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| **Department: Education and Children’s Services** | | **RISK ASSESSMENT** |  |
| **Process/Activity: COVID-19 Infection Prevention & Control** | | **Location:** **All ECS Establishments** | **Date: October 2020** |
| **Describe activity**: ECS establishments opening August 2020 to children, young people, staff, visitors and contractors. | | | |
| **Establishment Name and Location: Monymusk School** | **Isolation Room Location in Establishment: Library** | | |

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| **Hazard** | **Person/s Affected** | **Risk** | **Risk level before controls are in place (delete as appropriate)**  **Low, Medium & High** | | | **Control Measures** | | | | **Risk level after controls are in place**  **(delete as appropriate)**  **Low, Medium & High** | | | | |
| Spread of infection | Staff  Children & young people  Visitors | Cross contamination of infection.  Infection of staff, children and visitors | L | M | **H** | **GENERAL CONTROL MEASURES**  Encourage and support all children, young people, staff and any others for whom it is necessary to enter the school estate to maintain COVID-secure personal hygiene throughout the day and ensure continued rigour about hand hygiene.  • frequent washing/sanitising of hands for 20 seconds and drying thoroughly, and always when entering/leaving the building, before/after eating and after using the toilet.  • encouraging children, young people and staff to avoid touching their faces including mouth, eyes and nose.  • using a tissue or elbow to cough or sneeze, and use separate bins from classroom waste that are emptied regularly for tissue waste.  Provide supplies of resources including tissues, soap, hand sanitisers and anti bacterial wipes for classroom cleaning.  The response to the coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak is complex and fast moving. Advice from Government sources will be shared with staff daily on the Aberdeenshire Council staff COVD-19 site: <https://covid19.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/>  Additional guidance is listed below for Early Learning and Childcare Services with links: [Staff should follow separate guidance for the reopening of early learning and childcare services](https://aberdeenshire-my.sharepoint.com/personal/karen_tucker_aberdeenshire_gov_uk/Documents/) here. And good infection control guidance specifically for nurseries:  [Infection Prevention and Control in Childcare Settings (Day Care and Childminding Settings](https://hpspubsrepo.blob.core.windows.net/hps-website/nss/2448/documents/1_infection-prevention-control-childcare-2018-05.pdf)  and put in place the guidance from Health Protection Scotland.  [Covid-19 Guidance for Non-healthcare Settings](https://aberdeenshire-my.sharepoint.com/personal/karen_tucker_aberdeenshire_gov_uk/Documents/.https:/hpspubsrepo.blob.core.windows.net/hps-website/nss/2973/documents/1_covid-19-guidance-for-non-healthcare-settings.pdf) is available here.  Health and Safety advice available on Arcadia by accessing this link, including: How to handwash, Putting on & removing PPE, Decontamination & cleaning processes for facilities, Optional & mandatory wearing of face coverings: <https://aberdeenshire.sharepoint.com/sites/Arcadia/services/Pages/Business%20Services/HR%20and%20OD/Health%20and%20Safety,%20Wellbeing%20and%20Risk%20Management/Health-and-Safety,-Wellbeing-and-Risk-Management.aspx>.  Health, Safety and Wellbeing policy is available [here](https://aberdeenshire.sharepoint.com/sites/Arcadia/services/Documents/Business%20Services/HR+OD/Health%20and%20Safety/Aberdeenshire%20Council%20Corporate%20H+S%20Policy/Aberdeenshire%20Council%20-%20General%20HS%20Policy%20Statement.pdf).  **PPE**  For the majority of staff PPE will not normally be necessary. Use of PPE in school should be based on a clear assessment of the risk and need for an individual child, ie personal care. Where colleagues need to work in close proximity to a child or children for over 15 mins, the school will provide face coverings/PPE for that purpose.  **Types of PPE required for specific circumstances:**   * ROUTINE ACTIVITIES – No PPE required * SUSPECTED COVID-19 – Gloves, apron and a fluid-resistant surgical mask when direct personal care needed. Eye protection if a risk assessment determines there is a risk of splashes to the eyes. Gloves and aprons worn when cleaning the areas where suspected case has been. * INTIMATE CARE – Gloves and apron. Risk of splashing mitigated with the wearing of fluid-resistant surgical mask and eye protection. Gloves and aprons worn when cleaning the area. * First Aid.   **Face Coverings**:  Face coverings should not be required for most children and staff unless clinically advised to do so.  Where adults cannot keep 2m distance and are interacting face-to-face for a sustained period (more than 15 minutes) a face covering should be worn and will be provided.  