



Risk Assessment to minimise CV19 risks

The following document explains Fitzharrys School's approach to the managing risk from March 2022, in line with the DFE guidance.

System of controls

This is the set of actions schools must take. They are grouped into 'prevention' and 'response to any infection' and are outlined in more detail in the sections below.

Numbers 1 to 4 must be in place in all schools, all the time.

Number 5 must be properly considered, and schools must put in place measures that suit their particular circumstances. Number 6 applies in specific circumstances.

Prevention:	Measures in place to reduce risk
1) minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students, staff, and parents are to ensure that anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 do not come into school. They should be tested and only come back into school in line with the latest guidance. If they become unwell in school and are displaying COVID-19 symptoms, then they will be isolated in school until their parent/carers can pick them up.

<p>someone in their household who does, do not attend school</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a student has tested positive, they should not come into school and must wait until the appropriate period of isolation as advised by NHS. • In any of these cases, the following guidance should be followed: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance • Communication about this to parents, staff and students has been clear and will be regularly reinforced to ensure everybody understands the expectations. • Staff and students are encouraged to test with a PCR if they have symptoms. The school will no longer distribute LFD test packs. These should be used where appropriate for the end of an isolation period. In the case of an outbreak, the school will provide LFD tests to staff and students on a regular basis, provided we have sufficient supply.
<p>2) clean hands thoroughly more often than usual</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All students will sanitise their hands on entry into a teaching area. They will do this after every movement around the school, including first thing in the morning, break times, lunch times and between lessons. • Hand sanitiser dispensers have been strategically located at key points in the school. These are clearly labelled. • Students are encouraged to bring in their own hand sanitiser to school for use throughout the day. Students can also use toilets at break or lunch to wash their hands. • Staff are supplied with their hand sanitiser bottle to use regularly, alongside the bubble entry bottles/dispensers. • Paper towels are now in all the toilets to dry hands.
<p>3) ensure good respiratory hygiene</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Catch it, bin it, kill it' posters are around school. This message is re-emphasised by teachers and other staff throughout the day. • Tissues are available at key points, and students are encouraged to bring in tissues to school. • Bins are regularly changed around the school site.

<p>4) introduce enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents and bleach</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School cleaning happens every day between 3.15 and 7pm. All surfaces which students and staff may have touched are wiped down using cleaning materials. • There is also cleaning of key transition points throughout the day to ensure surfaces are wiped down, toilets are also regularly wiped down. The school has employed a cleaner who works during the school day to ensure such surfaces are regularly cleaned across the site.
<p>5) minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a reminder slide for teachers to use for ventilation, hand hygiene and catch it, bin it, kill it. These are used to remind students of our expectations. • Prompt finishing to lessons will ensure reduced congestion in key areas. Staff will manage entry and exit into teaching areas to ensure congestion is reduced. • Most of the transition areas are outside, thus reducing the risk of transmission inside. Corridors and stairwells where they are busy will be managed by staff in those areas.
<p>6) where necessary, wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPE is available for use in the event of a first aid issue. • If staff need to wear PPE it will be due to someone needing intimate care or where social distancing cannot be maintained. • Face masks are recommended but not required in school. This applies to classrooms, corridors, communal areas and indoor spaces.
<p>7) Ventilation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All classrooms will be ventilated to ensure a flow of air. This will be balanced with keeping students and staff warm in classrooms. • Doors and windows will be open where possible, ensuring there is not an increased fire risk. Windows do not need to be fully open in lessons but should be at break or lunchtime to increase air-flow. • The school will fit the DfE supplied Carbon Dioxide meters to ensure appropriate ventilation of classrooms as required. These will be installed and used appropriately by staff to regularly check CO2 levels.

8) In school testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lateral flow tests can continue to be self-administered at home (or with parental support). Testing is voluntary but encouraged.
Response to any infection:	
9) engage with the NHS Test and Trace process 10) manage confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community 11) contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All students and staff are expected to arrange a test and not come into school until a result has been confirmed with the school. • As in point 1) all those displaying symptoms should follow the government guidance about isolation. • In the event of any confirmed cases the school will contact Public Health England using the latest government guidance. • We will then follow the guidance and manage this in accordance with the advice given to us by the Health Protection Team.