

## Millhouse Primary School & Nursery COVID-19 Risk Assessment

### System of Controls:

1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

### UPDATED PROCEDURES FOR ISOLATION WHEN TESTING POSITIVE

*Although there is no longer a legal requirement to isolate if someone tests positive for COVID-19, we do still have a moral and considerate obligation to ensure all members of our school community are safe.*

*As with all contagious illnesses, we would expect anyone who tests positive to stay at home and not attend the school.*

*The current advice from the NHS is:*

- ✓ *Stay at home and isolate.*
- ✓ *A lateral flow test can be taken on days 5 and 6 (24 hours apart). If these are both negative the person can return to school after agreement with the Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher.*
- ✓ *School may ask to see proof of negative lateral flow results.*
- ✓ *If you are not showing symptoms and test positive on a lateral flow device, you do not need to get a PCR test to confirm but should start your isolation period from the day of the lateral flow test.*

*Staff are no longer required to test twice weekly but may continue to do so whilst tests are still available.*

*No more lateral flow tests will be sent to school.*

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*Reviewed 25.2.22 (see red text)*

Date of risk assessment: September 2021		Completed by: Jenny Haken		
Risk	Who is affected	Control Measure / Action needed	Date to be completed by	Reviewed
Risk of infection from visitors to school (including parents)	All staff and pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visitors to sanitise hands on arrival and may be asked to wear a face covering if a distance of 1m is not able to be maintained</li> <li>• Number of visitors at one time limited depending on location within school, e.g. if in a small room, visitors may be limited to 2 or 3</li> <li>• <i>Although legally not required, visitors (including parents) may be asked to wear a face covering if it makes staff feel more comfortable.</i></li> <li>• <i>Visitors are no longer required to carry out a lateral flow test before attending the school.</i></li> </ul>	1.9.21	29.11.21 Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All visitors to wear a face covering when in the school building</li> </ul> 4.1.22 Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visitors to be asked to carry out a lateral flow test before attending the school.</li> </ul> Reviewed 25.2.22 (see red text)
Large gatherings of adults / visitors increase the risk of infection	All staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whole school staff meetings to be held in the hall</li> <li>• Parents evenings to be held via video calls</li> <li>• School events to be held outside where possible or if not, recorded and shared with parents via Google Classroom</li> <li>• <i>Large events will still be limited and/or held outside for the remainder of the spring term.</i></li> </ul>	1.9.21	
Risk of infection from other adults in school	All staff and pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Staff can wear a face covering in school if they wish to do so and may request that others with whom they are meeting do so.</i></li> </ul>	1.9.21	29.11.21 Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adults to wear a face covering in communal</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff who test positive for COVID-19 are asked to remain at home and follow the latest government advice on self-isolation (as per any infectious illness).</li> <li>• Staff who vaccinated and are close contact with a positive case, do not need to stay at home but are encouraged to take a lateral flow test if they feel unwell.</li> <li>• Staff who are not vaccinated are advised to stay at home (follow the government advice) if they are a close contact of someone who tests positive.</li> <li>• Staff to sanitise hands when moving from one class / room to another and before working with children.</li> </ul>		spaces unless exempt or eating / drinking.
			1.9.21	29.11.21 Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adults to wear a face covering in communal spaces unless exempt or eating / drinking.</li> </ul>
Risk of infection from children (child-child)	All children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children to wash / sanitise hands regularly and to be encouraged to use the catch it, bin it, kill it plan when sneezing, coughing etc.</li> <li>• Children encouraged to maintain good hygiene practices.</li> <li>• If a child tests positive, they will be asked to stay at home for a minimum of 5 days following the latest government advice.</li> <li>• Children are now allowed to mix with other year group.</li> <li>• Assemblies will begin to include more than one year group gradually over the remainder of the spring term.</li> <li>• Outside areas will no longer be zoned for distance purposes.</li> </ul>	1.9.21	4.1.22 Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assemblies will continue to be year group only for the first half of the spring term.</li> </ul>

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<p>Loss of learning time due to staff absence or pupil isolation</p>	<p>All children</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class may be closed if there are not enough staff to cover – remote learning (Google classroom) will be put in place by a member of staff in school.</li> <li>• If a child is isolating and are well enough, remote learning, via Google Classroom will be available and the child’s class teacher will check in regularly with them whilst they are absent.</li> <li>• Remote learning will, where possible, mirror the learning that would be happening in school.</li> </ul>	<p>1.9.21</p>	
<p>Office / Kitchen / Cleaning / SMT teams may not function if too many members test positive</p>	<p>Office / Kitchen / Cleaning / SMT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If there are not enough kitchen staff: BEP schools to be asked if anyone can support. Cold pre-prepared pack lunches to be provided.</li> <li>• Office: Some staff are working from home on some days to reduce the numbers in at the same time. SLT to take turns in manning the school office with support from LSAs</li> <li>• Cleaning: school staff to be asked if they could help in cleaning different areas</li> <li>• SMT: succession planning / remote working in place</li> </ul>	<p>1.9.21</p>	