## **Meeting of the South Bank Academies Board**

5.15 pm on Monday, 8 June 2020 in MS Teams

## **Agenda**

No.	Item	Pages	Presenter
1.	Welcome and apologies		HT
2.	Declarations of interest Directors are required to declare any interest in any item of business.		НТ
3.	Aim of the meeting	Verbal Report	FM
4.	Overview of re-opening proposal plan	3 - 4	DC
5.	Review of risk assessment and control measures  • UAE risk assessment – JT  • UTC risk assessment – AS  • Staff risk assessment – JC	5 - 68	DC
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# Date of next meeting 4.00 pm on Tuesday, 23 June 2020

Members: Hitesh Tailor (Chair), Richard Flatman (Vice-Chair), Nicole Louis, Hilary McCallion, Chris

Mallaband, Fiona Morey, Lesley Morrison and David Phoenix

Apologies: Tony Giddings

In attendance: Helena Abrahams, Michael Broadway, Jacqui Collins, Dan Cundy, Austin Sheppard and

John Taylor





## Re-opening proposals

Subject to board approval. Dan Cundy. 8th June 2020.

#### <u>Timeline</u>

UAE is expecting to open on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, following staff training the previous week. The UTC plans to open on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June with staff preparation on the two days prior.

#### Arrangements

This provision will be for a sub-set of Years 10 and 12 each day, with no more than 25% of the cohort in at any time. Group sizes, classroom layout, entry and exit have all been configured to permit 2m social distancing. The day will be shorter than normal to avoid staff and students travelling on public transport at peak times. We have completed adjustments to the operational systems on site to minimise infection risk through a range of measures: staff PPE, signage, thermal cameras, cleaning and sanitation products and routines.

#### South Bank UTC rationale

The UTC will be inviting students in bubble groups on a rota; the groups will remain constant and have provision on separate floors of the building. Staff are focusing not on teaching new content face to face. Rather, the main delivery model will continue to be remote learning, but will focus instead on using in-person time to diagnose learning gaps through summative and formative assessment, arriving at a personalised programme to support students' learning over summer. There will also be pastoral contact as part of this provision, as the mental health and wellbeing of our students is a real concern. The delivery of practical work in engineering and science remains problematic for now and will be avoided. Students will bring their own lunch, with the dining room configured to support social distancing.

#### **UAE South Bank rationale**

At UAE, our initial invitees for face to face delivery will be those who have engaged least with remote learning based on Google Classroom data: there is a significant crossover with disadvantage with this group. They will be taught much of the content they have not engaged well with by specialist teachers in person. This will be supplemented by provision for all students on a rota. Mixing of groups will be minimised but bubbles will not be maintained between option subjects. The choice of learning spaces and restrictions on group sizes will permit social distancing. Again there will be a significant pastoral engagement with these students. We will pivot to inviting other Year 10 and 12 students on a rota following input with the least engaged.

#### Catering

At both schools we are not anticipating offering a cooked lunch on site: it is not currently financially viable to open the canteen for such small numbers. Instead we will continue to support students through the Wonde supermarket e-voucher scheme, which has worked well for us. Students will

mainly bring packed lunches but there will be some supplementary catering offered, with sandwiches, packaged items and bottled water.

#### Parental views

We have surveyed parents. Demand for face-to-face delivery is there but is not universal from parents, many of whom are content with the remote learning package offered, and many of whom are extremely nervous of their children mixing and using public transport. Many of our families are very vulnerable, so we anticipate low attendance numbers. Non-attenders will not be sanctioned in the normal way, nor recorded as Unauthorised.

#### <u>Risk assessment – staff and BAME</u>

Considerable work has taken place to risk assess individual staff through surveys in order to provide assurance. We have a diverse staff body and there is particular anxiety amongst the BAME staff community, heightened by the PHE report release recently and wider concerns well publicised in the news. As a responsible employer we are working hard to ensure that staff feel they have the opportunity to voice their concerns (we have surveyed all staff for example and have regular meetings and virtual staff room conversations), have them listened to and translated into actions. We have access to BAMEed guidance which we have worked to in our risk assessments. We have RAG rated all our staff by quantifying and collating risk factors, with only those at the lowest risk being added to face-to-face delivery rotas for the remainder of this academic year. This will be workable for the remainder of the term but our operational model in September is very unclear and may be limited by our ability to staff, given the high number of our team with significant risk factors.

#### Suggested next steps

- 1. Board questions and approves current plans / requests further information / does not approve current plans
- 2. A letter is drafted co-signed by the Trust board chair, CEO/Executive Principal and Principal for each school
- 3. Communication to parents, students and staff
- 4. Ongoing review of guidance including statutory and non-governmental eg NGA, BAMEed, ASCL
- 5. Continuous review of risk assessments including further communications to stakeholders including after re-opening
- 6. Strategic review before the end of the academic year to inform early stage discussions of shape of provision in September 2020.

## Agenda Item 5

	CONFIDENTIAL
Paper title:	UAE and UTC re-opening risk assessments
Board/Committee:	SBA Board
Date of meeting:	08 June 2020
Author(s):	John Taylor, UAE Principal and Austin Sheppard, Principal UTCC
Sponsor(s):	Dan Cundy, Executive Principal
Purpose:	For Discussion
Recommendation:	The Board is requested to discuss the risk assessments for each school

### **Executive summary**

Detailed risk assessments for re-opening the UAE and UTC are enclosed.

The structure of the risk assessment template is based on the best practice seen elsewhere in the sector, and has had input from LSBU. Considerable work has taken place at both schools in preparation to mitigate risks and work has been informed by government and other guidance in arriving at decisions.

The Board is requested to discuss.





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Assessor's name: Jason Philipsz	Date of Assessment: 02/06/2020	Activity/Task: Post COVID-19 pandemic lock-down re-opening
School: UAE South Bank	Principal: John Taylor	

Hazards	Who may be harmed & How	Existing Controls	Risk Rating	Further Controls	Residual Risk	Actions by whom & when	In place? Y/N
Exposure to COVD-19 ag	Anyone exposed to the virus or an infected person. May contract Covid-19 – with associated range of health	SLT to check latest Government guidance on a daily basis.  https://www.gov.uk/government/c ollections/coronavirus-covid-19- guidance-for-schools-and-other- educational-settings	Likelihood: 5  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 20	SBA to evaluate staff availability through survey and assess risk based on personal circumstances  Staff presence to be limited and shaped by individual risk	Likelihood: 3  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 12	HR Friday 22nd	Y
Shortage of staff	Students & Staff	Use of 3 double rooms with partitions to allow 15-18 students to be taught in one room with social distancing.	Likelihood: 4  Consequence: 3  Risk Level: 12	assessments  Phased return to start letting in year 10 and 12 students gradually. Rotation of staff and students	Likelihood: 2  Consequence: 2	Nacer to measure out. 17/05/20	Y
		Staff to be able to park on site (using non designated parking areas if necessary [e.g. grass/ part of playground etc.]) Traffic Management risk assessment will need amending.		Numbers not to exceed social distancing floor plan calculations	Risk Level: 4	JPZ to calculate student 'load' 22/05/20	Y

In-line with	Staff	Staff to maintain social distance	Likelihood: 2	Consider the use of	Likelihood: 2		
Government,		between each other. Staffing levels		supervisory personnel to act			
WHO and Public		on site to be kept to a minimum	Consequence: 4	as "social distancing	Consequence: 4		
Health		with other staff working from		champions" to remind staff,			
Guidelines		home.	Risk Level: 8	visitors, customers of the	Risk Level: 8		
				procedures and ensure they			
		All staff provided with information		are followed (potential job			
		and signage displayed to reflect the		for safety reps/ managers).			
		current arrangements;					
		<ul><li>Hand washing/</li></ul>		It may be necessary to			
		sanitising		consult and cooperate with			
		<ul> <li>Cleaning</li> </ul>		neighbours and businesses in			
		<ul> <li>Social Distancing</li> </ul>		the vicinity (things like, evac			
				procedures, etc), it is			
		A return to work induction should		recommended that an open			
		be developed to inform returning		dialogue be maintained in			
		staff of the residual hazards and the		cooperation and			
D.		control measures in place,		coordination with business			
Page		procedures for hand and respiratory		who may also be reopening			
		hygiene, cleaning and social		and have similar challenges/			
$\infty$		distancing.		impacts			
				566		JPZ by	
				Efficient timetabling for Year		15/06/20	
				10 in place		13/00/20	
Staff providing	Staff, students,	Staff to maintain social distance	Likelihood: 3	Perspex screen installed for	Likelihood:2	Site team	У
support to	contractors and	between each other. Staffing levels		reception area		16/05/20	,
teaching	visitors	on site to be kept to a minimum	Consequence: 2	Extra day cleaners needed to	Consequence:2		
		with other staff working from		keep, surfaces and toilets			Ongoing
		home.	Risk Level: 6	hygienic			with Trust
				PPE equipment needed for	Risk Level: 4		and LSBU
				first aid			estates and
				First aid to be administered			procureme
				only by reception staff			nt teams
Virus entering	Staff, Students &	Parents & Staff issued with	Likelihood: 5	Temperature scanning	Likelihood: 4	Site team	N
premises	Contractors and	guidance on daily checks to		equipment to be used to		to get	
	their families.	undertake before bringing/sending	Consequence:	scan all entering building	Consequence:	scanner	
		their child to school.	4		4	from UTC	