Adults in school in other circumstances should not need to wear face coverings as long as they can maintain 2m distancing.  Should the prevalence of the virus in the population start rising schools may wish to encourage adults and older young people in secondary schools to wear face coverings as part of an enhanced system of approaches to reduce transmission.  Impact of wearing face coverings on learners with additional support needs should be considered.  **Anyone (staff or pupil) who wishes to wear a face covering is free to do so.**    **Special Consideration for Certain Groups**  All schools should follow the latest guidance on attendance for children, young people and staff who have health conditions or are pregnant, or who live with individuals who have health conditions or are pregnant. Information can be found[**here.**](https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-tailored-advice-for-those-who-live-with-specific-medical-conditions/)  Advice is available [**here**](https://www.gov.scot/publications/guidance-education-children-unable-attend-school-due-ill-health/) for the education of pupils who are unable to attend school due to ill health. Schools will wish to maintain plans for remote education for some pupils.  Ensure that all clinically extremely vulnerable staff are enabled to work from home, (for example, supporting remote education), or where that is not possible, carry out the lowest-risk roles on site, with social distancing of at least 2m. Clinically extremely vulnerable staff electing to waive this right must have discussed it with their doctor and head teacher.  From 1 August advice on shielding and protecting people who are clinically extremely vulnerable changed. Identify (and record that this has been carried out for every individual) all staff who are [clinically extremely vulnerable](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19/covid-19-guidance-on-protecting-people-most-likely-to-get-unwell-from-coronavirus-shielding-young-peoples-version)(link) with the Head Teacher prior to them entering the school.   * ‘Clinically extremely vulnerable’ staff should be able to attend unless advice from their GP is not to. * Those with a ‘clinically vulnerable’ household member can attend following a dynamic risk assessment. * Those who are ‘clinically extremely vulnerable’ should discuss their options with their Head Teacher/line manager * Those who live with someone ‘clinically extremely vulnerable’/shielded should attend and carefully follow guidance on staying alert and safe (social distancing) as per online guidance listed above.   **General Advice - Staff and Pupils**  Identify those staff or pupils who are, or who live with someone who is, symptomatic or a confirmed case of COVID-19. They cannot return to school until self-isolation is over, or a negative test is received. Set up clear, repeated messaging to parents/carers that pupils must not attend if they, or a member of their household, has COVID-like symptoms or a positive test. Schools will be able to register symptomatic staff as Cat 3 Key workers under the employer referral portal to ensure priority access to testing.  Consider changes in working practices for administration staff**.** For example**,** stagger times at which work is done in the school office, or breaks are taken; restructure workflows to allow for physical distancing of 2m to be implemented. Consider rota of staff to provide reception cover, allow enough staff cover in school offices. Minimise movement of individuals between workstations. Where they are shared make sure there is cleaning between use. A maximum of 5 adults will access the staff room/office at any one time. Notices displayed in office to remind staff of capacity and the requirement to socially distance from one another.  Movement between schools should be kept to a minimum until further notice. Consider lower risk methods for some input – digital/virtual means, or outdoor settings. Where movement across locations is necessary to deliver school operations the number of interactions should be minimised. It is recommended that staff who have a closer interaction with pupils limit their movement between schools to two sites per day, for example teaching staff, temporary/supply staff and visiting specialists.  Guidance for the ASN team – ASN teachers, Pupil Support Assistants and Workers, Psychologists, School Escorts and Nurses can be found [here](https://aberdeenshire.sharepoint.com/sites/covid-19childcarehubstaffinformation/Shared%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?id=%2Fsites%2Fcovid%2D19childcarehubstaffinformation%2FShared%20Documents%2FSchool%20Recovery%20Documents&newTargetListUrl=%2Fsites%2Fcovid%2D19childcarehubstaffinformation%2FShared%20Documents&viewpath=%2Fsites%2Fcovid%2D19childcarehubstaffinformation%2FShared%20Documents%2FForms%2FAllItems%2Easpx&viewid=d9eefab0%2D1334%2D4bdb%2Dbfba%2D5ad35be1e920).  