

JUNE / JULY COVID RE-OPENING Risk Assessment – Yr 6 Classroom

Location / Site	Bardsey Primary School
Activity / Procedure	Year 6 Re-opening
Assessment date	04/06/2020 – to be updated regularly until re-opening

Government guidance states for school's:

"The safety of children and staff is our utmost priority."

"The advice seeks to support staff working in schools, colleges and childcare settings, to deliver this approach in the safest way possible, focussing on measures they can put in place to help limit the risk of the virus spreading within education and childcare settings."

"In education, childcare and social care settings, preventing the spread of the coronavirus involves dealing with direct transmissions (for instance, when in close contact with those sneezing and coughing) and indirect transmission (via touching contaminated surfaces.) A range of approaches and actions should be employed to do this."

Government guidance for parents concerning re-opening of school's states:

"We have provided guidance and support to schools, colleges and childcare settings on implementing protective measures in education and childcare settings to help them **reduce the risk of transmission as more children and young people return.**"

"Whilst such changes are likely to look different in each setting, as they will depend upon individual circumstances, they are all designed to minimise risks to children, staff and their families."

Schools and colleges continue to be best placed to make decisions about how to support and educate their pupils during this period. This will include:

Consideration of the pupils' mental health and well being

Early years and primary age children cannot be expected to remain 2 metres apart from each other and staff. In deciding to bring more children back to early years settings and schools, we are taking this into account. Schools should therefore work through the hierarchy of measures set above:

- Avoiding contact with anyone with symptoms
- Frequent hand cleaning and good respiratory hygiene practices
- Regular cleaning of settings
- Minimising contact and mixing

... the risk will be lowered.

Where settings can keep children and young people in those small groups 2 metres away from each other, they should do so. While in general groups should be kept apart, brief transitory contact, such as passing in a corridor is low risk.

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Red texts are control measures from Government Guidance – Coronavirus (COVID-19); implementing protective measures in education and childcare settings published 1st June 2020.

Identify hazard		Record the hazard that could cause harm or injury – add appropriate detail about the type and location of hazards	
Lack of social distancing in the classroom resulting in direct transmission of the virus			
Existing level of risk		Consider current level of risk	
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE
Control measures		List your control measures required to reduce risk – add appropriate detail about the type and location of controls	
<p style="background-color: yellow;">WE HAVE TO ACCEPT THAT CHILDREN OF THIS AGE SOMETIMES WILL NOT ADHERE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING BETWEEN THEMSELVES OR ADULTS BUT THEY WILL BE REMINDED OF IT FREQUENTLY BY SCHOOL STAFF</p> <p>These control measures are to encourage space between children where possible.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduce the number of children in the classroom to enable social distancing. Year 6 group to have no more than 15. 2. Remove excess furniture and resources to increase space if space to do so – to ‘shared area’ and library. 3. Social distancing charter created for and with the children – Include instructions how to line up, physical contact use of toilet, moving around the classroom etc. 4. Charter re-visited and modelled many times a day and linked to school behaviour system – lots of praise for adherence 5. Resources and activities planned to reduce shared contact and individual learning 6. Table and chairs laid out to support social distancing when working in the classroom 7. Use of outdoor space – same charter for outdoors 8. Staff allowed to stay at adult height – no requirement for getting to child level for interactions 9. Interactions carried out where possible from a distance 10. Children to use same desk every day. 11. Stationary packs provided to minimise movement around classroom and end the need to share classroom resources 12. Teachers and HLTAs are assigned to these children and stay with these children throughout the day (and on sub-sequent days). 13. Children stay in the classroom for majority of the day, using outdoor areas when necessary, and will not mix with other groups 14. Coats brought into classroom and put on back of chairs – one at a time into class and lunchbox placed under desks. Water bottles on their desks. 			
Remaining level of risk		Consider level of risk following use of control measures	
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

Identify hazard		Record the hazard that could cause harm or injury – add appropriate detail about the type and location of hazards	
Lack of social distancing using toilets and poor hygiene resulting in direct and indirect transmission of the virus			
Existing level of risk		Consider current level of risk	
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE
Control measures		List your control measures required to reduce risk – add appropriate detail about the type and location of controls	
<p style="background-color: yellow;">WE HAVE TO ACCEPT THAT CHILDREN OF THIS AGE SOMETIMES WILL NOT ADHERE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING BETWEEN THEMSELVES OR ADULTS BUT THEY WILL BE REMINDED OF IT FREQUENTLY BY SCHOOL STAFF</p> <p>These control measures are to encourage space between children where possible.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Toilet visits to be made as a group (one at a time) at break time, in class time, only if absolutely necessary – 2 toilets and sinks will be highlighted for use. All sinks and toilets will be cleaned regularly though the day. 2. Hand gel used after toilet use as well as washing hands 3. Extra Signs in toilet to encourage good hand hygiene 			

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4. Extra soap ordered to ensure we do not run out			
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HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