		Contractors asked health check questions on arrival.	Risk Level: 20		Risk Level: 16	and install by 1/06/20	
Clothing	Staff, Students & Contractors and their families.	Uniform policy (staff and students) to be amended so that all clothing can be washed after each day (e.g. no blazers, ties etc.).	Likelihood: 4  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 16	Provide free/washed uniform for families where cleanliness hygiene is an issue Provide onsite laundry service? Daily Uniform check	Likelihood: 3  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 12	AMS to add temporary changes to uniform policy by 2/06/20	N
Page 9						Student Services to order in machine washable black trousers and white shirts by 3/06/20	N
Arrival & Departure	Staff/Students	Health check questions to be asked before child enters premises (guidance available in oneSource H&S secure website)  Student groups to arrive and depart at through reception to be temperature scanned at staggered set time.  2m social distancing to be enforced on pupils and staff (markings on ground to show students where to stand and wait) apart from in 'bubble' spaces	Likelihood: 3  Consequence:4  Risk Level: 12	Multiple (at least 3) Staff required to help students queue up outside reception and stick to marked areas as they ask questions upon entry  Thermal cameras in use	Likelihood: 2 Consequence: 4 Risk Level: 8	JPZ to write protocol 2/06/20	N

		Staff to wear disposable gloves to open/close gate (if not automatic). Hands to be washed after glove disposal  Hand sanitiser to be used at entry and exit points.					
Teaching and getting around premises	Staff/students	Social distancing is the main method of control available to schools to reduce the spread of the virus.  Students working in defined and	Likelihood: 3  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 12	Classrooms have clearly defined markings and layout to observe social distancing	Likelihood: 2  Consequence:	Classrooms marked out by 1/06/20 by site team	Partially
		consistent 'bubble' groups  Non–practical subjects should be		Students who break social distancing through misbehaviour are sent home	4 Risk Level: 8	JBU temporarily alters	
Page 10		taught remotely using on-line resources such as Zoom for Education (the use of recording will enable students unable to attend live because they are undertaking a practical subject at the time to view the lesson).		Students to stay in classrooms only teachers moving in between sessions		sanctions/r ewards policy 3/06/20	
		Where possible practical elements may be possible using remote technology (e.g. music, drama).  Practical elements of subjects which cannot be delivered remotely may be taught provided:		Use of playground for PE  Students relocated to the sports hall for dance.  Students to wear socks and not bare feet			
		Student numbers allow social distancing to be maintained in individual teaching spaces and overall student numbers allow social distancing around the school.		Floor capacity calculations  Library not to be used to stop transmission from surfaces, books			

Page 11		Disinfection regimes are in place between sessions.  Timetabling must minimise the movements of staff and students around the school (e.g. consider ½ day sessions on a subject).  Leave all internal doors open or limit opening and closing using Dorgard, wedges or props. (note this may give rise to a further risk-based fire safety procedures and should be considered on merit)  Narrow walkways, "pinch" and passing points should be identified; consider the implementation of one way travel/ movement systems by means of signage on the walls, floors or doors as well as passing places and verbal notification procedures.					
Laboratories/ workshops/ art & music technology rooms	Staff/students	Classes to be divided into groups which facilitate distancing. (See Appendix with floor space calculations)  Students to be allocated set desks/workspaces spaced out at 2m minimum. (mark desks/benches in use/not in use). 1 staff member per group.  Own equipment only.	Likelihood: 3  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 12	Students provided with brand new pencil case so they don't have to borrow touch other peoples  Chrome books to be placed in classrooms and cleaned with disinfectant wipes between each session	Likelihood: 2  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 8	AMS by 8/06/20	N

		Use ICT equipment for demonstrations so that students can remain at their workspace.  Windows to be opened to maximise ventilation.  Disinfection regimes are in place between sessions. (Energy source isolation must take place before disinfection process begins for powered equipment)				Nacer to oversee Day Cleaners supplied by contractors	Y
Transmission between groups Page 12	Everyone	Classes will remain in designated room at all times unless it is their allocated break-time or for toilet use. Supervisors will continue to supervise the same groups throughout the time covered by this assessment. Cover staff will maintain minimum of 2m social distancing.	Likelihood: 3  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 12	Furniture not being used is stored in a designated classroom on that floor	Likelihood: 2  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 8	Site Team by 1/06/20	
		Avoiding sharing pens, stationery, office and other work equipment  Avoid sharing chairs and seating between workstations and workers.		Students to be issued with own stationery upon return.  Chairs will be wiped between morning and afternoon sessions when there is a change of groups			
Staff & Student Competence	Anyone in building	Staff to receive briefing and complete hand washing e-learning; Students to receive briefing and watch handwashing e-learning.  Signage and Information	Likelihood: 2  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 8	First two days should be adaptation INSET for staff without students and preparation time for setting up of lessons and interactions with students	Likelihood: 1  Consequence: Staff 4  Risk Level: 4	SLT by 3/06/20	

		Information should be provided to staff based on the procedures they must follow to control infection Ensure all staff and cleaning staff are aware of cleaning procedures and issued with PPE.  Display prominent signage for staff and students to wash hands regularly and display hand washing poster.		Tour of new layout of school and new signage for staff before commencing lessons with students on first 2 days back		
Competence of any staff wearing PPE  Page 13	Staff using PPE & anyone exposed following onward transmission	Current advice as at 06-05-2020 is that the need for PPE is excessive outside of clinical and care environments – make an assessment of the risk specific to your work activities.  Gloves and coveralls should be worn when handling large amounts of materials or having to touch lots of surfaces.  Gloves to be changed regularly  Staff trained on safe glove removing procedure  Staff instructed to wash hands thoroughly and regularly  Monitor levels of PPE and ensure sufficient remain available.  In addition to general items listed in section above.	Likelihood: 3  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 12	Further training for First Aiders in use of additional equipment	Likelihood: 2 Consequence: 4 Risk Level: 8	

		Staff to complete:  Infection Prevention & Control e-learning;  Putting on and taking off PPE e-learning;  Competence Quiz. Staff to achieve 80% pass rate in the quiz to undertake work using PPE. 1 resit is allowed before all the training must be repeated.				
Play/ Sport/ Exercise  Page 14	Staff/Students	Social distancing must be maintained during all play/sport/exercise sessions. Class Groups will be rostered so access to outside areas is restricted to one group at a time.  Any equipment used must be capable of being easily sterilised (e.g. plastic). Sterilisation must take place after each session.  If balls are used they must only be kicked or used by one student and then sterilised.	Likelihood: 3  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 12	Use of playground for PE  Students relocated to the sports hall for dance. Students to wear socks and not bare feet  No communal use of showers	Likelihood: 2  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 8	
Lunch	Staff/students/Ca tering staff	Students to wash hands before eating.  Designated lunch area for each specific group. Students to have packed lunches. Students on free school meals to be provided with packed lunch delivered to designated lunch area or outside if weather suitable provided social distancing can be maintained	Likelihood: 3  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 12	Serving hatch closed Water served in jugs Water fountains turned off Plastic disposable cups (sorry!)	Likelihood: 2  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 8	

Emergency	Staff/students/co	Where practicable maintain social	Likelihood: 4	New Fire exit signage in	Likelihood: 3	JPZ to alter
evacuation	ntractors	distancing on evacuation routes. If		place		evac
		impracticable priority is evacuation.	Consequence: 4		Consequence: 4	procedures
				Social distancing stickers on		3/06/20
		PEEPS should be reviewed and amended accordingly.	Risk Level: 16	walls and floors	Risk Level: 12	
		g.,		Reduced capacity to ease		
		Fire alarm and emergency lighting tests carried out following		flow of traffic		
		reoccupation		Temporary revision to fire evacuation procedures		
		Fire alarm systems should still be		· ·		
		maintained to ensure that it				
		remains in good working order and				
		all testing carried out and				
		documented in the usual way.				
ס		As a result of COVID-19, If you have				
Page		had to implement some interim				
Φ		measures, ensure that all staff know				
15		and understand why and what they are.				
		Review fire evacuation procedure,				
		including floor plans to ensure that				
		adequate cover is provided for fire				
		wardens to check all areas (note				
		that this may change because of				
		changing entrances and exits etc).				
		Review fire emergency				
		arrangements to ensure that				
		muster points are adequate to allow				
		social distancing in the event of an				
		emergency both for persons				
		evacuating the premises and any				
		anticipated members of the public				
		in the vicinity.				

First Aid & administration	Staff/Students	Students to be directed to undertake own first aid where	Likelihood: 5	Source PPE first aid training for reception staff	Likelihood: 3	Natasha to order in	Ongoing with Trust
of medicines		applicable (e.g. washing grazes,	Consequence: 4	Tor reception starr	Consequence: 4	extra PPE	and LSBU
		application of self-adhesive				LFA to	estates and
		dressings). If first aider needs to get	Risk Level: 20		Risk Level: 12	make visors	procureme
		closer to injured party/suspected				by 3/06/20	nt teams
		infection with Corona virus to assess or treat they are to wear					
		disposable aprons, gloves, face					
		shield and RPE (FFP2) - (see also					
		PPE competence, hand to mucous					
		membrane transfer, and PPE					
		transfer sections of r/a)					
		Temperature checks with					
70		disposable forehead thermometers					
Page		and thermal scanning cameras.					
Φ		Ensure that numbers of first aiders					
16		are adequate to manage the					
		number of staff and foreseeable					
		accidents (existing first aiders may					
		be non-business critical, working					
		from home and overlooked when reopening school)					
		reopening school)					
		Check contents of first aid boxes are					
		checked regularly					
		If staff or student show any signs of					
		COVID-19, and if it is safe to do so,					
		the staff or student must be advised					
		to go home and self-isolate in-line					
		with the Government, WHO and					
		Public Health Guidelines.					

