suffering from coronavirus	<ul> <li>Pupils</li> <li>Parents</li> <li>/Carers</li> <li>Contractors</li> <li>Visitors</li> <li>These groups are relevant to every section</li> </ul>	to self-isolate under <u>current guidance</u> . Regular reminders will be given about this. This includes followin <u>g this advice</u> if a staff member has been contacted by the NHS Track and Trace app.	All Staff for their own health All staff to notify SLT of any symptoms identified in pupils	2021 Ongoing reviews and reminders throughout Terms 4 & 5	High Asymptomatic tests by staff are opt-in and records of these kept To minimise this high risk we are maintaining bubbles of 30 (class bubbles) wherever possible. (BF club and AS club will be using as small a bubbles as possible) Staff will stay within one bubble wherever possible or consider the appropriate use of PPE where this is not possible. Staff will try to maintain the 2 metre distancing rules where possible.

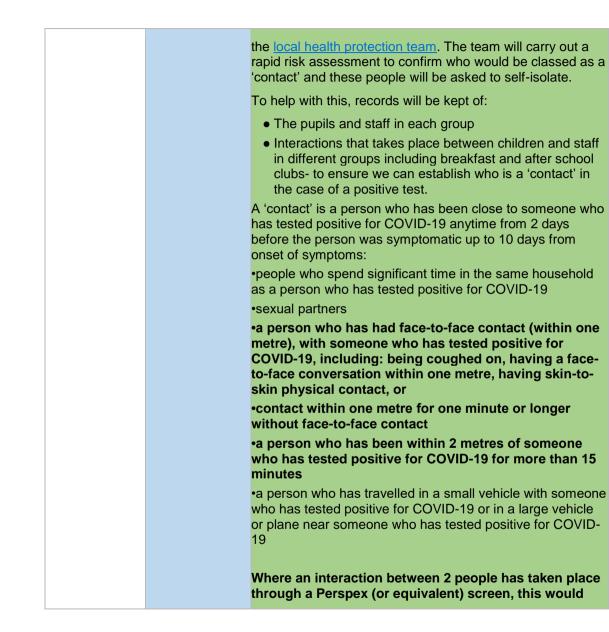


	In the case of a symptomatic pupil who needs to be supervised before being picked up: • If a distance of 2m can't be maintained, supervising staff	
	will wear a fluid-resistant surgical mask	
	<ul> <li>If contact is necessary, supervising staff will also wear disposable gloves and a disposable apron</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>If there's a risk of splashing to the eyes, such as from coughing, spitting or vomiting, supervising staff will also wear eye protection</li> </ul>	
	Supervising staff will wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds after the pupil has been picked up.	
	If there are home testing kits available in school, these will be given to parents/carers collecting symptomatic children, and to staff who've developed symptoms at school, if providing one will increase the likelihood of them getting tested.	
	Only in exceptional circumstances will staff take symptomatic children home themselves, and in this case one of the following steps will be taken:	
	<ul> <li>Use of a vehicle with a bulkhead (i.e. the driver is in a separate compartment to any passengers); or</li> </ul>	
	• The driver and passenger will maintain a distance of 2m from each other; or	
	• The driver will use PPE (the same PPE as when supervising a symptomatic pupil, as explained above) and the passenger will wear a face mask if they are old enough and able to do so	
	A deep clean will take place in the areas that the symptomatic person has been in, and PPE will be disposed of properly, following <u>decontamination guidance</u> and the donning and doffing of PPE guidance and video.	
	If the school becomes aware that a pupil or a staff member has tested positive for coronavirus, the school will contact	



Staff to make themselves





-Each year group is being allocated an area of school to have lunch so they are only with their year group staff members. -Extra facilities(kettle. microwave, fridge) will be available in some of these areas. Staff will be allocated time slots if they are a year group that needs to use the staff room. -There will be a one-way system for fridge/kettle use in the staff room. -The use of perspex screens is being reviewed for in the staff