Guidance for the ASN team – ASN teachers, Pupil Support Assistants and Workers, Psychologists, School Escorts and Nurses can be found [here](https://aberdeenshire.sharepoint.com/sites/covid-19childcarehubstaffinformation/Shared%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?id=%2Fsites%2Fcovid%2D19childcarehubstaffinformation%2FShared%20Documents%2FSchool%20Recovery%20Documents&newTargetListUrl=%2Fsites%2Fcovid%2D19childcarehubstaffinformation%2FShared%20Documents&viewpath=%2Fsites%2Fcovid%2D19childcarehubstaffinformation%2FShared%20Documents%2FForms%2FAllItems%2Easpx&viewid=d9eefab0%2D1334%2D4bdb%2Dbfba%2D5ad35be1e920). (Document1:Covid-19 Guidance ASL Teachers, Pupil Support Assistants Pupil Support Workers; Document2: Covid-19Guidance ASN Peripatetic Services; Document 3: Covid-19 Guidance Escorts; Document 4: Guidance on re-opening school age childcare services ASN)  ASN teacher to work a 2 contact system whilst at Monymusk until October. From October to Christmas, ASN staff to consider Monymusk a base school, with movement across bubbles safe. Enhanced cleaning of work stations to take place and face mask to be worn where 2m social distancing cannot be met n=and duration longer than 15 minutes.  Members of the janitorial team who have a more limited interaction with pupils and other staff can consider undertaking additional site visits to undertake facility management tasks following recommended control measures of social distancing and handwashing/hand sanitising.  Twice daily registration and record the appropriate absence codes both existing and COVID-19 related.  Registration must be in accordance with Guidelines on Managing and Promoting Pupil Attendance in [Nursery, Primary and Special Schools](file:///C:\Users\jwarrand\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\KF4J0RW8\attendance-policy-guidance-primary-schools-november-2015.pdf)  and [secondary schools](file:///C:\Users\jwarrand\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\C6PLZM60\attendance-policy-guidance-secondary-schools-november-2015.pdf).  Continue to complete the online educational setting status form to provide daily updates on how many children and staff are in school.  A risk assessment needs to be completed for all pupils attending multiple educational settings and consideration needs to be given to groupings.  Where possible groups should be kept apart. For example, in open plan areas consider clear demarcation and separation between areas. Reduce the movement of groups across different parts of the school estate where possible. Children to play in allocated part of playground to ensure separation. Lunches continue to be served to bubbles in isolation. P1,2 eat in the lunch hall. P3-7 eat in their classrooms.  Catering staff will wear masks and will maintain a 2m distance from the children. Tables will be cleaned before and after eating.  Cleaning staff who enter the building for the enhanced clean and at the end of the school day will wear a protective mask and will use authority approved cleaning solutions throughout the school. Cleaning staff will maintain a 2m distance from school staff and children.  Schools should avoid assemblies and other large group gatherings. Where this is necessary to do so alternative mitigating actions should be put in place, such as limiting the time spend together. Benchmark information regarding numbers can be found [here](https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-phase-3-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship/pages/capacity/) in guidance for the safe use of places for worship. Assemblies to take place virtually.  Peripatetic staff entering the school to provide additional support and further therapies to targeted children will be required to clean their work surface begore and after working with the child. They will ensure their 2m distance and will, where possible, work outside. Those staff will work with only 1 child per day in an educational setting.  Clear signs displayed as reminders to staff and children regarding social distancing and how to handwash properly. Reinforce messaging regarding handwashing if sneezing or coughing. Children should be supervised and supported to follow guidance.  **Sector Advice Card** found [here.](https://aberdeenshire.sharepoint.com/sites/covid-19childcarehubstaffinformation/Shared%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?id=%2Fsites%2Fcovid%2D19childcarehubstaffinformation%2FShared%20Documents%2FSchool%20Recovery%20Documents%2Fcovid%2D19%2Dsector%2Dadvice%2Dcard%2Epdf&parent=%2Fsites%2Fcovid%2D19childcarehubstaffinformation%2FShared%20Documents%2FSchool%20Recovery%20Documents) Are displayed in school to signpost to guidance  **Flowchart Added**: If a pupil or member of staff presents with Covid related symptoms whilst at school please see the information below, and flowchart [here](https://aberdeenshire.sharepoint.com/sites/covid-19childcarehubstaffinformation/Shared%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?id=%2Fsites%2Fcovid%2D19childcarehubstaffinformation%2FShared%20Documents%2FSchool%20Recovery%20Documents%2FECS%20Covid%5F19%20Possible%20Case%20in%20School%20Flowchart%20%28001%29%2Epdf&parent=%2Fsites%2Fcovid%2D19childcarehubstaffinformation%2FShared%20Documents%2FSchool%20Recovery%20Documents) as a guide to the response required. Advice [here](https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-test-and-protect/pages/advice-for-employers/) for people advised to self-isolate.  