Page 17 Student Behaviour	Anyone in building	First aiders should follow advice published resuscitation council and the NHS  https://www.resus.org.uk/media/st atements/resuscitation-council-uk- statements-on-covid-19- coronavirus-cpr-and- resuscitation/covid-community/ https://www.gov.uk/government/p ublications/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- this advice includes talking injured parties through self-treatment, wearing PPE and using face coverings  Ensure emergency contact details for staff and student on file are up to date  Review risk assessments relating to individual behaviour. Any students with known patterns of misbehaviour which involve not	Likelihood: 4 Consequence: 4	Students who break social distancing through misbehaviour are sent home	Likelihood: 3 Consequence:4	JBU temporarily alters sanctions/r	N
		following instructions should not be admitted to school during this period of restriction due to risk of infection transfer.	Risk Level:16		Risk Level: 12	ewards policy 3/06/20	
Students with SEND	Anyone in building	Review EHCPs and other documentation. Any students with particular needs to have individual plan produced/amended				FPI	Ongoing

Access/egress in	Staff/Students/Co	Access & Egress through common	Likelihood: 3		Likelihood:	Site team
building	ntractors	areas to be kept to minimum.				by 1/06/20
Ü		External routes to be used	Consequence: 4		Consequence:	, , ,
		whenever practicable. One way	,		•	
		systems to be introduced where	Risk Level: 12		Risk Level:	
		internal routes have to be used. In				
		exceptional circumstances two-way				
		systems may be in place with				
		screens following risk assessment				
		approved by H&S Team.				
		Class Group members to walk at 2m distancing.				
		Markings at 2m intervals in				
		corridors & key areas (e.g. toilets,				
l		stairwells, assembly points fire &				
Page		meet & greet).				
<b>J</b> e						JPZ by
18		Fire routes to be amended and				3/06/20
$\infty$		communicated. Fire plan to be				
		updated.				
Toilets	Staff/Students/Co	Where practicable Student Groups	Likelihood: 3	Hourly toilet cleaning in both	Likelihood: 2	
	ntractors	to be allocated a set of toilets for		buildings with signed sheets		
		their sole use.	Consequence: 4	on wall.	Consequence: 4	
		Liquid anti-bacterial soap and paper towels to be provided.	Risk Level: 12	Staff to use disabled toilets	Risk Level: 8	
		Everyone to wash hands and apply				
		moisturiser (students' parents to				
		supply for allergy reasons) upon				
		return to classroom.				
		Where toilet facilities are used by				
		more than 1 group, additional				
		controls to be implemented to				

Students & Staff with Allergies which can cause coughing (e.g. Hayfever)	Anyone in building	ensure social distancing (e.g. taking sinks/w/cs out of use, access control etc.)  Parents to complete allergy declaration form.  Parents to follow guidance on preschool checks  Students/staff with coughs caused by allergens to cover mouth & nose with surgical mask.	Likelihood: 3  Consequence: 5  Risk Level: 15	Check against SIMS records and follow up discrepancies	Likelihood: 2 Consequence:5 Risk Level: 10	Student Services google form to be completed by those invited in	
		Information to parents to explain presence and purpose of masks.				by 8/06/20	
Hand to mucous membrane transfer (eyes, nose, mouth)	Staff, Students & Contractors	Regular hand washing - in particular: On arrival/before leaving; Before eating; Before donning PPE/after removing PPE;	Likelihood: 4  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 16	Supervision of handwashing between classes at least hourly	Likelihood: 2  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 8	Teachers/ Student Services	
Page		After using the toilets.					
19		Cold/warm running water available for hand washing, with liquid detergent and paper towels at easily accessed areas.					
Surface transfer	Staff, Students & Contractors	Regular cleaning schedule in place Hourly spot cleaning of highly used areas e.g. handles, hand rails, toilet areas.	Likelihood: 3  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 12	Site team to check quality of cleaning hourly	Likelihood: 2  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 8	Site team/AIM to procure cleaning materials	Ongoing
		Use of disinfectants with ratio 1000 ppm available chlorine.				Helena Abrhams -	
		Rotation of classrooms where space allows to allow time for any virus present on surfaces to die before re-use.				Finance team to allow procureme nt	

Contractors working on site	Staff, Students & Contractors	Only essential maintenance work or essential repairs (e.g. school has no lighting), or work in segregated compounds to be undertaken.  Contractors to work out of school hours where possible.  Contractors not to work in classrooms when occupied by class group.  Contractor's operatives to use social distancing or appropriate PPE if tasks being undertaken cannot be completed whilst maintaining social distancing.	Likelihood: 3  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 12	If visitors/contractors are to visit the school we will request information on possible Covid-19 symptoms	Likelihood: 2 Consequence: 4 Risk Level: 8	Site team to install info graphics and markings by 8/06/20	Ongoing
Transfer of virus onto/off PPE	Staff and potential onwards transfer	Wash hands before handling PPE. Don & remove PPE in specified order. After use double bag disposable PPE, storing securely (dry) for 72 hours and then add to normal rubbish arrangements.  Re-usable PPE (e.g. rubber gloves used for general disinfection tasks) should be immersed in disinfectant, rinsed in clean running water and left to dry. Wash hands at end of processes.	Likelihood: 3  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 12	Specific bins for disposing of PPE on every floor Emptied hourly	Likelihood: 2  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 8	Site team/AIM by 1/06/20	
Suspected case of COVID-19 in School	School Staff/Teachers/Pa rents/Visitors to School	Any staff who are displaying any Coronavirus symptoms such as: -	Likelihood: 4  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 12	Interview room where the staff/pupil/visitor etc. can be isolated whilst waiting for collection. Ideally with a window that can be opened to provide ventilation.	Likelihood: 3  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 8	JPZ to issue protocol to staff by 03/06/20	

Those with specified health conditions	Staff/pupils	Those with specified medical conditions which make them more vulnerable to COVID-19 should follow Government advice. Children in this category should also not use the setting.	Likelihood: 3  Consequence: 5  Risk Level: 15	Additional considerations to be take into account by SBA from staff survey forming risk assessments for individual staff	Likelihood: 1  Consequence: 5  Risk Level: 5	SBA to inform staff of expectation s for coming to work/working from home	Ongoing
Page 21		Should stay at home for at least 7 days from when the symptoms first started and until all symptoms have passed and they are recovered. If symptoms get worse after 7 days, they should contact NHS 111 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance  If a member of staff is living in a household where a member of that household is showing symptoms, then they should remain at home and self-isolate for 14 days or until such time as all are free from symptoms.  Where a pupil becomes unwell and is waiting for collection they will be moved to a separate area identified for this use.  If a confirmed case of COVID-19 is declared to the School then the School should seek further advice from the Health & safety Team.		Identify a room where the staff/pupil/visitor etc. can be isolated whilst waiting for collection. Ideally with a window that can be opened to provide ventilation.  If masks are available and the person is an adult a mask should be put on the person who is suspected of Covid-19. If it's a pupil/child, the mask should be worn by the supervising adult in the isolated area. 2m distancing should be in place.  Isolation of the area where the person has been in contact and concentrated cleaning of the area.  Access and signpost testing, tracking and tracing services.			

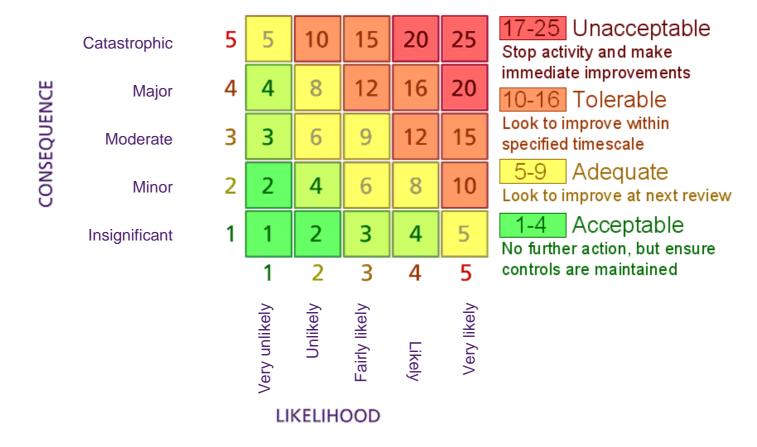
Mental Health	Take into account the health and	Likelihood: 3	Advice to staff:	Likelihood: 2		
Mental Health and Wellbeing, New and Expectant Mothers, Vulnerable Staff and Staff with Existing Health Conditions  The coronavirus (COVID19) outbreak is going to have an impact on everyone's daily lives either working in the scorol or working from home	well-being, of staff, ensuring that decisions don't discriminate against certain groups of staff (e.g. decisions about flexible, home or part time working due to school closures)  Individual risk assessments should be made for new and expectant mothers and those with specific underlying health conditions.	Consequence: 4 Risk Level: 12	<ul> <li>Ensure that any news you read come from a trusted source</li> <li>Limit the amount of time you spend on social media as this could heighten your anxiety</li> <li>Ensure that you look after yourself in terms of self-care, sleep, routine, rest.</li> <li>Ensure that your hours are not excessive</li> <li>Make sure to exercise throughout the day</li> <li>Stay connected to work colleagues by phone, email or video calls</li> </ul>	Consequence: 4 Risk Level: 8		
Cleaning premises, plant, tools and equipment – safe premises:	Do you have internal cleaners (employed or sub-contracted). Engage with premises cleaning staff and discuss enhanced cleaning procedures to prevent cross contamination  Cleanliness of working areas including toilets and washrooms must be maintained to keep surfaces clean and free of contamination	Likelihood: 4  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 16	Spot checks by AIM management team to ensure robustness of procedures in place  Day cleaners assigned to floors in use to react to any situation.	Likelihood: 2  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 8	NAcer/AIM by 10/06/20	

	Frequent cleaning and disinfection
	of work areas, equipment, objects
	and surfaces. Frequency and
	intensity of cleaning adjusted
	accordingly with consideration for
	high use shared facilities such as
	toilets, flushes, taps etc
	Cleaning procedures for equipment,
	and tools after each after each use
	of shared equipment
	Regular cleaning of reusable
	delivery/ storage boxes,
	Consider disposable materials to
	reduce the need for cleaning
	If introducing new tools/
Page	equipment/ materials/ workstations
De la companya de la	these should be accounted for in
Ф	control of infection risk assessment.
23	Bin lids should be disinfected
	regularly as part of enhanced
	cleaning procedures.
	Gloves to be worn when emptying
	bins and hands washed thoroughly
	after handling waste. Disposable
	gloves should be replaced each and
	every time a pair of used and
	disposed of in the correct waste
	stream.
	Any new substances introduced or
	significant changes of substances
	used should review COSHH
	assessment.

