

COVID-19 Risk Assessment Rogiet Primary School
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reviewed on 3/9/20, 16/12/20, 7/1/21, 22/2/21 (through virtual meetings)

Principles

- Segregation of groups is made possible by children being with their class pod
- Social distancing is not possible for our youngest children Reception and Year 1
- Social distancing will be modelled for children in Reception and Year 1 whilst accepting that it is not 100% enforceable
- Adult social distancing is possible in schools and must be adhered to by staff, parents and any essential visitors (police, fire brigade, paramedics, social workers, essential contractors – *this is not exhaustive*)
- All safety instructions, designed to change our day-to-day habits, must be strictly adhered to with no exceptions
- Handwashing and good respiratory hygiene are key
- Frequent cleaning of regularly touched surfaces is key
- Wearing a PPE for most day to day activities in school is not recommended by the government
- This is a community combined effort. Success will depend on all parties learning and following the guidance set out by the school.
- The assumption that all pupils in allocated groups will attend
- Current level of children in our key worker group will attend

The risk assessment attempts to track rate of risk against local context. The two variables which will influence the rate of community spread are the infection rate per 100,000 residents and the number of people on a particular site. To attempt to track risk these two numbers associated with the context of the school are multiplied.

Sept 20 Rate of Infection 50/100,000 x (200 pupils +30 staff) = 11,500

Dec 20 Rate of Infection 300/100,000 x (200 pupils + 30staff) = 69,000

Dec 20 Rate of Infection 1000/100,000 x (200 pupils +30 staff) = 230,000

January 21 Rate of infection 500/100,000 x (25 pupils + 10 staff) = 17,500 (Key Worker and Vulnerable variable)

January 18th Rate of Infection 153/100.000 x (25pupils + 10 staff) = 5,355 (Key Worker and Vulnerable variable)

January 25th Rate of Infection 127/100,000 (x25pupils +10 staff) = 4,445 (Key Worker and Vulnerable variable) (all in 29,210)

February 22nd Rate of infection 53/100.000 (x130pupils + 20 staff) = 7,950 (Foundation Phase plus 30 key worker/vulnerable in KS2)

March 15th Rate of infection 33/100.000 (x200pupils + 30 staff) = 7,590 (all children and staff back in school)

April 26th Rate of infection 2.1/100.000 (x200pupils + 30 staff) = 483 (all children and staff back in school)

July 16th Rate of infection 140/100.000 (x200pupils + 30 staff) = 32,200 (all children and staff back in school)

Amendment 1: 18/11/20 The school recorded its first case of Covid on Thursday 18th November in a Year 3 and year 5 pupils. This resulted in the isolation of Yr3/5. The parent assumes in family infection because of the family was in contact with someone who tested positive over the weekend. A number of parents have tested positive . The school is

working with external agencies to plan the most appropriate way forward Spring 2021. The positive case changed the dynamic of attendance with many parents deciding not to send their children to school

Amendment 2: 4/1/21 *The announcement of a new variant of Covid which is up to 70% more transmissible aligned with the very high case rate in up to 28th Dec (450-500) is of continuing concern. Risk assessments at National level changed for the Christmas period at short notice, enforcing greater separation /space as the key strategy to control the virus transmission.*

The assumption that children do not catch or spread the virus has been challenged and further research is required. Statistically at an infection rate of between 450-500 per 100,000 residents the school will continuously have a positive case. This will result in a third of the school being sent home for ten day isolation at short notice. There seems to be a significant divergence between professionals with regard to school opening.

Staff of the school and governors will evaluate the risk assessment which was originally written based on low rates and advice that children neither caught or spread the virus at the same rate as adults.

Amendment 3: 7/1/21 *Following a U turn of policy by the Welsh Government late Monday 4th Jan the school is now providing face to face opening for Key Workers and vulnerable learners only. This update is completed after one day of opening 6/1/21. The assumption that if all aspects of the original risk assessment were followed with only 24 children it should be sufficiently robust. The Hub is focused in year 1, year 3 and year 4 classroom with break out. The emphasis is spreading out through the school without undue reliance on outdoor provision for long parts of the day. This is due to the sub-zero temperatures. All procedures 6/1/21 worked very well, with the site safe and staff and pupils able to implement all aspects of the risk assessment appropriately. Good opportunity to ensure space between adults and pupil and adult were evidenced. Staff in the hub are briefed at the start of the day by the member of SLT who will be on site during opening. Children did not maintain adequate space to prevent the criteria for reducing the spread of the virus consistently. Therefore the hub is regarded as one group with regard to potential isolation if there is a case. However, where possible ks2 and FP pupils are kept separate eg use of toilets. If numbers exceed 30 then the school would need to look at separating into other rooms on one site. This would require adjustment in staffing and put additional strain on the home learning aspect of provision. Initial feedback from parents is positive from all viewpoints and situations.*

The opportunity to evaluate the school operation at reduced capacity reinforces the judgement that the school site is not sufficiently big to operate safely for 220 pupils and 28 staff to attend at the same time, but is safe with reduced numbers. The advice from the Headteacher and SLT is that the school should not open again fully at this point.