Consideration given to emergency evacuation procedures/ fire drill & muster point – adjustments to be made locally to emergency evacuation procedures to keep 2m separation where possible for staff. Drill practice to be carried out with staff and pupils lead by the Head Teacher. However, when not a drill all people occupying the site should evacuate as quickly as possible (without panic) and then when at assembly point they can revert to physical distancing. Classes allocated separate muster points as detailed in the Fire Evacuation Plan.  Consider suggesting that staff hair tied back where appropriate and clothes changed daily. Children encouraged to also tie hair back.  **General Advice - Facilities**  Ensure regular cleaning (at least twice daily) of commonly touched objects and surfaces (e.g. handles, shared surfaces desks / technology surfaces / dining tables), toilet areas, changing rooms and staff areas. Cleaning materials to be made available throughout the day for staff.  As a minimum, frequently touched surfaces should be wiped down at the beginning and end of each day, and more frequently depending on: the number of people using the space, whether they are entering and exiting the setting, and access to hand washing and hand-sanitising facilities. Cleaning of frequently touched surfaces is particularly important in bathrooms and communal kitchens.  When cleaning surfaces it is not necessary to wear PPE. Health Protection Scotland documentation can be found [here](https://hpspubsrepo.blob.core.windows.net/hps-website/nss/2973/documents/1_covid-19-guidance-for-non-healthcare-settings.pdf).  When using Covid Guard please ensure that all surfaces are wiped down after the contact time has passed. Other products may be used on the same surfaces and while not dangerous the effectiveness of the disinfection process may be reduced if the guidance is not adhered to. In its undiluted form Covid Guard should not be stored with Oxivir or Sani 4 in 1.  Janitorial staff will be able to support with the provision of bins for tissue waste in classrooms. Highlight missed opportunities for social distancing and appropriate handwashing where staff, pupils or parents forget the safety rules.  All toilet areas to contain signage highlighting good handwashing routines.  **Ventilation**  Leave non-fire doors open to reduce the amount of contact with doors and also potentially improve workplace ventilation. Open windows to improve the flow of air where possible.  Where centralised or local mechanical ventilation is present, systems should be adjusted to full fresh air. When changing filters enhanced precautions should be taken. Ensure systems do not automatically adjust ventilation levels due to differing occupancy levels.  Janitorial Support Teams are able to support with the logging of any calls concerning window opening faults if detected.  Some schools may require the controlled propping open of fire doors to enable queuing for lunch lines. There are also circumstances where there are internal classroom spaces and offices that do not have ventilation. Advice from Health & Safety colleagues is that under certain circumstances internal fire doors can remain open whilst the space is in use.  However, internal fire doors **must** be closed should an evacuation take place, when the space is not in use and a responsible adult must be present if propped opened and the Fire Risk Assessment updated. These temporary procedures are only allowed as a result of the need to ensure ventilation in all spaces where people are present and revised documents must be shared with all relevant parties.  External Fire Doors if opened to facilitate lunchtime queues must be supervised by a responsible adult and details of this temporary measure added to the Fire Risk Assessment and revised documents shared with all relevant parties. | | | | | **L** | M | H | | |