SLT are ensuring that the deputy headteachers are not in on the same days. SLT also continues to review working from home rotas for the office and SLT to minimise contact in shared offices.

room/community room.



not be considered sufficient contact, provided that there has been no other contact such as any of those indicated above.	
Contacts of a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 need to self-isolate at home because they are at risk of developing symptoms themselves in the next 10 days and could spread the virus to others before the symptoms begin.	
If there is a confirmed case in school, or an overall rise in sickness absence where coronavirus is suspected, the school will contact the Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline on 0800 046 8687 and select option 1 to report a positive test. They will also log it with the Local Authority via the front door. Any advice given	Guidance for Visitors to Early Year Settings to be
by the team will be followed. Site guidance on physical distancing and hygiene is explained to visitors on or before arrival. Where visits can happen outside of school hours, they are. A record is kept of	clarified with Kent admissions
all visitors with sufficient detail to support rapid contact tracing if required by NHS Test and Trace. SLT and office staff have a rota system when cases are	SLT rota system in place from WB 30-11-2020
high. Face coverings will be encouraged to be worn by all staff and visitors when moving around in corridors and communal areas. Hands will be washed before and after touching face coverings.	If staff would like to wear a face covering and will be having interactions with children, it would be
Coverings will be stored in a sealable plastic bag when not being used. Staff may choose to use a face covering or Perspex visor when in	advisable to consider a transparent face covering.
lunch/break allocated space.	

	Gate duty- Perspex visors must be worn and face coverings if social distancing cannot be maintained. The reintroduction of face coverings for pupils, students or staff may be advised for a temporary period in response to particular localised outbreaks, including variants of concern. In all cases, any educational drawbacks should be balanced with the benefits of managing transmission. The Local Action Committee structure (Bronze/Silver/Gold) should 5 be used in such circumstances to re-introduce the use of face coverings. Immediate outbreak response (at the level of individual settings or a cluster of settings) remains for local Directors of Public Health to advise on. We will encourage parents to wear face coverings for drop off and collection. Parents will be expected to wear face coverings when interacting with members of staff such as entering the main foyer - unless exempt. Staff members will be wearing face coverings when having close interaction with visitors or parents (unless exempt).		
Contact with coronavirus when getting to and from school	Everyone will be encouraged to walk or cycle into school, and asked to avoid taking public transport during peak times if possible. Bike storage is available at the front of the school. Anyone who needs to take public transport will be referred to <u>government guidance</u> . For dedicated school transport (i.e. buses, minivans), discussions will be held with the providers to make sure their staff: • Follow hygiene rules	shared with parents	Medium Risk can be minimised by taking appropriate steps to avoid public transport and maintaining good hygiene when arriving at school if public transport is required.





<ul> <li>Try to keep their distance from passengers where possible</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>Do not work if they or a member of their household are displaying coronavirus symptoms</li> </ul>			
In addition, the school will work with providers, pupils and parents/carers as appropriate to ensure that, wherever possible:			
• Pupils are grouped together on transport to reflect the groups that are adopted within school			
<ul> <li>Hand sanitiser is available upon boarding and/or disembarking</li> </ul>			
There is additional cleaning of vehicles			
Queuing and boarding is well organised			
Pupils practise distancing within vehicles			
<ul> <li>Children over the age of 11 use face coverings where appropriate, such as if they're likely to come into very close contact with people outside of their group or who they don't normally meet</li> </ul>			
Parents/carers who need to drop off and pick up pupils will be told through messages and signage:	SLT and the school office will contact	Shared with staff under protocols	*Any parents/carers who may require support or an
Their allocated drop off and collection times, with different groups being given different times	parents/carers	03/03/21	additional adult will be encouraged to make
<ul> <li>The protocols for minimising adult to adult contact can be found in the parent protocol guidance. Parents will drop off within 4 allocated time slots grouped by 'House so that siblings can arrive/leave together.</li> </ul>		under return guidance 05/03/21	themselves known to a school FLO who can offer support or make appropriate provisions for
<ul> <li>That only one parent/carer should attend site*</li> </ul>			more than one adult to be
<ul> <li>Not to gather at entrance gates or doors, or enter the site unless they have a pre-arranged appointment</li> </ul>			present.
Anyone wearing non-disposable face coverings when arriving to school will be expected to bring a sealable plastic bag to keep these in during the school day. If they're using	Staff on the gate will oversee this		

