Long Meadow School COVID-19 Risk Assessment Plan- Full Opening September 2020

The following risk assessment is for the identification of risk and the subsequent planning to mitigate against these risks following the Government directive to open schools to fully to all pupils in September 2020

Now, the circumstances have changed. The prevalence of coronavirus (COVID-19) has decreased, our NHS Test and Trace system is up and running, and the Government states they are clear about the measures that need to be in place to create safer environments within schools.

Returning to school is vital for children's education and for their wellbeing. Time out of school is detrimental for children's cognitive and academic development, particularly for disadvantaged children. This impact can affect both current levels of learning and children's future ability to learn, and therefore we need to ensure all pupils can return to school sooner rather than later.

The risk to children themselves of becoming severely ill from coronavirus (COVID-19) is very low and there are negative health impacts of being out of school. We know that school is a vital point of contact for public health and safeguarding services that are critical to the wellbeing of children and families.

Employers must protect people from harm. This includes taking reasonable steps to protect staff, pupils and others from coronavirus (COVID-19) within the education setting. As part of planning for full return in the autumn term, it is a legal requirement that schools should revisit and update their risk assessments (building on the learning to date and the practices they have already developed), to consider the additional risks and control measures to enable a return to full capacity in the autumn term. Everyone needs to assess and manage the risks from coronavirus (COVID-19). This means school employers and leaders are required by law to think about the risks the staff and pupils face and do everything reasonably practicable to minimise them, recognising they cannot completely eliminate the risk of coronavirus (COVID-19).

Schools should ensure that they implement sensible and proportionate control measures which follow the health and safety hierarchy of controls to reduce the risk to the lowest reasonably practicable level.

School employers should have active arrangements in place to monitor that the controls are:

- effective
- working as planned
- updated appropriately considering any issues identified and changes in public health advice

Keep internal doors open to the corridor to avoid touching handles (worm doors should be closed for fire safety) and external doors open to the playground during playtimes/funchtimes (site secured by gates at this time) Lunches to be packed lunches, delivered to the classroom and eaten there for first half term due to size of kitchen and reduced hall space Field continued to be used where possible through the day Pupils to wash hands thoroughly before going out for break/funch and on return, as well as 6 other key points as a minimum No face to face contact activities to be undertaken and regular reminders to children to move away from each other. Pupils will be encouraged to stand 2 meters away from each other. Pupils will be encouraged to stand 2 meters away from each other and from staff including in their own group. Lunch to be eaten in classrooms Long hair to be tied up reduce need to to buch face No air conditioning units to be used Children to be reminded of social distancing expectations before break and lunch Socially distanced Inst. were were supplied to social distancing expectations before break and lunch Socially distanced Inst. Were to social distancing of the supplied to the supplied of the social distancing of the supplied of the social distancing of the supplied	
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To reduce risk of exposure to COVID-19 by considering:	SLT	Head of Sport and PE. Pupils will be asked to wash their hands after all physical activity All staff to use their own unique laptop at all times. All events and lettings (apart from Kids Play) have been suspended for a minimum of the first half term Kids Play to keep children in year groups or if number rise, phase at before and after school care Local trips can take place and are fully risk assessed, including venues' approach toCOVID-19 Avoid formal meetings with parents for all but serious issues and maintain social distancing if meeting parents outside (for example, on collection of child). If face-to-face meeting cannot be avoided, use of Google Meets for meetings to prevent face to face contact whenever possible Supplies are stored centrally (Medical room) Staff training 08.09.20
 PPE provision for SEMH, behaviour issues etc. where restraint is required. interacting with pupils with personal care needs 	All staff	 Supplies are stored centrally (Medical room) and can be accessed by all staff members as and where required in exceptional circumstances Individual RA completed for all SEND children. Those identified as having high risk of virus transmission - 1:1 staff will be offered PPE (visor, gloves and apron) due to spit, drool, or more intimate needs Addendum to behaviour policy to include added verbal warning (particularly with hygiene and social distancing) PPE is available for staff who may need to remove a child from a classroom.
To reduce risk of exposure to COVID-19 by considering: PPE provision for emergency purposes	SLT All staff	 Supplies are stored centrally (Medical room) and can be accessed by all staff members as and where required in exceptional circumstances Members of staff dealing with ill pupils or staff should wear PPE (plastic face shield, mask, gloves and apron), if cannot socially distance or isolate the child Open window for ventilation Any tissue will need to be placed in the new bin bag(in room). The room will need to be deep cleaned once they leave If they need to go to the bathroom whilst waiting for medical assistance, they should use the toilet next to

