

Risk Assessment for COVID-Secure Schools, Education and Childcare Settings

Establishment: Queen's Park High School

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Risk Title	Hazard	Who could be harmed	How could people be harmed	Risk High, Medium, Low	Control Measures	Risk (after control measures implemented)	Risk Action Update / Comments
Transmission of Coronavirus whilst staff and students are in school.	COVID-19						
Drop off and collection of students	COVID-19			High/Medium	School open to all symptom free and none-isolating students. Students to be encouraged to walk or cycle individually to school. If being dropped off by car, then parents to use one-way drop off/pick up system utilising the bus bay at the east end of school. Parents are to remain in cars. If the parent needs to pass a message to school, then this should be done by telephone, email or Edulink. Students, Staff and Visitors should wear a face covering when in school and 2 metre social distance cannot be maintained, including reception, corridors, social areas and classrooms/teaching spaces. Student entry time over a 40 minute period (8.00-8.40). Year 7/10 students to enter school through main reception, Year 8 to enter through the east end doors, Year 9/11 to enter through the rear link and 6th Form students to enter via the 6th Form entrance. Students must remain in their designated social areas until tutor time, at which point they will move to their tutor base. Students arriving on bicycles can lock their bikes at the front of the school (Year 7/10) or in the bicycle park at the rear of the school. They can then walk around the building to their designated entrance. 6th Form students can lock their bike in the rear bicycle park and enter through the rear link, keeping to the left and moving directly to their tutor room. Staggered end to the day with students leaving in bubbles at 2:55pm, 3pm and 3:05pm via their nearest exit. All students to do full days in school with 6th Form students allowed to arrive later and leave earlier if they have no lessons. Direction arrows in place to ensure students keep to the left on corridors as well as one way systems on stair cases. All students to sanitise/wash their hands on arrival to school. Students will wear colour coded badges that show which designated social area and toilets that they are allowed to access. All students should be in school uniform.	Low	
Staff and students in classrooms	COVID-19			High/Medium	Classrooms will be designated to specific staff in subject/faculty areas. Students will move to these classrooms between lessons. Students are to face the front in classrooms where possible and a 2 metre distance to be kept from staff. Students and staff should wear face coverings where 2 metre distance cannot be maintained unless the student or staff member is except and wearing a white lanyard. If staff approach students to offer help at their desk, the member of staff should put on their face covering. Sanctions are in place for students not following this guidance. Each student will have an allocated seat within the classroom that they use each time. Students and staff to sanitise hands on arrival and departure from all classrooms. Students must collect a sanitising wipe on arrival to wipe their workspace at the start of a lesson. Students must also wipe their desks and seat and the end of the lesson before leaving (this process is managed by teaching staff). Staff should also sanitise their desk on arrival to the classroom. No sharing of resources during an activity and sanitising of equipment in between use. Classroom doors wedged open while in use for lessons and windows must be open to increase ventilation. Classrooms will be cleaned at the end of each day and cleaners will be available onsite through school hours. Extra wipes, sanister and cleaning products can be requested from the Site Team. Students to wear face coverings when getting changed for PE, but do not have to wear face coverings during PE or Drama lessons. Staff to ensure seating plans are up to date in EduLink and that students sit at their designated desk. This will help to track and trace student contact quickly. Staff must keep students in 'similar' seating plans across Year 7 to Year 9 classes to help limit the number of students having to isolate when there is a confirmed case.	Low	
6th Form	COVID-19			High/Medium	6th Form to be divided into Year 12 and Year 13 bubbles when not in lesson times (ie, free periods, self study or break and lunch times). Year 12 will use the 6th Form Common Room and Year 13 will use the Staff Room as their social bases. Students should enforce the rule of 6, where they shouldn't be in groups of more than themselves and 5 other students. Social distancing should be maintained during social times where possible. Students will be designated a table in the social area and they must stick to the same seating position.	Low	

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Lunch and Breaktimes	COVID-19			High/Medium	Students to remain in their designated zones throughout break and lunch time. Year 7 to use the Eatery, Year 7 courtyard and LLC as a base, Year 10 to use the Eatery and Eatery courtyard, Year 8 to use the East End dining area, Year 9/11 to use the Main Hall, Year 12 to use the 6th Form common room and Year 13 to use the staff room. Students will also be able to use the rear field, which will be split into sections for bubbles to use. 6th Form students can use the front field. Students will be encouraged to bring a packed lunch to school and hot food will be available to purchase from the Eatery/East End at staggered intervals before heading back to their zones. Year 8 students will be able to purchase food from the East End Servery and taken food to their designated zones. The staggered times for break service at Eatery are 11:05 (9&11) and 11:10 (7&10). The staggered times for lunch service at the Eatery are 12:10 (9), 12:20 (10), 12:25 (11) and 12:30 (7). The bubble groups will rotate timeslots where possible. 6th Form students will be able to use The Beach Cafe as normal with entry only allowed through the Y7 courtyard. There is a maximum capacity of 6 people. The Eatery will be cleaned after QPHS use ready for CIS students and then cleaned after CIS use ready for QPHS students. Students can use the cashless systems, but must sanitise their hands after using their finger prints. Catering staff will also clean cashless equipment regularly (between each student at the tills).	Low	
Ventilation	COVID-19			High/Medium	Good ventilation in school is key for protecting people. Classrooms and social spaces must have windows open to improve ventilation. Classroom and office doors should be wedged open to allow air to dissipate from rooms. Desk fans should not be used in poorly ventilated areas.	Low	
Meeting Rooms	COVID-19			Medium	Regular sanitising of desks between meetings. Social distancing to be maintained in meetings. Ensure well ventilated areas are used. Encourage virtual meetings via Microsoft Teams where possible. The white room inside Reception to be the main meeting room for external visitors with an Occupied/Vacant sign to show when it is in use. Staff to wipe down tables before and after meetings.	Low	
Main office and other smaller offices	COVID-19			Medium	Regular sanitising of desks - staff to be responsible for cleaning their own desk area. Social distancing to be maintained. Ensure well ventilated areas are used. Encourage virtual meetings via Microsoft Teams where possible. Reprographics door to be propped open for ease of access. Office doors propped open when possible. Plastic shield to remain in place on Reception desk. Door signage for TALS office and individual office doors to advise staff to 'knock and wait'.	Low	
School Assembly	COVID-19			Medium	If required, school assemblies to only be carried out virtually. Staff briefings can be shared on Teams.	Low	
Outdoor Lessons for small group opportunities	COVID-19			Medium	Students to meet outside at designated spot. To be booked in advance; liaise with Phil Hill to ask for markers if required. Students are briefed on safety and social distancing. Individual resources provided, no sharing of resources at the same time. Sanitising of resources in between use. Cleaning of hands at the end of the activity. School field used as site of activity to reduce risk of contact with anyone else.	Low	
Covid-19 Testing - Asymptomatic Staff/Students	COVID-19			High/Medium	All asymptomatic staff can be tested for Covid-19 if they consent. All asymptomatic students can be tested if the school has obtained permission from the child and their parents/carers. 6th Form students over 16 can give consent for themselves. Lateral flow tests in school are carried out by trained staff following the LFT Risk Assessment. Staff and students have access to home test kits so that they can test themselves twice weekly before coming to school.	Low	