| People with symptoms attending ECS sites | Staff  Children & young people  Visitors | Infection of staff, children and visitors | L | M | **H** | **PEOPLE SYMPTOMATIC ATTENDING ECS ESTABLISHMENTS**  Staff, pupils and parents should not come to school if they or someone in their household has developed symptoms (new persistent cough or increased temperature). Staff and pupils to be reminded of this each day. Recovery phase flowchart for guidance displayed in staffroom.  Guidance should be followed from NHS Inform and from [Test and Protect](https://www.nhsinform.scot/campaigns/test-and-protect) here. Schools should ensure they understand this process and cases in schools, as complex settings, will be prioritised and escalated to specialist Health Protection Teams.  Establishment to use existing methods and channels of communication with parents/carers to reduce the need for face to face meetings/contact: Expressions App; text; email; phone; Website; and other social media as used by the school.  Remind all staff that if they or pupils develop symptoms, they should be sent home. Location of isolation for potentially symptomatic pupils is located in the library until they can be collected. Please access guidance [here](https://aberdeenshire.sharepoint.com/sites/covid-19childcarehubstaffinformation/Shared%20Documents/School%20Recovery%20Documents/School%20guidance%20on%20symptomatic%20or%20confirmed%20cases%20of%20Covid%2019.docx?web=1) and see detailed information below. | | | | | **L** | M | H | | |
| Spread of infection.  Infection of staff, children & visitors. | Staff  Children & young people  Visitors | Cross contamination of infection.  Infection of staff, children and visitors | L | M | **H** | **PROTECTION WHEN DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP FROM THE ESTABLISHMENT**  Signage and information added to the entrance of the site. Information shared on school websites and social media.  Drop off and pick up times remain at 9am and 3:30pm. Children will be dismissed through allocated gates to prevent overcrowding. Parents must not to enter the PLAYGROUND or BUILDING unless in an emergency. Parents advised not to wait and maintain 2m social distancing.  Social distancing should be adhered to. Staff/ volunteer / visitor distance of 2m where possible.  All staff, parent/carers, children and visitors to wash hands before coming to setting, build handwashing into daily routine.  On entering the building, hand sanitiser should be made available and everyone should use this before moving to wash their hands thoroughly at the nearest available handwashing area.  No visitors, parents, carers beyond front door where possible. All participants to remain within restricted designated areas.  Parents/carers should not drop off items for pupils at reception to reduce potential transfer of infection.  Children and young people should wherever possible be encouraged to not bring toys from home or to share their personal belongings. However, if a child brings their own items from home only they use this to not increase the risk of indirect spread of virus. | | | | | **L** | M | H | | |
| Spread of infection.  Infection of staff, children & visitors. | Staff  Children & young people  Visitors | Cross contamination of infection.  Infection of staff, children and visitors | L | M | **H** | **WHEN CONTRACTORS / VISITORS COME ONTO SITE**  **All visitors to complete a compulsory track and trace QR Code data sharing procedure or sheet before gaining access to site. This is separate to signing in sheet to follow GDPR guidance. This information is retained by the school office.** Please find guidance [here](https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/forms-pro/send-survey-qrcode) for QR Code Set Up. Please find a copy of the Data Collection Sheet [here](https://aberdeenshire.sharepoint.com/sites/covid-19childcarehubstaffinformation/Shared%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?viewid=d9eefab0%2D1334%2D4bdb%2Dbfba%2D5ad35be1e920&id=%2Fsites%2Fcovid%2D19childcarehubstaffinformation%2FShared%20Documents%2FSchool%20Recovery%20Documents) & GDPR Template [here](https://aberdeenshire.sharepoint.com/sites/covid-19childcarehubstaffinformation/Shared%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?viewid=d9eefab0%2D1334%2D4bdb%2Dbfba%2D5ad35be1e920&id=%2Fsites%2Fcovid%2D19childcarehubstaffinformation%2FShared%20Documents%2FSchool%20Recovery%20Documents).  Guidance on Collection of Visitor Details [here](https://www.gov.scot/binaries/content/documents/govscot/publications/advice-and-guidance/2020/07/test-protect-multi-sector-guidance-collection-customer-visitor-contact-details-july-2020/documents/supporting-test-protect-guidance-collection-customer-visitor-details/supporting-test-protect-guidance-collection-customer-visitor-details/govscot%3Adocument/supporting-test-protect-guidance-collection-customer-visitor-details.pdf?forceDownload=true).  Set up social distancing at reception areas. Minimise person to person contact by putting procedures in place for deliveries and facility management work. ALL visitors into the building, including delivery drivers MUST provide track and trace information. Reception windows should remain closed where possible.  There is a legal duty to provide welfare facilities and washing facilities for visiting drivers. Establish what facilities visitors would be directed to for this activity in your setting.  