	disposable face coverings, these will be put in a covered bin. Pupils wearing any sort of face covering when arriving to school will wash their hands on arrival (as all pupils will), dispose of/store the covering, and wash their hands again before going to their classroom. Pupils will be made aware that they mustn't touch the front of the covering during use or removal.		
Spreading infection due to touch, sneezes and coughs	<ul> <li>Handwashing facilities will be provided. Sinks are available in all toilets and in or outside the classrooms. Sanitiser will be available for each class in the PPE box.</li> <li>Everyone in school will: <ul> <li>Frequently wash their hands with soap and water for 20 seconds and dry thoroughly using NHS guidelines, or use alcohol-based hand sanitiser to cover all parts of their hands</li> <li>Clean their hands on arrival, after breaks, if they change rooms, before and after eating, and after sneezing or coughing</li> <li>Be encouraged not to touch their mouth, eyes and nose</li> <li>Use a tissue or elbow to cough or sneeze, and use bins for tissue waste</li> </ul> </li> <li>Pupils will be encouraged to learn and practise these habits in lessons and by posters put up across the school.</li> <li>Children will be explicitly taught the 'catch it, kill it, bin it' motto and encouraged to follow this procedure.</li> <li>Help will be available for any pupils who have trouble cleaning their hands independently. Skin friendly cleaning wipes can be used as an alternative. Young children will be supervised during hand washing.</li> </ul>	Hygiene monitor will be responsible for	High The Hygiene monitor will need to ensure that the PPE, soap and sanitiser is regularly checked for stock within their bubble and that Cathy Chambers is informed of any low stock in a timely manner so that stocks can be replenished. Sally Knight is also checking stock around the school daily. A list is in the caretakers office to update this



	Staff who work with pupils that may struggle with good hygiene due to an SEND need will be provided with appropriate PPE. Supplies for soap, hand sanitiser and disposable paper towels and tissues will be topped up regularly and monitore to make sure they're not close to running out. Lidded bins for tissues will be available in all areas and emptied regularly	SEND team will discuss any concerns with individual staff working with children who may experience challenges		
Spreading infection through contact with coronavirus on surfaces	Cleaning staff will regularly clean frequently touched surfaces using standard cleaning products (e.g. bleach, detergent), including: • Classroom desks and tables • Bathroom facilities (including taps and flush buttons) • Door and window handles • Furniture • Light switches • Reception desks • Teaching and learning aids • Books and games and other classroom-based resources • Computer equipment (including keyboards and mouse) • Sports equipment • Hard toys • Telephones • Outdoor play equipment Wipes will be available for staff to wipe down certain surfaces such as keyboards during the day. Items that need laundering (e.g. towels, flannels, bedding) will be washed regularly in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, on the warmest water setting.	Cathy Chambers will oversee cleaning schedule alongside the two caretakers and the cleaning company Staff will be responsible for the rota'ing of certain items EYFS team to use the available	March 2021 Then ongoing	Medium Cleaning spray and wipes will be available in each bubble area for staff to use between cleaning times. In order for this to be green we need to start the practices in September to ensure they are effective. These practices will be reviewed regularly (minimum fortnightly) and require feedback form staff on how effective and manageable they are. They will be refined in accordance with that.