Opening should only take place after an independent expert approved by the HSE has looked at operational procedure and can further reduce risk so the school is compliant with the Health and Safety at work criteria

Amendment 4: 12/2/21 *With the updated operational guidance from WG for the return to school for Limited reopening for Foundation Phase children on Monday 22nd February (Monmouthshire Foundation Phase Children to return on Wednesday 24th February) the RA was updated to reflect any amendments/changes.*

Amendment 5: 3/3/21 *Publication of updated operational guidance from WG for the return of KS2 pupils. The RA was updated in light of the updated operational guidance.*

Amendment 6: 26/4/21 *Breakfast club return and visitors to school (agencies).*

Amendment 7: 16/7/21 *After Ministers announcement and new operational guidance for September the RA has been amended to reflect this.*

<https://gov.wales/operational-guidance-schools-and-settings-1-september-2021-html>

4	Person(s)) at risk	Risk Level Before Control 1- 10			Control measures	Risk Level After Control 1-10			Responsibility & Date
		Severity	Likelihood	Risk Rating		Severity	Likelihood	Risk Rating	
Awareness to procedures and risk	Staff and students	5	4	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safeguarding and health and safety policies have been reviewed and updated where needed in light of the COVID-19 advice. Updated policies have been shared with relevant staff; Operational Guidance https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2020-08/operational-guidance-for-schools-and-settings-from-the-autumn-term-version-2.pdf https://gov.wales/operational-guidance-schools-and-settings-support-limited-attendance-html https://gov.wales/operational-guidance-schools-and-settings-15-march-html https://gov.wales/operational-guidance-schools-and-settings-1-september-2021-html Staff to receive guidance on actions to help minimise the spread of infection; Staff to be made aware of the school's infection control procedures in relation to coronavirus The school keeps up-to-date with advice issued by local authority and Welsh Government; Parents informed of the procedures put in place to help keep the children safe in school. Students made aware of rules for staying safe in school and what to do if they feel unwell; Any cases of illness, including COVID-19 are to be treated with confidentiality. 	2	1	20	Headteacher / All Staff
Implementing 'social distancing'	Staff and students	5	3	11550	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The latest guidance on implementing protective measures in educational settings is made available to staff so that it is followed at all times; Small class groups, are no longer organised as described in the 'class or group sizes' as TT will narrow down (with help) of school close contacts to a positive case. For management of school initially in September classes will remain in their 'bubbles' for break times and lunchtimes for ease and effectiveness of operations during the school day. The number of adults may increase dependent on the vulnerable need of the specific children in that environment. The timetable is revised to implement where possible <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Plan for lessons or activities which limit movement between areas – only classroom, toilets and outdoor spaces will be used by each class b) Where possible maximum number of lessons or classroom activities which can take place outdoors will be delivered by staff; c) Break and lunch times staggered so that all students are not moving around the school at the same time and the outdoor areas will be set into zones divided by rope and crates. Unnecessary items have been removed from classrooms and other learning environments and stored in a variety of areas around the school e.g. pods/ shelters and garage. Floor markings have been added to key areas to support 'social distancing' eg. Entrance; entrance paths; main hall; communal areas and corridors; Soft furnishings and equipment, toys and parts, (eg. Lego etc) which are harder to clean have been removed and/or cleaned thoroughly each day. Cohorts are kept together where possible and pupils remain in the same class 	3	3	9	Headteacher / All Staff Headteacher All Staff

How will you undertake ongoing risk assessment review?

- Dynamic RA-ongoing assessment by staff to be shared with SLT; breaches in H&S protocol to also be shared so they can be addressed with pupil, parents or staff (staff to inform head teacher of breaches in H&S protocol).

Monitoring Arrangements

- On-going by all staff (see cleaning/hygiene timetable)
- Document shared and discussed weekly during teacher, TA and SMT SLT meeting (reviewed during staff meetings)
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How will all staff know about this RA?

- Shared via staff meeting to enable Q&A (shared with staff through e-mail before going back, discussed in staff meeting)
- Shared via email staff to reply to say they have read and understood risk assessment as per our current practice. (sign form to say they have read it)