Contractors arriving at site are directed by signs to main entrance where possible. To follow same hand sanitising and handwashing rules as per other visitors and staff. Only essential maintenance to take place during normal school hours and social distancing must be adhered to at all times.  Canteen deliveries to use separate entrance where possible. To follow same hand sanitising and washing rules as per other visitors and staff. Delivery staff to follow social distancing guidance and NOT enter the school site. If this is not avoidable then a track and trace data sharing sheet must be completed in all cases and given to the school office.  Social distancing should be adhered to. Staff/ volunteer / visitor distance of 2m where possible. Face covering to be worn by adults where distancing of 2m cannot be achieved. | | | | | **L** | M | H | | |
| Spread of infection.  Infection of staff, children & visitors. | Staff  Children & young people  Visitors | Cross contamination of infection.  Infection of staff, children and visitors | L | M | **H** | **PROTECTION WHEN MOVING AROUND THE DESIGNATED SCHOOL AREAS**  Reduce the need for people to move around site, and between classrooms as far as possible to reduce the potential spread of any contamination through touched surfaces. Where this cannot be avoided, the provision of appropriate cleaning supplies to enable them to wipe down their own desk/chair/surfaces before leaving and or, especially, on entering the room, especially in secondary schools.  In line with national guidance, hand sanitiser stocks have been provided to all schools to allow for provision at entry/exit points and a small number of key areas to complement existing hand washing facilities. Hand sanitiser is available in classrooms and/or other areas. While sanitiser can be made available for the purposes of convenience, regular hand washing with soap and water should remain the preferred method of hand hygiene for all. | | | | | **L** | **M**  Not all cases will show symptoms & social distancing challenging to maintain with children so risk assessed as low to medium. | H | | |
| Risk of infection of children with additional support needs | Children & young people | Risk of not following existing procedures for pupils | L | M | **H** | **SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH ADDITIONAL SUPPORT NEEDS**  Review any Personal Evacuation Emergency Plans (PEEPS) to ensure that arrangements are still adequate and relevant.  Updated Fire Evacuation Procedure reflects any changes and has been shared with all staff.  Establish a cleaning routine for specialist equipment for children with additional support needs, sensory rooms, to ensure safe use. | | | | | **L** | M | H | | |
| Infected person attending the site | Staff  Children & young people  Visitors | Risk of infection to other people | L | M | **H** | **ILLNESSES AND ACCIDENTS DURING ATTENDANCE AT ESTABLISHMENTS**  Guidance document for first responders [here](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-interim-guidance-for-first-responders/interim-guidance-for-first-responders-and-others-in-close-contact-with-symptomatic-people-with-potential-2019-ncov) that covers the use of PPE and CPR. Please click on l[ink](https://aberdeenshire.sharepoint.com/sites/Arcadia/services/Pages/Business%20Services/HR%20and%20OD/Health%20and%20Safety,%20Wellbeing%20and%20Risk%20Management/Health-and-Safety,-Wellbeing-and-Risk-Management.aspx) for the correct methods of putting on, and removing PPE.  Staff use dynamic risk assessments through process due to needs/ conditions of pupils, staff member or contractor. Appropriate care taken when treating individuals presenting with illness, PPE equipment used as required – bodily spills kits (each kit contains mask, apron and gloves).  Isolation area where possible set up within the building identified in case of any individuals who present as unwell during the day. Follow procedures to remove from setting where someone becomes unwell:   * If over age of 16 they should go home as soon as symptoms noticed * Under the age of 16, parents/cares contacted and to follow guidance for households. * A room or area should be designated for the pupil to wait to be collected with appropriate adult supervision. * A separate bathroom should be designated for the individual to use. * Private transport to reach home should be used where possible. * If an individual is so unwell they need an ambulance advise the call handler of 999 you are concerned about Covid-19.   All First Aid Kits to contain PPE: gloves, aprons and masks.  Additional guidance for staff is available here:  It is the responsibility of the Head Teacher to ensure that they have sufficient stocks of PPE within their school at all time – the current guidance from procurement is having 4 weeks stock on site at all times. Stock will be ordered by, and held at, the Cluster Academy. CSN Support Service Co-ordinators have the lead on this locally. Head Teachers notified of local procedures.  