These items will not be shared between children between washes. Pupils and parents/carers will be asked to limit the amount of equipment they bring into school each day to essentials like bags, lunch boxes, hats, coats, books, stationary and mobile phones (only if essential). Areas of the school that are used by pupils will be cleaned thoroughly at the end of the day. A specific cleaning schedule has been drawn up. Areas of the school not in use will be shut off to make cleaning more manageable. Any resources shared between groups, such as sports, art	washing machine to wash appropriate non-wipe items Parents will be responsible for limiting what their child brings in to avoid excessive items	
<ul> <li>Any resources shared between gloups, such as sports, art and science equipment, will be either:</li> <li>Cleaned frequently and meticulously, and always between groups using them; or</li> <li>Rotated so they can be unused and out of reach for 48 hours (72 hours for plastics) between use by different groups</li> <li>The same rules will be followed for books and other shared resources that pupils or staff take home. However, unnecessary sharing will be avoided, especially where it doesn't contribute to pupil education and development.</li> </ul>	Cleaners will deep clean shared areas on a Wednesday afternoon when they will be fewer pupils on site	
<ul> <li>Individual and very frequently used equipment, like pens and pencils, will not be shared.</li> <li>Therapy equipment, such as physiotherapy or sensory equipment, will be cleaned between each use. If this is not possible or practical, it will be: <ul> <li>Restricted to one user; or</li> <li>Rotated so it can be unused for 48 hours (72 hours for plastics) between use by different individuals</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	PTLs and staff will ensure that they have enough equipment to avoid sharing. They will let Cathy Chambers know if the stock needs replenishing	nate nave



	Shared rooms, such as halls and dining areas, will be cleaned between different groups using them. If a person with coronavirus symptoms comes into school, a deep clean will take place in the areas that the person has been in, following <u>decontamination guidance</u> . Cleaning supplies will be topped up regularly and monitored to make sure they're not close to running out. Teachers will wash their hands and surfaces before and after handling pupils' books.		
Spreading infection due to excessive contact and mixing between pupils and staff in lessons	<ul> <li>When deciding how to form group sizes or 'bubbles' we have taken into account:</li> <li>The pupils' ability to distance</li> <li>The layout of the school</li> <li>The feasibility of keeping distinct groups separate while offering a broad curriculum</li> <li>The emphasis for younger children will be on separating groups, and for older children it will be on distancing.</li> <li>Children in the EYFS and Year 1 will be kept in consistent groups based on their age groups, while adhering to the usual staffing ratios. At East Stour the children are in a Nursery bubble, Reception bubble and a Y1 bubble. Staff in Nursery and Reception are in a staff bubble meaning they can work across Nursery and Reception.</li> <li>In Years 2 – 6 Pupils will be kept within their classes but staff are across the Year group.</li> <li>Where pupils are old enough and capable enough, they will be taught and reminded to maintain their distance and not touch staff or peers.</li> </ul>	Decisions have been made as to how this will work across every class and year group dependent on age and the pupils' ability to socially distance March 2021	Medium Possibility of Year Group bubbles across the school as contingency if broad curriculum can't be achieved under current plans. Staff in Nursery and Reception can cross as can staff across year groups Staff will be allocated lunchtime areas with other members of staff from their year group only. CTs to ensure their classes are aware of consequences for not following behaviour



at an appropriate distance. Instruments won't be shared.		expectations. Behaviour related to Covid to be clearly logged and flagged on arbor and followed up by SLT/PTLs Slip to be sent home identifying issues and sharing concerns.
Government guidance states that: staff can work across different groups in order to deliver the school timetable, but they will keep their distance from pupils and other staff as much as they can (ideally 2 metres apart). This won't always be possible, particularly when working with younger children, but close face-to-face contact will be avoided, and time spent within 1 metre will be minimised. At East Stour to minimise risk we have allocated all staff to bubbles from September. We are asking staff to avoid moving between bubbles unless essential and for unavoidable circumstances. Any pupils with complex needs or who need close contact care will have the same support as normal as distancing isn't possible here. Staff will be rigorous about hand washing and respiratory hygiene.	SENCo/Office	Where staff are required to cross bubbles PPE and distancing is strongly advised and where possible a break following a weekend or holiday is preferred.