	the room. This will then be closed and deep cleaned before reopening Staff to remind children to make sure they know to tell a member of staff if they feel unwell. PG/KE/EK to call emergency services if there is any cause for concern. MB/AD to dispose of all waste that has been in contact with the suspected case, including used tissues, and masks if used. These should be put in a plastic rubbish bag and tied when full. The plastic bag should then be placed in a second bin bag and tied and put in the normal waste Clean down area where pupil has been following cleaning in non-healthcare settings guidance https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-nonhealthcare-settings/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings No facemasks in school. Public Health England does not (based on current evidence) recommend the use of face coverings in schools. They are not required in schools as pupils and staff are mixing in consistent groups, and because misuse may inadvertently increase the risk of transmission. There may also be negative effects on communication and thus education School has a process for removing face coverings when pupils and staff who use them arrive at school and communicate it clearly to them. Pupils must be instructed not to touch the front of their face covering during use or when removing them. They must wash their hands immediately on arrival (as is the case for all pupils), dispose of temporary face coverings in a covered bin or place reusable face coverings in a plastic bag they can take home with them, and then wash their hands again before heading to their classroom	Parents encouraged to wear masks on school site 25.09.20
Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school	 Ensuring that pupils, staff and other adults do not come into the school if they have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or have tested positive in the last 7 days, and ensuring anyone developing those symptoms during the school day is sent home, are essential actions to reduce the risk in schools and further drive down transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19) 	

	All schools must follow this process and ensure all staff	
	are aware of it	
If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)	 They must be sent home and advised to follow 'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection', which sets out that they must self-isolate for at least 7 days and should arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19) Other members of their household (including any siblings) should self-isolate for 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms If a child is awaiting collection, they should be moved, to the Waterfall Room where they can be isolated behind a closed door, depending on the age and needs of the child, with appropriate adult supervision if required A window should be opened for ventilation If it is not possible to isolate them, move them to an 	
Positive identified case of Coronavirusof a member of staff or pupil at school.	 Schools will take swift action when we become aware that someone who has attended has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19). Schools should contact the local health protection team. This team will also contact schools directly if they become aware that someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) attended the school – as identified by NHS Test and Trace The health protection team will carry out a rapid risk assessment to confirm who has been in close contact with the person during the period that they were infectious, and ensure they are asked to self-isolate The health protection team will work with schools in this situation to guide them through the actions they need to take. Based on the advice from the health protection team, schools must send home those people who have been in close contact with the person who has tested positive, advising them to self-isolate for 14 days since they were last in close contact with that person when they were infectious Close contact means: 	In-school tracker introduced 14.09.20 logging all positive, suspected cases etc. This is shred daily with PHE