Facilities informed and deep clean carried out of areas deemed exposed to potential infection following [covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings) guidance. Additional information found [here.](https://hpspubsrepo.blob.core.windows.net/hps-website/nss/2973/documents/1_covid-19-guidance-for-non-healthcare-settings.pdf)  Schools should maintain accurate register of absences for staff and pupils  *Supervisory Janitor should be informed and deep clean carried out of areas deemed exposed to potential infection following* [*covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings*](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings) *guidance.* | | | | | **L** | M | H | | |
| Spread of infection.  Infection of staff, children & visitors. | Staff  Children & young people  Visitors | Cross contamination of infection.  Infection of staff, children and visitors | L | M | **H** | **OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT**  Management of outbreaks in schools is led by local Health Protection Teams (HPTs) alongside local partners following established [procedures](https://hpspubsrepo.blob.core.windows.net/hps-website/nss/1673/documents/1_shpn-12-management-public-health-incidents.pdf.) . Ensure you know how to contact local HPT:   * Grampian Health Protection Office Hours Tel No. 01224 558520; Out of Hours Tel No. 0345 456 6000 (Ask for Public Health on Call) Email Address: [grampian.healthprotection@nhs.net](mailto:grampian.healthprotection@nhs.net)   If schools have 2 or more confirmed cases of Covid-19 within 14 days they may have an outbreak. In this situation contact HPT and local authority.  Increased of respiratory illness should prompt contacting HPT for advice.  If outbreak confirmed schools should work with local HPT to manage with local authority. Actions may include:   * Attendance at multi-agency incident management team meetings * Communications with pupils, parents/carers, and staff * Provide records of school layout / attendance / groups * Implementing enhanced infection, prevention and control measures.   Advice from the Health & Safety team is that once a symptomatic person has left the premises the area/room where they have been can either be quarantined/closed for 72 hours or if the area has to be used before the 72 hours is up then the area has to be cleaned before use. Building management should quarantine immediate work area and any area the individual has spent more than 15 minutes in. These areas should be cordoned off to a 2m radius. Building management should affix signage notifying the area is out of use. Investigation as to where the individual has been needs to be identified by building management and reported to Cleaning Services.  If area has been quarantined for 72 hours, then Enhanced cleaning applies  HPT will make recommendations on self-isolation, testing and the arrangements to do this. Any discussion of possible school closures should take place between school, local authority and local HPTs. Schools should maintain appropriate records. | | | | | **L** | M | H | | |
| Spread of infection.  Infection of staff, children & visitors. | Staff  Children & young people  Visitors | Cross contamination of infection.  Infection of staff, children and visitors | L | M | **H** | **CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT**  Staff and pupils reminded at each registration time of social distances rules. Class teachers reinforce throughout the day.  Each teacher plans out their teaching spaces to maximise staff physical distancing. Existing furniture can be used effectively to support this.  Pupils should be instructed to keep bags on the floor and not placed in their desks or worktops.  Reduce the unnecessary sharing of resources as much as possible, including textbooks. Reduce the range of resources to be used in the classroom. Trays of equipment for individual or small groups of children should be created. Re-plan lessons / activities to avoid shared resources.  All shared resources to be cleaned after each user (including computers, PE equipment etc). Build this into end of lesson activity routines in each setting. Schools to ensure anti-bacterial wipes are available in all IT rooms and shared classroom spaces. Teacher to ensure students wipe down desk area, chair and resources after use if a shared space/resource. If student is too young, then arrangements for staff to help pupils with clean to be made locally.  Additional cleaning will be provided by Cleaning Services and Janitorial Support for touch points in communal areas and will be organised locally.  Remove resources which present cleaning challenges, e.g. construction materials and intricate items, fabric materials –beanbags, soft seating, etc.  