	All parents may access wraparound and extra-curricular provision for their children, without any restrictions on the reasons for which they may attend. However, until 17 May (in line with Step 3 of the roadmap) if the provision is taking place indoors, and it is not possible to group children in the same bubble as they are in during the school day, providers should keep children in consistent groups of no more than 15 children and at least one staff member. From 17 May, in line with the commencement of Step 3 of the roadmap, where wraparound and other extracurricular activities for children are taking place indoors, they will be able to take place in groups of any number. However, it remains important to continue to minimise mixing between children, where possible. This can be achieved by continuing to keep children in consistent groups every time they attend the setting. Supply teachers, peripatetic teachers and other temporary staff will be told to minimise contact and maintain as much distance as possible from other staff. The number of temporary staff entering the school premises will be kept to a minimum. Specialists, therapists, clinicians and other support staff for pupils with SEND should provide interventions as usual. These staff will be advised to be rigorous about hand washing and respiratory hygiene. They will be encouraged to stay within a bubble or be based in an area that has good external ventilation and that is thoroughly cleaned between pupils.			PPA is planned for a Wednesday afternoon for all staff to avoid cross contamination. SEND pupils will have individual RAs where required
Spreading infection due to excessive contact and mixing between pupils and staff around and	Pupils will be kept in the same groups at all times each day, and be kept separate from other groups. For pupils who routinely attend other settings on a part-time basis, such as an alternative provision setting, the school will work with these other settings to work out a system to keep these pupils safe.	Teaching staff	March 2021 shared with parents/staff March 2021 in practice	Medium In school guidance outlines these areas in detail



outside of the school	Pupil groups will have staggered timetables, including for start and finish times, break and lunch times, and assemblies, to avoid too many pupils being in one place the same time. Please see the 'In School Protocols' for details on how this works in practice alongside the 'Recovery Curriculum' documentation.		Staff are clearly rota'd to designated lunch areas throughout the school which ensure they stay in theri bubbles.
	Pupils with SEND or other highlighted needs will be offer a phased return. If they remain on a phased return at the start of Term 5 this will need to be logged via the KCC fr door. Movement around the school site will be kept to a minim and use of external doors and outside movement will be encouraged.	ont Teaching staff	Perspex bought to designate the staff room prep area from rest of seating to alleviate the 1 min 1 metre rule
	Pupils will be supervised at all times to ensure mixing between groups doesn't occur, and they will be reminder about the rules throughout the day.	d SLT	Toilets have been redesignated to one per cubicle in KS2
	Rooms will be accessed directly from outside where possible, and any corridors which need to be used will All shared rooms, such as dining areas, will be rota'd to allow groups to keep apart when using them. They will b cleaned between each use. For dining areas, where this wouldn't be possible, lunch will be brought to pupils in th classrooms. Lunch trolleys will be provided and plates w have cloches. Younger pupils will have food trays so the food can be brought to them.	eir Cleaning staff / ill	Office area is high risk due to the person traffic in and out. Staff requested not to enter area unless emergency.
	Toilet use will be managed to avoid crowding. Each bub will have a designated toilet block. Where possible this w be limited to the bubble or will have a limited number of bubbles which access them. Staff will need to manage to usage carefully and avoid cross contamination of bubble where possible. Additional cleaning throughout the day w maintain increased cleanliness levels.	vill bilet SLT	First Aiders requested to attend bubble rather than brought to office. Staff using photocopier for more than 1 minute to