<u>Identify hazard</u>		Record the hazard that could cause harm or injury – add appropriate detail about the type and location of hazards	
Lack of social distancing waiting to enter classroom in morning resulting in direct transmission of the virus			
Existing level of risk		Consider current level of risk	
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<u>Control measures</u>		List your control measures required to reduce risk – add appropriate detail about the type and location of controls	
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Remaining level of risk		Consider level of risk following use of control measures	
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

<u>Identify hazard</u>		Record the hazard that could cause harm or injury – add appropriate detail about the type and location of hazards	
Lack of social distancing during playtimes and lunchtimes resulting in direct transmission of the virus			
Existing level of risk		Consider current level of risk	
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<u>Control measures</u>		List your control measures required to reduce risk – add appropriate detail about the type and location of controls	
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<u>Identify hazard</u>	Record the hazard that could cause harm or injury – add appropriate detail about the type and location of hazards		
Lack of social distancing when eating lunch resulting in direct transmission of the virus			
Existing level of risk	Consider current level of risk		
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<u>Control measures</u>	List your control measures required to reduce risk – add appropriate detail about the type and location of controls		
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Remaining level of risk	Consider level of risk following use of control measures		
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

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<u>Identify hazard</u>		Record the hazard that could cause harm or injury – add appropriate detail about the type and location of hazards	
Lack of social distancing in the corridors resulting in direct transmission of the virus			
Existing level of risk		Consider current level of risk	
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE
<u>Control measures</u>		List your control measures required to reduce risk – add appropriate detail about the type and location of controls	
<p>WE HAVE TO ACDEPT THAT CHILDREN OF THIS AGE SOMETIMES WILL NOT ADHERE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING BETWEEN THEMSELVES OR ADULTS BUT THEY WILL BE REMINDED OF IT FREQUENTLY BY SCHOOL STAFF</p> <p>These control measures are to encourage space between children where possible.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Year 6 children will enter and exit their classroom via external classroom fire door. This will be used solely by Year 6. There will be very limited use of any corridor.2. Key worker groups to use separate door to enter school.3. Messages to office via phones or adults.4. Corridors split into lanes to encourage maximum social distance between adults and children5. When moving class around the school – 2 metres between children – one adult at back to encourage and remind 2m distancing6. Staggered break and lunch times to reduce risk of transmission between Year 6 and key worker children.			
Remaining level of risk		Consider level of risk following use of control measures	
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

<u>Identify hazard</u>		Record the hazard that could cause harm or injury – add appropriate detail about the type and location of hazards	
Contact of shared resources resulting in indirect transmission of the virus			
Existing level of risk		Consider current level of risk	
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE
<u>Control measures</u>		List your control measures required to reduce risk – add appropriate detail about the type and location of controls	
<div>1. Children have packs of stationary labelled with their name and an exercise book to work in.</div> <div>2. Tubs of resources for individuals if needed – maths cubes etc</div> <div>3. Resources washed each night and left to dry if not same person using them the next day</div> <div>4. Tables, door handles and other surfaces cleaned with anti-bacterial cleaner every night (and throughout the day)</div> <div>5. Lessons planned so resources are individual and not shared – or on white board</div> <div>6. Resources on tables ready for lesson and not distributed within the lesson</div> <div>7. Plastic packets (zippy) bags used for individual resources</div> <div>8. Children encouraged to wash hands / use hand gel before lessons and after each lesson</div>			
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<u>Identify hazard</u>	Record the hazard that could cause harm or injury – add appropriate detail about the type and location of hazards
Emotional distress of the children	

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Existing level of risk		Consider current level of risk	
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<u>Control measures</u>		List your control measures required to reduce risk – add appropriate detail about the type and location of controls	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Children to have familiar teacher and in the first instance 2. Reduced time in school for the foreseeable future to ensure transition is successful from home to school 3. 2 metre social distancing SEMH provision available for children who are distressed 4. Daily PSHE session to be delivered for first two weeks to support children's well-being 5. Comfort given from a distance – at adult height and hand gel used after if needed 			
Remaining level of risk		Consider level of risk following use of control measures	
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

<u>Identify hazard</u>		Record the hazard that could cause harm or injury – add appropriate detail about the type and location of hazards	
Emotional distress of the staff – including anxiety			
Existing level of risk		Consider current level of risk	
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE
<u>Control measures</u>		List your control measures required to reduce risk – add appropriate detail about the type and location of controls	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Inclusion in risk assessment process – input into hazard identification and control measures 2. Staff meeting – virtually and in person adhering to social distancing – to discuss concerns and shared control measures 3. Sharing of support helplines 4. HT on site and available every day for staff to share concerns with 5. Risk assessments reviewed regularly e.g. weekly– this is flexible 6. Separate risk assessment for the office area 7. Staggered breaks and lunchtimes allow use of staffroom for different groups of staff 8. Planned time for planning and preparation within the week 9. Extremely vulnerable staff (Shielding) work from home 10. Vulnerable staff – those suggests to strict social distancing – working at home or in school with strict 2 metre distancing measures in place/ PPE 			
Remaining level of risk		Consider level of risk following use of control measures	
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