Working from	Carry out home worker risk	Likelihood: 2			
Home	assessments				
		Consequence: 3			
	Provide equipment for staff to work				
	from home safely and effectively —	Risk Level: 6			
	for example, laptops, Monitoring				
	the wellbeing of staff who are				
	working from home				
	Keeping in touch with off-site staff				
	including welfare, mental and				
	physical health and personal				
	security				
Legionella	Thoroughly flushed all water	Likelihood: 4	Site been maintained every	Likelihood: 2	
	systems.		day since lockdown. Taps are		
		Consequence: 5	run regularly to prevent	Consequence: 5	
	Review control of legionella risk		build up of standing water		
Page	assessment for air con and water	Risk Level: 10	and possibility of legionella	Risk Level: 10	
ag	systems.		contamination.		
Ф					
24	Review all established procedures				
<u> </u>	for flushing, sampling water,				
	chlorination/ cleaning of systems –				
	if these have been contracted out to				
	a 3rd party they be contacted to				
	obtain advice on how to proceed				
	Provide information to staff and				
	contractors who may come in to				
	contact with these systems as the				
	during any period of shut down				
	systems may not have been flushed				
	or system condition may have				
	deteriorated and bacteria may be				
	present is levels sufficient to				
	present a risk- it may be necessary				
	to restrict use of systems until the				
	risk assessment is reviewed				

Ventilation/ Temperature, Lighting  Use natural ventilation (open doors and windows) where possible.  It is advised that air-conditioning units not used, but the use of natural ventilation (open doors and windows) where possible.  Where heating and air con is critical to controlling the quality of products in the school, it is advisable to contact the air con service provider for additional information and support of their products in relation to the standard or air filtration and recirculation of school air.  Air con control panels, remotes, door and window handles, catches, light switches ets should be disinfected before and after being touched as part of enhanced cleaning arrangements.  If using additional heaters or fans, they should be handled and		Ensure adequate supplies of cleaning and decontamination materials to operate systems and adequate PPE for operators					
controls adjusted as infrequent as possible, and disinfected as part of control of infection procedures.	Temperature, Lighting  Page	Use natural ventilation (open doors and windows) where possible.  It is advised that air-conditioning units not used, but the use of natural ventilation (open doors and windows) where possible.  Where heating and air con is critical to controlling the quality of products in the school, it is advisable to contact the air con service provider for additional information and support of their products in relation to the standard or air filtration and recirculation of school air.  Air con control panels, remotes, door and window handles, catches, light switches etc should be disinfected before and after being touched as part of enhanced cleaning arrangements.  If using additional heaters or fans, they should be handled and controls adjusted as infrequent as possible, and disinfected as part of	Consequence: 4	guidance on operation and cross reference with LSBU	Consequence: 4	Sann-Kee	

Handling	Government guidance suggests	Likelihood: 4	Hygienic clean to take place	Likelihood: 2	
Materials/	virus may live for up to 72 hours on		72 hours before opening.		
Deliveries	hard surfaces	Consequence: 4		Consequence: 4	
			Daily hygienic surface clean		
	Staff handling materials,	Risk Level: 16	every day from AIM in	Risk Level: 8	
	components or other items		addition to normal cleaning		
	personnel must use the appropriate				
	PPE gloves and wash/ sanitise hands				
	regularly – ensure that any				
	designated production targets				
	account for this need.				
	Re-useable PPE to be cleaned after				
	use and not shared between staff				
	ase and not shared between stan				
	Display clear signage for delivery				
Ū	drivers/ couriers.				
Page	Designate drop off/ collection				
	points that enable social distancing				
26	for couriers/ delivery drivers.				



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#### **Appendix 1 - Floor Capacity**

STEM, 163 students total.

Whole ground floor 37 students, (taking in consideration 1 student per workbench in workshop.).

Whole first floor 49 students, (taking in consideration one student per one gas/water bench).

Whole second floor 67 students.

The Whole third floor, roughly about 10 max due to room sizes.

RETAINED 116 students total

Dining hall 27 students.

Whole first floor 50 students.

Whole second floor 48 students.

Whole third floor 18 students (The three classrooms only, the open space didn't count).

Library, I didn't count.

Recommendation for in

Recommendation for initial reopening.

We open English, Maths, and Spanish Floors as those have double rooms. Limiting factor is Restaurant capacity of 27. In 2 sittings this means 54 students total.

In teaching terms this means one double room and two single classrooms on each floor. 3 teachers per floor.

We can add capacity as we widen our net beyond disengaged students and as restrictions are eased up to the total above



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Assessor's name: David Bell	Date of Assessment: 01/06/2020	<b>Activity/Task:</b> Post COVID-19 pandemic lock-down re-opening
School: South Bank UTC	Principal: Austin Sheppard	

Hazards	Who may be harmed & How	Existing Controls	Risk Rating	Further Controls	Residual Risk	Actions by whom & when	In place? Y/N
Exposure to COVOD-19 age 29	Anyone exposed to the virus or an infected person. May contract Covid-19 – with associated range of health outcomes	SLT to check latest Government guidance on a daily basis.  https://www.gov.uk/government/c ollections/coronavirus-covid-19- guidance-for-schools-and-other- educational-settings	Likelihood: 4  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 16	SBA to evaluate staff availability through survey and assess risk based on personal circumstances	Likelihood: 3  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 12	HR via JCO – final reminder sent 04/06/202 0	Υ
Shortage of staff	Students & Staff	Use of large class rooms to allow up to 15 students to be taught in one room.  Staff to be able to park on site (using non designated parking area at rear of the UTC). Due to low numbers and staggered staffing further parking should not be required.	Likelihood: 3  Consequence: 3  Risk Level: 9	Phased return to start letting in year 10 and 12 students gradually. Rotation of staff and students  Numbers not to exceed social bubble numbers.	Likelihood: 2  Consequence: 2  Risk Level: 4	Edwin to measure out site with 2m markings in communal areas.  22-23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Y

In-line with	Staff	Staff to maintain social distance	Likelihood: 2	Consider the use of	Likelihood: 2	PPE	Υ
Government,		between each other. Staffing levels		supervisory personnel to act		resources	
WHO and Public		on site to be kept to a minimum	Consequence: 4	as "social distancing	Consequence: 4	delivered	
Health		with other staff working from		champions" to remind staffs,		to DBE.	
Guidelines		home.	Risk Level: 8	visitors, customers of the	Risk Level: 8	w/b	
				procedures and ensure they		08/06/20	
		All staff provided with information		are followed (potential job			
		and signage displayed to reflect the		for safety reps/ managers).		Cleaning	Υ
		current arrangements;				arrangeme	
		<ul><li>Hand washing/</li></ul>		It may be necessary to		nts to be	
		sanitising		consult and cooperate with		arranged	
		<ul> <li>Cleaning</li> </ul>		neighbours and businesses in		by Edwin	
		<ul> <li>Social Distancing</li> </ul>		the vicinity (things like, evac		w/b	
				procedures, etc), it is		08/06/20	
		A return to work induction should		recommended that an open			
		be developed to inform returning		dialogue be maintained in			
ס		staff of the residual hazards and the		cooperation and		Handwashi	N
Page		control measures in place,		coordination with business		ng protocol	
e		procedures for hand and respiratory		who may also be reopening		to be	
30		hygiene, cleaning and social		and have similar challenges/		developed	
		distancing.		impacts		by DBE	
						Social	N
						distancing	
						protocol to	
						be clarified	
						inside and	
						outside of	
						bubble	
						groups -	
						DBE	

Staff providing support to	Staff, students, contractors and	Staff to maintain social distance between each other. Staffing levels	Likelihood: 3	Reception glass screen to be kept closed.	Likelihood:2	Site team 16/05/20	Υ
teaching	visitors	on site to be kept to a minimum with other staff working from	Consequence: 2	Redeployment of day cleaner needed to keep,	Consequence:2		Ongoing with Trust
		home.	Risk Level: 6	surfaces and toilets hygienic PPE equipment needed for first aid.  First aid to be administered	Risk Level: 4		and LSBU estates and procureme nt teams
				only by appointed person			Y
Virus entering premises	Staff, Students & Contractors and	Parents & Staff issued with guidance on daily checks to	Likelihood: 4	Temperature scanning equipment to be used to	Likelihood: 3	Scanner to be issued	N
	their families.	undertake before bringing/sending their child to school.	Consequence:	scan all entering building	Consequence:	to UTC. Guidance /	
Page 3		Contractors asked health check questions on arrival. Questions to be formatted.	Risk Level: 16		Risk Level: 12	Policy to be developed - DBE	N
Clothing	Staff, Students & Contractors and their families.	Uniform policy (staff and students) to be amended. Students to wear own clothing, fresh clothing to be worn each day. Staff to be advised of the same.	Likelihood: 4  Consequence: 4	No further control.	Likelihood: N/A Consequence: N/A	Uniform policy already allows for relaxation	Υ
		of the same.	Risk Level: 16		Risk Level: N/A	of rules at principals discretion.	
Arrival & Departure	Staff/Students	Health check questions to be asked before child enters premises	Likelihood: 3	Multiple staff required to help students queue up	Likelihood: 2	Policy to be written by	N
		Student groups to arrive and depart at through canteen to be	Consequence:4	outside canteen and stick to marked areas as they ask questions upon entry.	Consequence: 4 Risk Level: 8	DBE w/b 08/06/20	
		temperature scanned at staggered set time.	Risk Level: 12	questions apon entry.	MISK LEVEL O		