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Cleaning	COVID-19			High/Medium	Deeper cleaning routine is carried out each day with focus on increased frequency of key areas such as toilets, kitchen and door handles. Desk and resources are sanitised in between use. Cleaning spray and cloth available in each classroom for staff to be able to clean teaching desk area (as well as student desks if they so wish). Wipes and hand sanitiser will also be available in each classroom to allow students to wipe their desk. Cleaning to take place at the end of the school day once students have left. PE changing rooms are open for use. Once they have been used PE staff will use a disinfectant fogging machine to sanitise areas between groups. PE staff to wear PPE for this process and ensure no students are in the changing rooms at the time. Covilyte is the disinfectant used for fogging in school. During a deep clean the fogging machine will be used throughout the school.	Low			
First Aid	COVID-19			High/Medium	First aiders (minimum of 2) designated each day. If a student has an injury or ailment they should do to the First Aid area by reception. If the student has symptoms of Covid-19 they should go to the Coding Room. If a student is showing suspected symptom of Covid-19, the Covid Guidance will be followed by the first aider. The first aider will wear PPE (mask, visor and gloves), whilst supporting the student and will ensure the students is isolated from any other first aid issues. Parents will be called and the student is to be collected from the Coding Room exit (within the Coding Room - Music Block). Anyone with symptoms cannot return until they have completed self isolation or have tested negative. Confirmed cases are confirmed to the Headteacher who triggers deep clean of the building. Individual is requested to be tested so track and trace can be introduced where needed. If the Covid-19 Coding Room has been used first aider is to inform Site Team, who will clean the room before it can be used again.	Low			
Catering	COVID-19			Medium	Edsential catering to continue to provide lunch for all students to ensure that correct hygiene procedures are followed. Staff and students are to remain 2 metres apart within the Eatery and sanitise hands on arrival.	Low			
General waste collection	COVID-19			<p>Touch/physical contact of other staff students.</p> <p>Droplet infection spread by particles left on surfaces.</p> <p>Droplet infection spread by particles carried in the air following breathing/sneezing/coughing.</p> <p>Droplet infection from used PPE or tissues in bins.</p>	Medium	<p>Waste from possible Covid-19 cases and cleaning of areas where possible cases have been, (including disposable cloths and tissues):</p> <p>Should be put in a plastic rubbish bag and tied when full by the first aider responding. The plastic bag should then be placed in a second bin bag and tied. Site Team should be informed where this bag is.</p> <p>It should be put in a suitable and secure place and marked for storage until the individual's test results are known.</p> <p>Waste should be stored safely and kept away from children. You should not put your waste in communal waste areas until negative test results are known or the waste has been stored for at least 72 hours.</p> <p>If the individual tests negative, this can then be put in with the normal waste. If the individual tests positive, then store it for at least 72 hours and put in with the normal waste.</p>	Low		
Confidential waste collection	COVID-19				Medium	Confidential waste will continue to be collected monthly. Contractor is aware of social distancing and hygiene rules and wears gloves and will sanitise hands.	Low		
Deliveries (parcels and post)	COVID-19				Medium	<p>Touch/physical contact of other staff students.</p> <p>Droplet infection spread by particles left on surfaces.</p>	Staff should thoroughly wash hands or sanitise after handling post or parcels. Signing for parcels is no longer required, but the delivery driver may ask for your name and may take a photo to confirm parcel has been delivered.	Low	
Lettings	COVID-19				Medium	Droplet infection spread by particles carried in the air following breathing/sneezing/coughing.	Edu-Lettings are responsible for cleaning the school after they have used it. They must clean all equipment used, touch points and ensure everything is clean and tidy. Edu-Lettings must not allow clients showing symptoms of Covid-19 onto school site and any positive tests relating to clients using the school site must be reported to the Support Operations Manager. Face coverings must be worn in communal areas and school restrictions such as walking to the left and one way systems must be adhered too.	Low	

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