Try to avoid working with paper/other materials that are shared in a way that may aid transmission, i.e. consideration to be given to marking work (done electronically), photocopying, etc.  Where there is a sink in the classroom, soap and paper towels should be available. Bin placed near sink.  Keep surfaces clear to make cleaning easier. Box of tissues in each class.  Classrooms to be kept well-ventilated. Non-fire doors should be propped open to reduce the number of touch surfaces (see more detailed guidance under General Guidance).  Children and teachers have an agreed the handwashing routine for the day for their group.  Further consideration to be given to the teaching of curriculum in practical subjects and how this can be amended to ensure minimum contact with equipment. Any equipment used to be properly cleaned after use.  Any books used will be set aside for a 72hour decontamination period. A dedicated quarantine area can be set up.  Guidance for PE found [here.](https://education.gov.scot/media/pdgh1rvf/pe-guidelines-aug-2020.pdf)  **Marking Jotters**  Strategies include - individual whiteboards; oral responses; self-assessment; group/class marking of own jotters with group/class discussion to support; a visual response through physical activity; using IT, etc. School staff have agreed to only mark jotters following a 72 hour decontamination period either side of marking or ensure staff fully sanitise hands in between marking individual jotters. | | | | | **L** | M | H | | |
| Spread of infection.  Infection of staff, children & visitors. | Staff  Visitors | Cross contamination of infection.  Infection of staff, children and visitors | L | M | **H** | **STAFF AREAS/BASES**  The same social distancing and hand washing hygiene applies to all staff. Lunch break is staggered as per children’s breaks to avoid congestion/contact.  Staff should ensure that they use their own eating and drinking utensils.  All areas and surfaces should be kept as clear and clean; all dishes should be washed in warm soapy water, dried and tidied away for good hygiene by individuals.  Safe, hygienic and labelled food storage is necessary for shared fridges by staff.  Teacher resource area to be cleaned after use.  Universal signage should continue into any staff areas/bases and offices.  Where there is a sink in the area, soap and paper towels should be available. Bin placed near sink.  Areas to be kept well-ventilated where possible. Reduce the range of resources to be used. Reduce the sharing of resources as much as possible. Trays of equipment for individual should be created.  Shared toilet to be sprayed after use and staff to follow instructions clearly labelled on toilet door.  Hand sanitiser available in each area. | | | | | **L** | M | H | | |
| Spread of infection during canteen use / break and lunchtimes | Staff  Children & young people | Cross contamination of infection.  Infection of staff, children and visitors | L | M | **H** | **BREAK AND LUNCHTIME**  Consider all persons staying on site once they have entered it and not use local shops or go home lunch, where possible. It is recognised where staff have dual roles that this is not always possible. If staff and pupils go off site, they should follow rules in place for wider society. Hand hygiene needs to be addressed on return and the sanitisation of hands followed by appropriate washing needs to be undertaken.  Staggered handwashing for snack and lunchtimes. Staggered toilet breaks. Children to use allocated toilet cubicle and sink for each class.  Reinforce handwashing prior to eating food. Hand sanitiser should be where people eat and should be used by all persons when entering and leaving the area.  **Canteen use**  Canteen staff should continue to follow Food Standard Agency’s (FSA) in food preparation and their Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) processes. Covid-19 Guidance can be found [here.](https://www.foodstandards.gov.scot/publications-and-research/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-food-business-operators-and-their-employees)  Discuss provision and delivery with Catering Manager/staff. Primary school meals will start with a [tailored menu](https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/media/25375/primarymenustailored2weeks.pdf) for the first four weeks of term. This will assist with the flow of pupil queues.  Payments should be taken by contactless methods wherever possible.  Drinking water should be provided with enhanced cleaning measures of the tap mechanism introduced. Water bottles to be filled only and no direct drinking from the water fountain spout.  All rubbish and waste should be put straight in the bin by pupils/ the user and not left for someone else to clear up.  All areas used for eating must be thoroughly cleaned at the end of each break and shift, including chairs, door handles, vending machines etc. | | | | | **L** | M | H | | |
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