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		Staff and visitors to enter via reception.					
		2m social distancing to be enforced on pupils and staff (markings on ground to show students where to stand and wait) apart from in 'bubble' spaces					
		Staff to wear disposable gloves only when engaging with anyone at close quarter – washing hands remains the primary method of hygiene.					
77		Hand sanitiser to be used at entry and exit points.					
Teashing and gean gean gean gean gean gean gean gean	Staff/students	Social distancing is the main method of control available to schools to reduce the spread of the virus.	Likelihood: 3  Consequence: 3	Classrooms have clearly defined markings and layout to observe social distancing. Layouts pre-determined.	Likelihood: 2	Classrooms marked out by 24/06/20	N
			Risk Level: 9				
		Students working in defined and consistent 'bubble' groups		Students who break social	Consequence:	RHA to amend	N
		For students not in the UTC:		distancing through misbehavior will be sanctioned, sending home	Risk Level: 6	behavior policy.	
		Subjects should be taught remotely using on-line resources. Where		may be necessary			
		possible practical elements may be		Students to stay in			
		possible using remote technology.		classrooms only teachers moving in between sessions			
		Disinfection regimes are in place		moving in secween sessions			
		between sessions and a rotation of rooms allowing 24-36 hours to		No PE to take place.			
		enable cleaning.		Library not to be used to			
				stop transmission from			
				surfaces, books			

ပြု ထု Laseratories / technology rooms	Staff/students	Timetabling must minimise the movements of staff and students around the school  Leave all internal doors open or limit opening and closing using Dorgard, wedges or props. (note this may give rise to a further risk-based fire safety procedures and should be considered on merit)  Narrow walkways, "pinch" and passing points should be identified; consider the implementation of one way travel/ movement systems by means of signage on the walls, floors or doors as well as passing places and verbal notification procedures.  Classes to be divided into groups which facilitate distancing. (See Appendix with floor space calculations)  Students to be allocated set desks/workspaces spaced out at 2m minimum. (mark desks/benches in use/not in use). 1 staff member per group.	Likelihood: 3 Consequence: 4 Risk Level: 12	Students will bring in own tablets and will not use UTC ICT. CS lessons to take place online. Business lessons, laptop issued to student for sole use.  Disinfectant wipes between each session or spray.	Likelihood: 2 Consequence: 4 Risk Level: 8	DBE to order cleaning product 08/06/20	N
		desks/workspaces spaced out at 2m minimum. (mark desks/benches in use/not in use). 1 staff member	RISK LEVEI: 12	Disinfectant wipes between	RISK LEVEI: 8		
		Own equipment only.  Use ICT equipment for demonstrations so that students					
		can remain at their workspace.					

		Windows to be opened to maximise ventilation.  Disinfection regimes are in place between sessions. (Energy source isolation must take place before disinfection process begins for powered equipment)				Edwin to oversee Day Cleaners supplied by contractors	Υ
Transmission between groups  Page 34	Everyone	Classes will remain in designated room at all times unless it is their allocated break-time or for toilet use. Supervisors will continue to supervise the same groups throughout the time covered by this assessment. Cover staff will maintain minimum of 2m social distancing.  Avoiding sharing pens, stationery, office and other work equipment  Avoid sharing chairs and seating between workstations and workers.	Likelihood: 3  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 12	Furniture not being used is stored in a designated classroom on that floor  Students to be issued with own stationery upon return.  Chairs will be wiped between morning and afternoon sessions when there is a change of groups	Likelihood: 2 Consequence: 4 Risk Level: 8	Edwin by 22/06/20	
Staff & Student Competence	Anyone in building	Staff to receive briefing and complete hand washing e-learning; Students to receive briefing and watch handwashing e-learning.  Signage and Information Information should be provided to staff based on the procedures they must follow to control infection	Likelihood: 2  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 8	First two days should be adaptation INSET for staff without students and preparation time for setting up of lessons and interactions with students Tour of new layout of school and new signage for staff before commencing lessons with students on first 2 days back	Likelihood: 1  Consequence: Staff 4  Risk Level: 4	SLT by 22/06/20	

	Ensure all staff and cleaning staff are aware of cleaning procedures and issued with PPE.					
	and students to wash hands regularly and display hand washing poster.					
Staff using PPE & anyone exposed following onward	Current advice as at 06-05-2020 is that the need for PPE is excessive outside of clinical and care	Likelihood: 3  Consequence: 4	Further training for First Aiders in use of additional equipment	Likelihood: 2 Consequence: 4		
transmission	environments – make an assessment of the risk specific to your work activities.	Risk Level: 12		Risk Level: 8		
	Gloves and coveralls should be worn when handling large amounts of materials or having to touch lots of surfaces.					
	Gloves to be changed regularly					
	Staff trained on safe glove removing procedure					
	Staff instructed to wash hands thoroughly and regularly					
	Monitor levels of PPE and ensure sufficient remain available.					
	In addition to general items listed in section above. Staff to complete:  • Infection Prevention &					
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		<ul> <li>Putting on and taking off</li> <li>PPE e-learning;</li> <li>Competence Quiz.</li> <li>Staff to achieve 80% pass rate in the quiz to undertake work using PPE. 1 resit is allowed before all the training must be repeated.</li> </ul>					
Play/ Sport/ Exercise  Page 36	Staff/Students	Social distancing must be maintained during all play sessions. Class Groups will be rostered so access to outside areas is restricted to one group at a time.  Any equipment used must be capable of being easily sterilised (e.g. plastic). Sterilisation must take place after each session.  UTC gym to be closed to all staff and students.	Likelihood: 3  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 12	No communual use of showers	Likelihood: 3  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 12	SLT	
Lunch	Staff/students/Ca tering staff	Students to wash hands before eating.  Designated lunch area for each specific group. Students to have packed lunches.  Students on free school meals will continue to receive vouchers and are expected to bring in lunch. UTC to supplement.	Likelihood: 3  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 12	Serving hatch closed Water fountains turned off Bottled water ordered in, students requested to bring in water bottle.	Likelihood: 2  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 8	SLT 08/06/20	N
Emergency evacuation	Staff/students/co ntractors	Where practicable maintain social distancing on evacuation routes. If impracticable priority is evacuation.	Likelihood: 4  Consequence: 4	New Fire exit signage in place	Likelihood: 3  Consequence: 4	DBE to alter evac procedures 08/06/20	

		PEEPS should be reviewed and amended accordingly.	Risk Level: 16	Social distancing stickers on walls and floors	Risk Level: 12	
Page 37		Fire alarm and emergency lighting tests carried out following reoccupation  Fire alarm systems should still be maintained to ensure that it remains in good working order and all testing carried out and documented in the usual way.  As a result of COVID-19, If you have had to implement some interim measures, ensure that all staff know and understand why and what they are.  Review fire evacuation procedure, including floor plans to ensure that adequate cover is provided for fire wardens to check all areas (note that this may change because of changing entrances and exits etc).  Review fire emergency arrangements to ensure that		walls and floors  Reduced capacity to ease flow of traffic  Temporary revision to fire evacuation procedures		
		muster points are adequate to allow social distancing in the event of an emergency both for persons evacuating the premises and any anticipated members of the public in the vicinity.				
First Aid & administration	Staff/Students	Students to be directed to undertake own first aid where	Likelihood: 5	Source PPE first aid training for reception staff	Likelihood: 3	Ongoing with Trust
of medicines		applicable (e.g. washing grazes,	Consequence: 4	for reception staff	Consequence: 4	and LS

	application of self-adhesive			estates and
	dressings). If first aider needs to get	Risk Level: 20	Risk Level: 12	procureme
	closer to injured party/suspected			nt teams
	infection with Corona virus to			
	assess or treat they are to wear			
	disposable aprons, gloves, face			
	shield and PPE (FFP2) - (see also PPI	:		
	competence, hand to mucous	-		
	membrane transfer, and PPE			
	transfer sections of r/a)			
	transfer sections of tyay			
	Temperature checks with			
	disposable forehead thermometers			
	Ensure that numbers of first aiders			
	are adequate to manage the			
	number of staffs and foreseeable			
Page	accidents (existing first aiders may			
ge	be non-business critical, working			
	from home and overlooked when			
38	reopening school)			
	Check contents of first aid boxes are			
	checked regularly	•		
	checked regularly			
	If staff or student show any signs of			
	COVID-19, and if it is safe to do so,			
	the staff or student must be advised	1		
	to go home and self-isolate in-line			
	with the Government, WHO and			
	Public Health Guidelines.			
	First aiders should follow advice			
	published resuscitation council and			
	the NHS			
	https://www.resus.org.uk/media/si			
	atements/resuscitation-council-uk-			
	statements-on-covid-19-			

Student Bedaviour Ge 39	Anyone in building	coronavirus-cpr-and- resuscitation/covid-community/ https://www.gov.uk/government/p ublications/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- this advice includes talking injured parties through self-treatment, wearing PPE and using face coverings  Ensure emergency contact details for staff and student on file are up to date  Review risk assessments relating to individual behaviour. Any students with known patterns of misbehaviour which involve not following instructions should not be admitted to school during this	Likelihood: 4  Consequence: 4  Risk Level:16	Students who break social distancing through misbehaviour are sent home	Likelihood: 3 Consequence:4 Risk Level: 12	RHA to review policy with SLT.	N
		period of restriction due to risk of infection transfer.					
Students with SEND	Anyone in building	Review EHCPs and other documentation. Any students with particular needs to have individual plan produced/amended				ТВС	Ongoing
Access/egress in building	Staff/Students/Co ntractors	Access & Egress through common areas to be kept to minimum. External routes to be used whenever practicable. One way	Likelihood: 3  Consequence: 4		Likelihood: Consequence:	Edwin by 22/06/20	
		systems to be introduced where internal routes have to be used. In exceptional circumstances two-way	Risk Level: 12		Risk Level:		