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	<ul> <li>Staff use of the staff rooms and offices will be staggered to limit occupancy and the community room will be an extension of the staffroom. Please see the lunchtime rota alongside this risk assessment</li> <li>Visitors to the site, such as contractors, will have guidance on physical distancing and hygiene explained to them on or before arrival. Visits will happen outside of school hours wherever possible. A record will be kept of all visitors, which include contact details for the purposes or track and trace. Non-overnight domestic educational visits can take place in the same pupil groups, but only subject to a separate risk assessment that considers the coronavirus measures in place at the destination. We are not currently planning educational visits until after Term 1, this will be reviewed at that point.</li> <li>Breakfast club will be running and children will be grouped into 3 larger bubbles. Within each larger bubble will be 4 class bubbles. These will be spaced out into the 4 corners of the hall to eat and when not eating they will be accessing the outside area and rota'd to come in and have breakfast. After school provision is run by Kent Play Clubs and they will have their own risk assessments. They are planning to run Key Stage bubbles and keep children as distanced as possible within these bubbles.</li> </ul>	Cathy Chambers BF Club Staff		start it and wait outside the office door Perspex screens in place between members of staff and a rota considered if cases increase Front door is locked to minimise traffic in and out. Fire exit to the left to be used for staff to exit and front door redesignated as non fire exit. Office to investigate front door buzzer system/intercom to aid communication
Spreading infection due to the school environment	Checks to the premises will be done to make sure the school is up to health and safety standards before opening in September. Fire, first aid and emergency procedures will be reviewed to make sure they can still be followed with limited staff and changes to how the school space is being used.	Site Staff HT/Cathy Chambers Bubble Staff	March 2021 Review April 2021 - beginning of Term 5	Low Protocols to be drawn up for September to identify fire evacuation drills Will remain Amber until September and policy has



	using fire s Lidde locat Outo educ The the fi • 2	as in use will be well ventilated by opening windows of g ventilation units. Doors will be propped open, where safety and safeguarding wouldn't be compromised. ed bins will be provided in classrooms and other key tions to dispose of tissues and any other waste. door space will be used for exercise and breaks, and cation where possible. indoor space used for children in the EYFS will meet ollowing requirements: 3.5m <sup>2</sup> per child for children under 2 years old 2.5m <sup>2</sup> per child for 2 year olds	for SLT/EYFS Staff		been put into practice and can be reviewed. Staff will use dynamic risk assessments to review temperature and safety of children with regard to ventilation.
Spreading infection due to excessive contact and mixing in meetings	Whe or us staff Whe cond socia will b	2.3m <sup>2</sup> per child for children aged 3 to 5 years old are possible, all meetings will be conducted by telepho sing video conferencing. This includes meetings with , parents/carers, visitors and governors. are this isn't possible, essential meetings will be ducted outside, or in a room large enough to allow for al distancing. Through cleaning of any rooms after us be carried out. a coverings must be worn in any meetings inside.	Meeting schedulers	March 2021	Low Zoom is in place. Staff are confident with its use.
Individuals vulnerable to serious infection coming into school	place Risk need If the to cc work Staff	school will continue to follow any shielding guidance e to decide who should come into school. assessments for pupils with SEND or highlighted ds will be carried out. e guidance is paused, all staff and pupils are expecte ome into school, apart from staff who can continue to a from home (e.g. some admin staff). f who are clinically extremely vulnerable, will work from e. Staff who are clinically vulnerable and/or who may	h	March 2021 March 2021	Low Regular contact with staff and pupils in any vulnerable category is to be maintained. All CEV staff work from home from 8/3/21 Current shielding ends 31/03/21



in a potentially more vulnerable category (such as BAME) will be offered an individual risk assessment.	
Breastfeeding women will also have an individual risk assessment. Pregnant women will work from home from 28 weeks gestation.	Increasingly likely as more T&T notifications come through
Staff who are isolating due to track or trace but who are not unwell will lead zoom lessons to their class throughout the school day. Another member of staff must always be present in these circumstances.	See ES self isolating procedure doc
Where staff and pupils are not unwell but isolating the teacher will record a number of lessons per day to share via seesaw. These will be in line with the safeguarding procedures and ES self isolating procedures. No personal calls to be made to individual children. If calling parents always call from a withheld number using 141.	