



Newnham St Peter's C of E School
November 2021 COVID Risk Assessment

Guidance from the South West Regional Schools Commissioner, South West UK Health Security Agency (formerly PHE) and the South West Directors of Public Health

Situation Summary

- *The South West is experiencing the impact of national rising case rates and the impact of increased transmission arising from false negative PCR results.*
- *SW case rates have increased sharply against the national average and are expected to continue to rise.*
- *The majority of cases are in school age groups. There is evidence of this translating into adults of parent age.*
- *Over 60 rates are rising steadily. Hospital Admissions for COVID19 have increased.*

Risk Assessment

- The greater prevalence is being seen in school age children and their families.
- All local authority areas are in areas of rapidly rising infection and therefore triggering thresholds that warrant additional action.
- Enhanced mitigation measures are required to prevent transmission, prevent school closures and to maintain appropriate levels of education

The school has moved to the second phase of the COVID Contingency Plan.

Continuation of measures in place:

- All rooms to be well ventilated (warmer clothes may be needed).
- Regular handwashing / hand sanitising throughout the day.
- Enhanced cleaning of surfaces including tables, light switches, door handles and shared areas such as the photocopier and staffroom.

Additional measures in place:

- Return to adults wearing masks at drop off and collection.
- Return to one-way system for drop off and collection.
- Reduced contact between bubbles (year 2/3/4 treated as one bubble)
 - No whole school Collective Worship in the hall
 - Lunchtime arrangements adapted EYFS/Y1 in classroom, Y2/3/4 in hall, Y/6 in classroom.
 - Playtimes in different zones – to include the tennis courts

Note: where children mix across bubbles for educational reasons (interventions / phonics) this is to continue at present, tables wiped after use.

- No whole school parent events onsite, smaller events considered if adequate ventilation social distancing, masks and no bubble 'cross over' can be put in place. Parents evenings to move to remote sessions.

- Essential visitors on site only. At this stage essential to include visitors supporting SEND needs, visitors linked to the delivery of education, visitors providing CPD, the school vicar, governors who cannot access information needed off site.
- Visitors to wear masks in shared areas such as corridors
- Numbers in staff room reduced to three.
- Whole school staff meeting by Teams only. Teacher staff meetings to include social distancing measures.
- Governors meeting held on site to include social distancing.

Note:

At this stage all wrap around provision to continue as normal with bubble seating in place for indoor activities.

All outside the school day leasing arrangements to continue as normal with multi touch surfaces and chairs to be wiped down afterwards.

12th November: Risk assessment reviewed in line with South West Regional Schools Commissioner, South West UK Health Security Agency and the South West Directors of Public Health all measures will remain in place until 30/11/21