 direct close contacts - face to face contact with
an infected individual for any length of time,
within 1 metre, including being coughed on, a
face to face conversation, or unprotected
physical contact (skin-to-skin)
o proximity contacts - extended close contact
(within 1 to 2 metres for more than 15 minutes)
with an infected individual
 travelling in a small vehicle, like a car, with an
infected person
The health protection team will provide definitive advice
on who must be sent home.
To support them in school will keep a record of pupils
and staff in each group, and any close contact that
takes places between children and staff in different
groups, e.g a child coughs directly at a member of staff
A template letter will be provided to school, on the
advice of the health protection team, to send to parents
and staff if needed. School must not share the names
or details of people with coronavirus (COVID-19)
unless essential to protect others
Household members of those contacts who are sent
home do not need to self-isolate themselves unless the
child, young person or staff member who is self-
isolating subsequently develops symptoms. If someone
in a class or group that has been asked to self-isolate
develops symptoms themselves within their 14-day
isolation period they should follow 'stay at home:
guidance for households with possible or confirmed
coronavirus (COVID-19) infection'
They should get a test, and:
 if the test delivers a negative result, they must
remain in isolation for the remainder of the 14-
day isolation period. This is because they could
still develop the coronavirus (COVID-19) within
the remaining days
 if the test result is positive, they should inform
their setting immediately, and must isolate for
at least 7 days from the onset of their
symptoms (which could mean the self-isolation
ends before or after the original 14-day
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		isolation period). Their household should self- isolate for at least 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms, following 'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection'	
Contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice		 If school has two or more confirmed cases within 14 days, or an overall rise in sickness absence where coronavirus (COVID-19) is suspected, we may have an outbreak, and must continue to work with our local health protection team who will be able to advise if additional action is required In some cases, health protection teams may recommend that a larger number of other pupils self-isolate at home as a precautionary measure – perhaps the whole site or year group. If schools are implementing controls from this list, addressing the risks they have identified and therefore reducing transmission risks, whole school closure based on cases within the school will not generally be necessary, and should not be considered except on the advice of health protection teams. In consultation with the local Director of Public Health, where an outbreak in school is confirmed, a mobile testing unit may be dispatched to test others who may have been in contact with the person who has tested positive. Testing will first focus on the person's class, followed by their year group, then the whole school if necessary, in line with routine public health outbreak control practice. 	
Parents refusing to keep pupils off school when requested to self-isolate and test. Thus the spread of virus to the rest of the school population resulting in illness/death.	Staff and children	Obtain advice from NHS 111 online based on the information provided by them and referring to Public Health and DFE Guidance for Schools Call DFE Helpline 0800 046 8687 or email Dfe.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk	
Pupils and families who are anxious about return to school		All pupils must attend school School to be aware of potential concerns of pupils, parents and households who may be reluctant or anxious about returning and put the right support in place to address this	

To establish procedures to ensure regular hand washing in accordance with guidelines	A	 This may include pupils who have themselves been shielding previously but have been advised that this is no longer necessary, those living in households where someone is clinically vulnerable, or those concerned about the comparatively increased risk from coronavirus (COVID-19), including those from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) backgrounds or who have certain conditions such as obesity and diabetes If parents of pupils with significant risk factors are concerned, school to discuss their concerns and provide reassurance of the measures we are putting in place to reduce the risk in school Schools to be clear with parents that pupils of compulsory school age must be in school unless a statutory reason applies (for example, the pupil has been granted a leave of absence, is unable to attend because of sickness, is absent for a necessary religious observance etc) School to identify pupils who are reluctant or anxious about returning or who are at risk of disengagement and develop plans for re-engaging them. This to include disadvantaged and vulnerable children and young people, especially those who were persistently absent prior to the pandemic or who have not engaged with school regularly during the pandemic changes to the curriculum to allow a smooth transition/start to school. Staff assigned to refill soap dispensers throughout the day. Site staff to refill overnight Site staff to spray toilets (flush, handles, taps) every hour Children to wash hands when entering school; after coughing or sneezing; after using the toilet; before and after handling food. Plus a plan for 6 regulated times also created. Poster to support staff and children created Flexible day timings to continue to allow teachers as much time as needed to carry out safe procedures and practices in classrooms. 	
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To identify a contained room or area for use should a pupil/pupils show symptoms of Covid-19	 Display "catch it, bin it, kill it poster" and "washing your hands" posters in toilets and notice boards, and classrooms New outside wash trough fitted to ensure 2 way class entry allows all to wash hands before entering building Request any essential visitors wash their hands Educate pupils and staff on the importance of destination handwashing through letters before leaving home on arrival at school (wash or wipes) after using the toilet after breaks and sporting activities before eating any food, including snacks before leaving school Skin friendly wipes to be used for SEND children who are unable to wash hand correctly Sinks in the toilets are for use after going to the toilet, not for routine hand washing, to minimise traffic in the toilets. Set time aside for regular training and reminders on handwashing - This is necessary due to most children not attending school since changes made. Use free training and information resources such as ebug for pupils and short how to wash your hands videos. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x3v521MTjio&feat ure=youtu.be Supervision by staff of toilets at breaks etc to ensure pupils are washing their hands thoroughly. Sufficient supplies and maintained supplies of liquid soap and disposable hand towels Only single use paper towels and hand dryers (after using the toilet) to be used. Bins emptied overnight. Regular checks of toilets throughout the day to ensure they are clean(sprayed), stocked with liquid soap and hand towels by AD/MB Waterfall to be used as before. Bins for PPE disposal (if used) in place 	
pupil/pupils snow symptoms of Covid-19	Monitoring of illness must be rigorous and have a 'caution first' approach at all times.	