<u>Identify hazard</u>		Record the hazard that could cause harm or injury – add appropriate detail about the type and location of hazards	
Risk of spreading virus due to close contact with children – 1:1 and restraint resulting in direct transmission of the virus			
Existing level of risk		Consider current level of risk	
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE
<u>Control measures</u>		List your control measures required to reduce risk – add appropriate detail about the type and location of controls	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If any of these instances occur - seek expert guidance from special schools re support for children with behaviour difficulties – that might need restraint and display spitting, biting etc. Leading to individual risk assessments. Not deemed necessary as no pupils currently display sever behaviour issues. 2. Masks, gloves and disposable aprons available if needed 3. Reduced timetable / exclusion / inclusion considered if necessary if children are acting in a way staff are put at risk 			

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4. Note the Government guidance states “Wearing face coverings or face masks is not recommended”			
5. PPE offered to staff for those working close with children e.g. first aid			
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<u>Identify hazard</u>		Record the hazard that could cause harm or injury – add appropriate detail about the type and location of hazards	
Risk of spreading virus due to poor hygiene resulting in indirect transmission of the virus			
Existing level of risk		Consider current level of risk	
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE
<u>Control measures</u>		List your control measures required to reduce risk – add appropriate detail about the type and location of controls	
<div>1. Hand gel dispenser in every classroom and at main entry and exit points</div> <div>2. Hand gel order in large quantities</div> <div>3. Extra soap dispensers and re-fills at each wash area</div> <div>4. Children handwash or hand gel on entry to school, before break, after break, before lunch, after lunch, leaving school, using the toilet and any time they cough or sneeze</div> <div>5. Washing hands posters replaced in all washing areas</div> <div>6. Reminders how to wash hands properly – videos and posters</div> <div>7. Procedure agreed for children to wash hands so thorough hand washing</div> <div>8. 2 sinks highlighted for use to encourage distancing in the toilet blocks</div>			
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<u>Identify hazard</u>		Record the hazard that could cause harm or injury – add appropriate detail about the type and location of hazards	
Risk of infection due to lack of cleaning resulting in indirect transmission of the virus			
Existing level of risk		Consider current level of risk	
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE
<u>Control measures</u>		List your control measures required to reduce risk – add appropriate detail about the type and location of controls	
<div>1. All surfaces, handles, toilets and shared equipment will be cleaned each day using disinfectant</div> <div>2. Some resources will be rotated and left to de-contaminate for 3 or 4 days after cleaning to reduce the risk of indirect transmission</div> <div>3. Soft furnishings and soft / cloth toys will be removed from use in classrooms</div> <div>4. Classroom deep cleaned before reopening</div> <div>5. Reduction of classrooms used – only those needed to cater for Reception, year 1, year 6 and 2 keyworker groups.</div>			
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HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

<u>Identify hazard</u>	Record the hazard that could cause harm or injury – add appropriate detail about the type and location of hazards
Risk of illness of vulnerable staff and family members through direct and indirect transmission of the virus	

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Existing level of risk		Consider current level of risk	
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<u>Control measures</u>		List your control measures required to reduce risk – add appropriate detail about the type and location of controls	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Those who are clinically extremely vulnerable (those who have received a letter from Government or clinician) or living with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable are to work from home 2. Those who are clinically vulnerable – those strongly advised to social distance in the original guidance are to work at home or work in school adhering to strict 2 metre social distancing from colleagues and children. 3. Those living with those that are clinically vulnerable can attend school and work with children or adults adhering to this and other re-opening risk assessments. 4. Agree staff are allowed to wear PPE when in school if they wish 5. Issuing of all relevant risk assessments to staff concerning re-turning to work – and allow them to comment and contribute 6. Separate risk assessment for staff who are clinically vulnerable 			
Remaining level of risk		Consider level of risk following use of control measures	
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Risk of illness of vulnerable children and family members through direct and indirect transmission of the virus			
Existing level of risk		Consider current level of risk	
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<u>Control measures</u>		List your control measures required to reduce risk – add appropriate detail about the type and location of controls	
<p>Children who are clinically extremely vulnerable – those being shielded should not attend school</p> <p>Children living with some who is clinically extremely vulnerable should not attend school</p> <p>Children who are clinically vulnerable parents should seek medical advice concerning the children returning to school</p> <p>Children living with someone who is clinically vulnerable can attend school – parents will be given the choice</p>			
Remaining level of risk		Consider level of risk following use of control measures	
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

<u>Identify hazard</u>		Record the hazard that could cause harm or injury – add appropriate detail about the type and location of hazards	
Risk of spreading virus due to close contact with children – providing first aid			
Existing level of risk		Consider current level of risk	
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE
<u>Control measures</u>		List your control measures required to reduce risk – add appropriate detail about the type and location of controls	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff member to wash hands and use disposable gloves and mask before breaking 2m distance Provide 1st aid following usual first aid protocols Place all waste into a lidded bin Clean any area where contamination has occurred e.g. dripping blood following cleaning protocols Double bag any waste which has blood on it and put into a lidded bin Remove and dispose of gloves 			

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Name of manager	Signature of manager	Date
Tom Clayton		04/06/20

Risk assessment reviews	Week Ending 12/06/20
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