ts ode 40	Staff/Students/Co ntractors	systems may be in place with screens following risk assessment approved by H&S Team.  Class Group members to walk at 2m distancing.  Markings at 2m intervals in corridors & key areas (e.g. toilets, stairwells, assembly points fire & meet & greet).  Fire routes to be amended and communicated. Fire plan to be updated.  Where practicable Student Groups to be allocated a set of toilets for their sole use.  Liquid anti-bacterial soap and paper towels to be provided.	Likelihood: 3  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 12	Hourly toilet cleaning buildings with signed sheets on wall.  Staff to use disabled toilets	Likelihood: 2 Consequence: 4 Risk Level: 8	ASH/DBE by 22/06/20 DBE/Edwin by 22/06/20	
		Everyone to wash hands and apply moisturiser (students' parents to supply for allergy reasons) upon return to classroom.		One toilet per group.			
		Where toilet facilities are used by more than 1 group, additional controls to be implemented to ensure social distancing (e.g. taking sinks/w/cs out of use, access control etc.)					
Students & Staff with Allergies which can cause	Anyone in building	Parents to complete allergy declaration form. Parents to follow guidance on preschool checks	Likelihood: 3 Consequence: 5	Check against SIMS records and follow up discrepancies	Likelihood: 2 Consequence:5	Pastoral to send questionnai re to	N

coughing (e.g. Hayfever)		Students/staff with coughs caused by allergens to cover mouth & nose with surgical mask.  Information to parents to explain presence and purpose of masks.	Risk Level: 15		Risk Level: 10	parents w/b 08/06/20	
Hand to mucous membrane transfer (eyes, nose, mouth)	Staff, Students & Contractors	Regular hand washing - in particular: On arrival/before leaving; Before eating; Before donning PPE/after removing PPE; After using the toilets.  Cold/warm running water available for hand washing, with liquid detergent and paper towels at easily accessed areas.	Likelihood: 4  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 16	Supervision of handwashing between classes at least hourly	Likelihood: 2  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 8	Teachers / Edwin	
Su <del>rfg</del> ce transfer age 41	Staff, Students & Contractors	Regular cleaning schedule in place Hourly spot cleaning of highly used areas e.g. handles, hand rails, toilet areas.  Use of disinfectants with ratio 1000 ppm available chlorine.  Rotation of classrooms where space allows to allow time for any virus present on surfaces to die before re-use.	Likelihood: 3  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 12	Site team to check quality of cleaning hourly	Likelihood: 2  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 8	AIM to procure cleaning materials  Helena Abrhams - Finance team to allow procureme nt	Ongoing
Contractors working on site	Staff, Students & Contractors	Only essential maintenance work or essential repairs (e.g. school has no lighting), or work in segregated compounds to be undertaken.  Contractors to work out of school hours where possible.	Likelihood: 3  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 12	If visitors/contractors are to visit the school we will request the following information to see if they can establish the following: -  • Are well and do not have any of the symptoms of coronavirus	Likelihood: 2  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 8	Edwin to install info graphics and markings by 22/06/20	Ongoing

		Contractors not to work in classrooms when occupied by class group.  Contractor's operatives to use social distancing or appropriate PPE if tasks being undertaken cannot be completed whilst maintaining social distancing.		Have not visited any of the specified countries in the last 14 days Follow strict control of infection/hygiene measures			
Transfer of virus onto/off PPE  Page 42	Staff and potential onwards transfer	Wash hands before handling PPE. Don & remove PPE in specified order. After use double bag disposable PPE, storing securely (dry) for 72 hours and then add to normal rubbish arrangements.  Re-usable PPE (e.g. rubber gloves used for general disinfection tasks) should be immersed in disinfectant, rinsed in clean running water and left to dry.	Likelihood: 3  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 12	Specific bins for disposing of PPE on every floor Emptied hourly	Likelihood: 2  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 8	AIM by 22/06/20	
Suspected case of COVID-19 in School	School Staff/Teachers/Pa rents/Visitors to School	Wash hands at end of processes.  Any staff who are displaying any Coronavirus symptoms such as: -  • A continuous dry cough  • A fever  • Shortness of breath Should stay at home for at least 7 days from when the symptoms first started and until all symptoms have passed and they are recovered. If symptoms get worse after 7 days, they should contact NHS 111 <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance">home-guidance</a>	Likelihood: 4  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 12	Interview room where the staff/pupil/visitor etc. can be isolated whilst waiting for collection. Ideally with a window that can be opened to provide ventilation. Identify a room where the staff/pupil/visitor etc. can be isolated whilst waiting for collection. Ideally with a window that can be opened to provide ventilation.	Likelihood: 3  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 8	SLT to derive protocol and share with staff by 22/06/20	N

Pe		If a member of staff is living in a household where a member of that household is showing symptoms, then they should remain at home and self-isolate for 14 days or until such time as all are free from symptoms.  Where a pupil becomes unwell and is waiting for collection they will be moved to a separate area identified for this use.  If a confirmed case of COVID-19 is declared to the School then the School should seek further advice from the Health & safety Team.		If masks are available and the person is an adult a mask should be put on the person who is suspected of Covid-19. If it's a pupil/child, the mask should be worn by the supervising adult in the isolated area. 2m distancing should be in place.  Isolation of the area where the person has been in contact and concentrated cleaning of the area.			
Those with specified health conditions	Staff/pupils	Those with specified medical conditions which make them more vulnerable to COVID-19 should follow Government advice and self isolate for a period of 12 weeks. Children in this category should also not use the setting.	Likelihood: 3  Consequence: 5  Risk Level: 15	Additional considerations to be take into account by SBA from staff survey	Likelihood: 1  Consequence: 5  Risk Level: 5	SBA to infrom staff of expecatatio ns for coming to work/working from hoime	Ongoing
Mental Health and Wellbeing, New and Expectant Mothers, Vulnerable Staffs and Staffs with Existing		Take into account the health and well-being, of staffs, ensuring that decisions don't discriminate against certain groups of staffs (e.g. decisions about flexible, home or part time working due to school closures)  -Counsellors	Likelihood: 3  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 12	Advice to staffs:	Likelihood: 2  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 8		

Health Conditions  The coronavirus (COVID19) outbreak is going to have an impact on everyone's daily lives either working in the school or working from home	Individual risk assessments should be made for new and expectant mothers and those with specific underlying health conditions.		<ul> <li>could heighten your anxiety</li> <li>Ensure that you look after yourself in terms of self-care, sleep, routine, rest.</li> <li>Ensure that your hours are not excessive</li> <li>Make sure to exercise throughout the day</li> <li>Stay connected to work colleagues by phone, email or video calls</li> </ul>			
Cleaning premises, plant, tooks and equipment – safe premises:	Do you have internal cleaners (employed or sub-contracted).  Engage with premises cleaning staff and discuss enhanced cleaning procedures to prevent cross contamination  Cleanliness of working areas including toilets and washrooms must be maintained to keep surfaces clean and free of contamination  Frequent cleaning and disinfection of work areas, equipment, objects and surfaces. Frequency and intensity of cleaning adjusted accordingly with consideration for high use shared facilities such as toilets, flushes, taps etc	Likelihood: 4  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 16	Spot checks by AIM management team to ensure robustness of procedures in place  Day cleaners assigned to floors in use to react to any situation.	Likelihood: 2  Consequence: 4  Risk Level: 8	Edwin/AIM by 22/06/20	

Page 45	Cleaning procedures for equipment, and tools after each after each use of shared equipment  Regular cleaning of reusable delivery/ storage boxes, Consider disposable materials to reduce the need for cleaning If introducing new tools/ equipment/ materials/ workstations these should be accounted for in control of infection risk assessment. Bin lids should be disinfected regularly as part of enhanced cleaning procedures.  Gloves to be worn when emptying bins and hands washed thoroughly after handling waste. Disposable gloves should be replaced each and every time a pair of used and disposed of in the correct waste stream.  Any new substances introduced or significant changes of substances used should review COSHH			
Working from	assessment.  Carry out home worker risk	Likelihood: 2		
Home	assessments	Consequence: 3		
	Provide equipment for staff to work from home safely and effectively — for example, laptops, Monitoring the wellbeing of staffs who are working from home	Risk Level: 6		

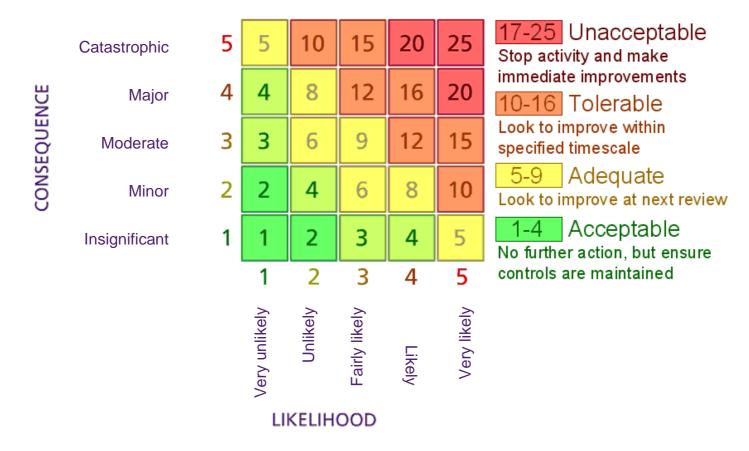
	Keeping in touch with off-site staff including welfare, mental and physical health and personal security					
Page 46	Thoroughly flushed all water systems.  Review control of legionella risk assessment for air con and water systems.  Review all established procedures for flushing, sampling water, chlorination/ cleaning of systems — if these have been contracted out to a 3rd party they be contacted to obtain advice on how to proceed  Provide information to staff and contractors who may come in to contact with these systems as the during any period of shut down systems may not have been flushed or system condition may have deteriorated and bacteria may be present is levels sufficient to present a risk- it may be necessary to restrict use of systems until the risk assessment is reviewed Ensure adequate supplies of cleaning and decontamination materials to operate systems and adequate PPE for operators	Likelihood: 4 Consequence: 5 Risk Level: 10	Site been maintained every day since lockdown. Taps are run regularly to prevent build up of standing water and possibility of legionella contamination.	Likelihood: 2 Consequence: 5 Risk Level: 10	DBE/Edwin to have water testing action by 22/06/20	N
Ventilation/ Temperature, Lighting	Use natural ventilation (open doors and windows) where possible.	Likelihood: 4 Consequence: 4	Consults with manufacturers guidance on operation and cross reference with LSBU team	Likelihood: 2 Consequence: 4	Edwin/ Sann-Kee 22/06/20	N