Communication sent to all staff and pupils informing them they should remain at home if they are displaying any symptoms. School to ensure it understands the NHS Test and Trace process and how to contact their local Public Health England health protection team. School ensure that staff members and parents/carers understand that they will need to be ready and willing to: book a test if they are displaying symptoms. Staff and pupils must not come into the school if they have symptoms, and must be sent home to self-isolate if they develop them in school. All children can be tested, including children under 5, but children aged 11 and under will need to be helped by their parents/carers if using a home testing kit provide details of anyone they have been in close contact with if they were to test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test and Trace self-isolate if they have been in close contact with someone who develops coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) Anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) can and should get a test. Tests can be booked online through the NHS testing and tracing for coronavirus website, or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the intermet. Essential workers, which includes anyone involved in education or childcare, have priority access to testing All schools will be provided with a small number of home testing kits that they can give directly to parents/carers collecting a child who has developed symptoms at school, or staff who have developed symptoms at school, where they think providing one will significantly increase the likelihood of them getting tested
School to ask parents and staff to inform them immediately of the results of a test:

		o if someone tests negative, if they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating. They could still have another virus, such as a cold or flu — in which case it is still best to avoid contact with other people until they are better. Other members of their household can stop self-isolating. o if someone tests positive, they should follow the 'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection' and must continue to self-isolate for at least 7 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. The 7-day period starts from the day when they first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days
Risk: Staff and Pupil Attendance		
Identify staffing levels to ensure the reintegration of pupils adheres to social distancing guidelines	HT/DHT	 re-audit of staff carried out Staff to inform PG/EK/KE if they feel they are unable to return to work in September or any concerns they have Plan is in place to ensure that each class/group of children is staffed Contingency plan has been developed to cover staff absence/sickness
To manage anxiety of staff members through the communication of expectations, process and procedures for day to day operation	HT/DHT	 All communications are shared with staff Survey completed to allow views to be shared Staff meeting held (in person or virtually) to share new expectations with all staff and to address concerns Regular meetings timetabled to allow staff opportunities to express concerns Access to well-being and mental health support communicated and shared with staff.

To all and information late.	LIT I O . O	Staff well-being will be a priority focus for the new academic year.	
To share information detailing processes and procedures for day to day operation to reassure parents of mitigation against risk	HT and CoG	 Parent information written in partnership by Headteacher and Chair of Governors has been shared with all parents Details provided of safeguarding measures in place to mitigate risk of infection Clear expectations for parents have been shared parents updated with information on all levels as it happens 	
Processes and procedures are established and shared with Parents for pick up and drop off arrangements	SLT	 Staggered start and end times have been established Requirements will be shared with parents through letters and Teachers2Parents Limit visitors on site Reinforced information to parents In summary: No parents allowed on site unless to drop and collect. All parental communication with the office via phone or email. Any unexpected collection and drop off (i.e. medical appointments) to be arranged via phone. No contractors during the school day – all contractors to be arranged after school closes/before school when minimal staff are present 	
Process for collecting a child due to illness or an existing appointment during the school day is established and shared	SLT	Guidance for collection has been established and shared with parents through letters. Handover in foyer.	
Risk: Maintaining Cleanliness			
Deep clean the kitchen prior to reopening before food preparation resumes.	Catering Staff/MB	 Clean and disinfect all areas and surfaces prior to reopening and if necessary, utilise pest control for insect infestations, particularly in the kitchen and/or food preparation areas 	
Maintain a high standard of cleanliness and hygiene to mitigate risk of transmission	All staff	Follow government guidelines as follows: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings	Changes to cleaning introduced 14.09.20.

	Checklist of cleaning has been created and is used to	Alcohol gel in key
	ensure that all frequently used objects and items are	areas and shared
	cleaned to include:	touch points.
	 Door handles 	toden points.
		Specific doors
	 Desks, table tops 	•
	O Toys	removed
	 Teaching equipment/resources 	Staffroom closed
	 Light switches 	Stairroom closed
	o Books	
	o Toilets	
	o Sinks	Any closed bubble
	Use of disposable cloths	classrooms locked and
•	Additional cleaning capacity in place through use of	deep cleaned before
	teaching and support staff.	bubbles return.
	Cleans (by staff) to be completed at regular periods	
	throughout the day	All shared staff areas
	Cleaning staff briefed and monitored by MB	deep cleaned (twice)
	Social distancing in place for cleaning staff. All staff off	19/20.0920
	site by 5.00pm daily	
	Provide tissues for classrooms and antibacterial	
	cleaning wipes/spray in every room	
•	Ensure robust cleaning of high contact surfaces	
	throughout the day	
	Obtain advice where required from, NHS 111 and	
	DFE Helpline 0800 046 8687 or email:	
	DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk	
	Door Handles (classroom doors will be kept open) Main	
	entrance - hand sanitiser to be placed by main door	
	and used after each entry.	
	Resources - pupils have their own stationery packs.	
	Staffroom - urn/fridge/dishwasher handle, cupboards,	
	sink taps - to be cleaned regularly by staff using the	
	staff room	
	Identify how to manage these areas effectively	
	Every classroom to be thoroughly cleaned at the end of	
	each day with a high intensity solution. MB to oversee	
	that cleaners remain in their own allocated parts of	
	school	
	Tables and resources only to be sprayed when pupils	
	are not in danger of the spray blowing into them.	
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		 Any cleaning solution clearly labelled and available in 	
		every area	
		Any spray bottles or wipes must be kept out of reach of	
		children	
		All areas touched by children and staff must be cleaned	
		regularly by the consistent group staff throughout the	
		day	
		All soft furnishings, soft toys and toys that are hard to	
		clean (such as those with intricate parts) have been	
		removed	
		No resources to come into or leave school (apart from	
		pupil's lunchboxes)	
		Play trails and outdoor apparatus will be cordoned off.	
Ensure cleanliness of outdoor equipment is maintained	All staff	Outdoor equipment to be sprayed at the end of breaks	
		and lunch.	
		 Equipment not to be touched before or after school. 	
		Staff to monitor this	
		Each class to have own balls etc	
Risk: Safeguarding			
COVID 19 is RIDDOR reportable and should be	All staff	The School Manager will initiate the process of	
reviewed if anyone on site contracts this		reporting this to MKC and the Health and Safety	
		Executive	
Recommission all systems before re-opening	Site manager	Checks carried out on the following:	
	MB	• gas,	
		heating,	
		water supply,	
		mechanical and electrical systems	
		catering equipment	
		MB to liaise with MK LA H &S	
		Ensure usual maintenance and safety checks	
		continue to take place	
		Review Planned Preventive Maintenance schedule –	
		what services are due between now and September	
		and organise for these to be carried out outside of	
		pupil hours	
		Ensure statutory checks are up to date i.e. boiler	
		servicing.https://www.hse.gov.uk/news/work-	
		equipment-coronavirus.htm	

Ensure water systems are safe and operational	Site Manager MB	Legionella checks have continued during school closure. Site staff checks weekly fire alarm checks have continued, as with other checks Commission a water treatment specialist to chlorinate and flush the complete system for all hot and cold water systems (including drinking water) and certify the water system is safe before the buildings are reoccupied	
Check your fire safety systems	Site Manager MB/ HT	Checks carried out to ensure that: all fire doors are operational fire alarm system and emergency lights are operational No social distancing expected during fire alarm 	
To identify actions required to ensure sufficiency in meeting increased demand for support where pupils are: • At risk of exclusion • In need of early help • Have additional needs such as behaviour, sensory impairment etc. • Exhibiting mental health and well-being issues • In need of bereavement counselling • Meeting the social care thresholds	DSLs HT SENCo	 Pupils have been identified and risk assessed LA representatives have been contacted to discuss key issues as and where appropriate to mitigate risk/provide support 	
First aid and medication and delivering personal care done effectively, in not could have insufficient coverage for school and harm to pupils through malpractice		 Provide appropriate PPE for first aiders (mask, face shield, disposable gloves and disposable aprons) to be worn when there is a risk of virus transfer i.e. with coughing/sneezing/vomiting child. Inform first aiders what control measures are in place Any staff member, without valid first aid training, must alert a member of non-consistent group staff (with first aid training) to oversee first aid administration Office staff to ensure those pupils in school have up to date medication onsite and their allergen information is also up to date First aider and those administering medication to maintain social distancing where possible. Personal care. Staff providing personal care e.g. changing a child after they have wet themselves should wear appropriate PPE (mask, face shield, disposable gloves and disposable aprons) 	