Page 47	It is advised that air-conditioning units not used, but the use of natural ventilation (open doors and windows) where possible.  Where heating and air con is critical to controlling the quality of products in the school, it is advisable to contact the air con service provider for additional information and support of their products in relation to the standard or air filtration and recirculation of school air.  Air con control panels, remotes, door and window handles, catches, light switches etc should be disinfected before and after being touched as part of enhanced cleaning arrangements.  If using additional heaters or fans, they should be handled and controls adjusted as infrequent as possible, and disinfected as part of control of infection procedures.	Risk Level: 16	No AC at the UTC.	Risk Level: 8		
Handling Materials/ Deliveries	Government guidance suggests virus may live for up to 72 hours on hard surfaces	Likelihood: 4  Consequence: 4	Hygenic clean to take place 72 hours before opening.  Daily hygenic surface clean	Likelihood: 2  Consequence: 4	Edwin	N
	Staff handling materials, components or other items personnel must use the appropriate PPE gloves and wash/ sanitise hands regularly – ensure that any	Risk Level: 16	every day from AIM in addition to normal cleaning	Risk Level: 8		

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	esignated production targets ccount for this need.			
	e-useable PPE to be cleaned after se and not shared between staffs			
di Di po	isplay clear signage for delivery rivers/ couriers. esignate drop off/ collection oints that enable social distancing or couriers/ delivery drivers.			

The matrix below is designed to help you in identifying a risk level for a given task or activity. Using your experience, the available evidence and existing precautions/ control measures in place you will have already determined the consequence of harm, and the likelihood of the harm being realised. The level of risk for the respective task or activity can now be determined using the following matrix.



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	CONFIDENTIAL
Paper title:	Staff Risk Assessments – School Reopening June
Board/Committee:	SBA Board
Date of meeting:	08 June 2020
Author(s):	Jacqui Collins, Trust HR Manager
Sponsor(s):	Dan Cundy, Executive Principal
Purpose:	For Approval
Recommendation:	The Board is requested to consider the risk assessment process for staff returning to work for school reopening and any continuing and further steps required to mitigate ongoing risk in an evolving situation.

#### **Executive summary**

Board members are asked to consider the following documents:

- 1. Staff risk assessment survey.
- 2. Staff risk assessment summary: UTC.
- 3. Staff risk assessment summary: UAE.
- 4. Staff risk assessment case studies.

In considering these documents;

- Is the Board satisfied that the staff survey forming the Trust's risk assessment covers all appropriate areas?
- Does the mechanism for assessing and RAG rating staff for return to work comply with the Board's expectations?
- Is the Board happy to authorise return to work for those staff deemed low risk, based on the information provided?
- Is the equality and diversity impact considered sufficiently?
- What are the next steps for an ongoing and rapidly changing picture?



#### Return to School after Lockdown

\*Required

As the government is requesting the phasing of school re-opening, commencing with Years 10 and 12, all staff are required to complete this form. Please ensure you have done so by 5pm on Friday 22nd May.

We are continuing to follow the most recent government advice, which means the minimum amount of staff and students will be on site at any one time operating social distancing, and this will result in a rota based system for teaching and support staff, with working from home occurring around this. The information below will be used by the Principals to plan these rotas to organise face to face provision for students.

Please note, the current advice is that staff who should not attend for work are those in the 'extremely clinically vulnerable' category, ie those who are shielding, or those that are living in the same household with somebody who is shielding.

For any returns not received, we must assume there are no medical issues or factors precluding those staff members from attending work in person.

Full name \* Organisation: \* Mark only one oval. ) UAE ) UTC Central Trust staff 1. Are you currently experiencing any symptoms of coronavirus (a new continuous cough, high temperature, a loss or change in your normal sense of taste or smell)? \* Mark only one oval. Yes No - go to question 2 If yes, when did these symptoms commence? Did you follow our advice to attend a testing centre? Mark only one oval.

6.	If yes, when are the results due?
7.	If no, when are you going to attend for a test?
8.	2. Is somebody who lives in your house with you currently experiencing any symptoms of coronavirus (a new continuous cough, high temperature, a loss or change in your normal sense o taste or smell)? *
	Mark only one oval.
	Yes No - go to question 3
9.	If yes, when did these symptoms commence?
10.	Did you follow our advice attend a testing centre?
	Mark only one oval.
	Yes
	○ No
11.	If yes, when are the results due?
12.	If no, when are you going to attend for a test?
13.	3. Have you already had coronavirus (tested and confirmed by a medical professional)? *  Mark only one oval.
	Yes
	No - go to question 4
14.	If yes, what date did the illness commence?

If you were hospitalised, please provide dates and duration.
Are you fully recovered?
Mark only one oval.
Yes - go to question 4
No
If no, please tell us further information about how the illness continues to affect you.
If no, and you require further absence, do you have a medical certificate? (Please upload a pho of the certificate here).
Files submitted:
4. Do you think you may have had coronavirus, but this was not tested or confirmed by a medic professional? *
Mark only one oval.
Yes
No - go to question 5
If yes, please explain why.

21.	5. Have you received a letter diagnosing you as 'extremely clinically vulnerable' and instructing you to shield? *
	Mark only one oval.
	Yes
	No - go to question 6
22.	If yes, please upload your letter here.
	Files submitted:
23.	6. Has somebody who is living with you in your house received a letter diagnosing them as 'extremely clinically vulnerable' and instructing them to shield? *
	Mark only one oval.
	Yes
	No - go to question 7
24.	If yes, please upload their letter here.
	Files submitted:

25.	7. If you or somebody living in your house has not received a 'shielding' letter, but do have one of the following health conditions falling within the government's 'extremely clinically vulnerable' guidelines, please detail below. (If none apply, go to question 8).
	Mark only one oval per row.

	Myself	Somebody living in my house
Solid organ transplant recipient		
Undergoing active chemotherapy		
Lung cancer undergoing radiotherapy		
Cancer of the blood or bone marrow		
Undergoing immunotherapy/antibody cancer treatments		
Cancer treatments affecting immune system		
Bone marrow/stem transplant last 6 mths		
Taking immunosuppression drugs		
Cystic fibrosis		
Severe asthma		
COPD		
SCID		
Homozygous Sickle Cell		
Taking immunosuppression therapies		
Pregnant with significant heart disease		

26. Please upload relevant evidence here.

Files submitted:

27.	If somebody in your household has one of the above conditions, when you return to work will you be able to operate social distancing measures whilst at home with this person?
	Mark only one oval.
	Yes - go to question 8  No
28.	If no, please explain why.

29. 8. Do you, or somebody living in the same house as you, have one of the following? (If none apply, go to question 9).

Mark only one oval per row.

	Myself	Somebody living in my house
Chronic mild to moderate asthma		
Chronic mild to moderate COPD		
Chronic mild to moderate bronchitis		
Chronic mild to moderate emphysema		
Chronic heart disease/heart failure		
Chronic kidney disease		
Chronic liver disease, such as hepatitis		
Parkinson's		
Motor Neurone disease		
Multiple Sclerosis		
Diabetes		
Weakened immune system due to a medical condition		
Seriously overweight (BMI of 40 or above)		
Pregnant		

30.	Please upload relevant evidence here.
	Files submitted:
31.	9. Do you have any other medical condition, not mentioned above, which you think is relevant and would like to tell us about?
	Mark only one oval.
	Yes
	No - go to question 10
32.	If yes, please explain below.
33.	Please upload relevant evidence here.
	Files submitted:
34.	10. Do you consider yourself to have a condition, impairment or disability as defined by the Equality Act 2010? *
	Mark only one oval.
	Yes
	No - go to question 11
35.	If yes, please explain why.
36.	Please upload relevant evidence here.
	Files submitted:

37.	11. Are you a registered carer for a family member who is not living with you and has received a shielding letter? *
	Mark only one oval.
	Yes
	No - go to question 12
38.	If yes, provide further information below.
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39.	Please upload relevant evidence here.
	Files submitted:
40.	When you return to work, will you be able to operate social distancing measures with the person/people you are caring for?
	Mark only one oval.
	Yes - go to question 12
	◯ No
41.	If no, please explain why.
42.	12. How do you travel to work? *
	Mark only one oval.
	Public transport
	Drive (either in own car or by a colleague)
	Walk
	Cycle Other:
	Other.

43.	If currently travelling by public transport, would you be able to drive to work either in own car or by a colleague if you had access to free parking?
	Mark only one oval.
	Yes No
44.	13. What are your feelings about returning to school? *
45.	14. We will be following advice around regular hand-washing, sanitising and social distancing for staff and students. Please tell us if you will be bringing PPE to wear whilst at work. *
	Mark only one oval.
	Yes
	○ No
46.	15. Is there anything else you would like to share or raise with us?

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#### **Summary - UTC**

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Risk assessments undertaken	35
Staff currently experiencing symptoms	0
Staff who have had COVID (confirmed by test)	1
Staff with family member who has had COVID (confirmed by test)	0
Staff who believe they have had COVID (not confirmed by test)	3
Staff who have received a shielding letter	1
Staff whose household member has received a shielding letter	1
Staff who have not received a shielding letter but have a medical condition classed as extremely clinically vulnerable	0
Staff whose household member has not received a shielding letter but have a medical condition classed as extremely clinically vulnerable	1
Staff who are pregnant, have a BMI of 40 or above, or have a medical condition classed as clinically vulnerable	6
Staff whose household member is pregnant, has a BMI of 40 or above, or has a medical condition classed as clinically vulnerable	5
Staff who have raised additional medical conditions they believe are relevant (for self or household member)	3
Staff who have declared a condition, impairment or disability as defined by the Equality Act 2010	0
Staff who have declared a recent or historical vitamin D deficiency	3
Staff who are registered carers	1
Staff who have expressed a desire to wear PPE when they return to school	14
BAME	17
Staff modes of transport:	
Public transport	16
Drive T	12
Cycle 🕥	4
Walk <b></b>	3
RAG rangs:	
Staff degmed low risk and able to return to school	19
Staff delimed medium risk and recommended to work at home if possible/follow up required	11
Staff deemed high risk and must work at home	5

No. outstanding:	0	
Of those, hospitalised:	1	

Of those, who can drive into work:	7	(where free parking provided
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### Summary - UAE

Risk assessments undertaken	91
Staff currently experiencing symptoms	0
Staff who have had COVID (confirmed by test)	1
Staff with family member who has had COVID (confirmed by test)	0
Staff who believe they have had COVID (not confirmed by test)	19
Staff who have received a shielding letter	4
Staff whose household member has received a shielding letter	6
Staff who have not received a shielding letter but have a medical condition classed as extremely clinically vulnerable	3
Staff whose household member has not received a shielding letter but have a medical condition classed as extremely clinically vulnerable	4
Staff who are pregnant, have a BMI of 40 or above, or have a medical condition classed as clinically vulnerable	19
Staff whose household member is pregnant, has a BMI of 40 or above, or has a medical condition classed as clinically vulnerable	22
Staff who have raised additional medical conditions they believe are relevant (for self or household member)	7
Staff who have declared a condition, impairment or disability as defined by the Equality Act 2010	4
Staff who have declared a recent or historical vitamin D deficiency	0
Staff who are registered carers	0
Staff who have expressed a desire to wear PPE when they return to school	40
BAMEU	57
Staff Hodes of transport:	
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Drive	19
CycleOT	10
Walk	12
RAG ratings:	
Staff deemed low risk and able to return to school	46
Staff deemed medium risk and recommended to work at home if possible/follow up required	11
Staff deemed high risk and must work at home	34

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Of those, who can drive to work:

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#### **Risk Assessment Case Studies**

Please note: employee's age has been automatically factored in to all risk assessments



#### Low risk

Name	Self	Household	Already	Self	Household	Self	Household	Self	Household	Other	Disability?	Registered	Travel	BAME?	Vitamin D
	current	current	had	shielding?	shielding?	extremely	extremely	clinically	clinically	medical		carer?	mode		deficiency?
	COVID	COVID	COVID?			clinically	clinically	vulnerable?	vulnerable?	condition?					
	symptoms?	symptoms?				vulnerable?	vulnerable?								
Staff A	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	Cycle	×	×

- Staff A is not experiencing COVID symptoms either self or household.
- Staff A has no medical conditions either self or household.
- No disability has been declared under the equality act.

- They are not a registered carer for a vulnerable individual.
- They commute by bike therefore can operate optimum social distancing.
- They are not BAME and do not have a vitamin D deficiency.

Result: Staff A has been deemed low risk to return to school.

#### **Medium risk**

<u>Na</u> me	Self	Household	Already	Self	Household	Self	Household	Self	Household	Other	Disability?	Registered	Travel	BAME?	Vitamin D
U	current	current	had	shielding?	shielding?	extremely	extremely	clinically	clinically	medical		carer?	mode		deficiency?
ဖြွ	COVID	COVID	COVID?			clinically	clinically	vulnerable?	vulnerable?	condition?					
96	symptoms?	symptoms?				vulnerable?	vulnerable?								
Staff B	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	$\overline{\checkmark}$	×	×	×	Walk	×	×

- Staff B is not experiencing COVID symptoms either self or household.
- Staff B has a medical condition in their household which is classed as clinically vulnerable.
- No disability has been declared under the equality act.

- They are not a registered carer for a vulnerable individual.
- They commute on foot therefore can operate optimum social distancing.
- They are not BAME and do not have a vitamin D deficiency.

**Result**: Staff B has been deemed medium risk to return to school. Partner's medical condition has been factored in but as he can walk to school, this is deemed as medium risk. We would consider this employee working from home if their role allows it.

Name	Self	Household	Already	Self	Household	Self	Household	Self	Household	Other	Disability?	Registered	Travel	BAME?	Vitamin D
	current	current	had	shielding?	shielding?	extremely	extremely	clinically	clinically	medical		carer?	mode		deficiency?
	COVID	COVID	COVID?			clinically	clinically	vulnerable?	vulnerable?	condition?					
	symptoms?	symptoms?				vulnerable?	vulnerable?								
Staff C	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	Drive	<b>✓</b>	×

- Staff C is not experiencing COVID symptoms either self or household.
- Staff C has no medical conditions either self or household.
- No disability has been declared under the equality act.

- They are not a registered carer for a vulnerable individual.
- They commute by car therefore can operate optimum social distancing.
- They are BAME but do not have a vitamin D deficiency.

**Result**: Staff C has been deemed medium risk to return to school. He is BAME but can drive to school, therefore this is deemed as medium risk. We would consider this employee working from home if their role allows it.

#### **High risk**

Name	Self	Household	Already	Self	Household	Self	Household	Self	Household	Other	Disability?	Registered	Travel	BAME?	Vitamin D
	current	current	had	shielding?	shielding?	extremely	extremely	clinically	clinically	medical		carer?	mode		deficiency?
	COVID	COVID	COVID?			clinically	clinically	vulnerable?	vulnerable?	condition?					
	symptoms?	symptoms?				vulnerable?	vulnerable?								
Staff D	×	×	×	V	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	Public	×	×
			]	]	]			]				]	transport		

- Staff D is not experiencing COVID symptoms either self or household.
- Staff D is shielding and therefore is extremely clinically vulnerable.
- No disability has been declared under the equality act.

- They are not a registered carer for a vulnerable individual.
- They commute by public transport.
- They are not BAME and do not have a vitamin D deficiency.

**Result**: Staff D has been deemed high risk to return to school. She is shielding due to receiving a letter from the government and having one of the defined extremely clinically vulnerable medical conditions. She will be working from home and this will be reviewed regularly. Home working environment, including any adjustments will also be reviewed by school/HR.

#### **High risk**

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ame	Self	Household	Already	Self	Household	Self	Household	Self	Household	Other	Disability?	Registered	Travel	BAME?	Vitamin D
e	current	current	had	shielding?	shielding?	extremely	extremely	clinically	clinically	medical		carer?	mode		deficiency?
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Staff I	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	<b>▼</b>	×	×	×	Drive	V	<b>▼</b>

- Staff E is not experiencing COVID symptoms either self or household.
- Staff E has a medical condition classed as clinically vulnerable.
- No disability has been declared under the equality act.

- They are not a registered carer for a vulnerable individual.
- They commute by driving.
- They are BAME and have a vitamin D deficiency.

**Result**: Staff E has been deemed high risk to return to school. He has asthma which means he is clinically vulnerable, is BAME and has had a recent vitamin d test showing a deficiency. He will be working from home and this will be reviewed regularly. Home working environment, including any adjustments will also be reviewed by school/HR.

Jacqui Collins HRM 05/06/2020

## Agenda Item 6

	INTERNAL
Paper title:	Governance process
Board/Committee:	SBA Board
Date of meeting:	08 June 2020
Author(s):	Michael Broadway, Company Secretary
Sponsor(s):	Hitesh Tailor, Chair of the Board
Purpose:	For Information
Recommendation:	The Board is requested to note the DfE guidance for Boards on re-opening schools and general advice from VWV

#### **Executive summary**

On 4 June 2020, the DfE published an update on coronavirus and school governance, including FAQs to support trustees and to address the specific issues pertinent to trust boards during the coronavirus outbreak. The update is included in full for information.

Also enclosed are some legal FAQs from VWV.

The Board is requested to note.





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# School governance: coronavirus (COVID-19) June update

Updated 4 June 2020

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### Message from the Secretary of State

I wanted to thank you personally for the profound and inspiring leadership of schools at this time. Over the last two months I have seen so many examples of the tenacious determination of schools to find ways to care for children and staff, backed by practical and measured thinking.

I am particularly grateful to you as trustees and governors for your dedication to the wellbeing and capacity of school leaders, who are under immense pressure, as well as your ambition to support your communities. Thank you.

Many schools and trusts have not hesitated to help other schools and trusts in the system, and we would like to encourage you to continue to work closely with each other and with local authorities as we seek to overcome these challenges together.

In his statement on Thursday 28 May 2020, the Prime Minister confirmed that we have made progress in reducing the transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19), and met the 5 tests

(https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/our-plan-to-rebuild-the-uk-governments-covid-19-recovery-strategy/our-plan-to-rebuild-the-uk-governments-covid-19-recovery-strategy#our-aims-saving-lives-saving-livelihoods) set by the government. Based on all the evidence, primary schools can put into practice the plans they have made for a phased return of some pupils from Monday 1 June 2020, and secondary schools from 15 June 2020 – this is alongside the full time provision schools are offering to priority groups, including vulnerable children and children of critical workers. The Department for Education (DfE) has published guidance to support schools to welcome more children back. By returning pupils gradually, settings can reduce the number of children and young people in classrooms compared to usual, and put protective measures

(https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings) in place to reduce risks. The guidance sets out a range of such measures schools should implement, including keeping children in small consistent groups.

Our guidance is clear that schools and colleges continue to be best placed to make decisions about how to support and educate all their pupils during this period. We expect school leaders to prioritise support for pupils' mental health and wellbeing and make their own assessment of pupils' learning and further curriculum support needs, including for those with additional needs or those facing transition to another phase of education.

<u>DfE</u> urges governors and trustees to work together closely with school leaders to ensure that all decisions taken are in the best interest of staff and pupils, as we enter the next phase of our response to coronavirus (COVID-19). We would encourage you to continue to work with local authorities, who have a key role in resilience and emergency planning, as well as responsibility for the wellbeing of vulnerable children and school places. By working in partnership, taking practical steps, and supporting each other, we can steer a course through these challenging times.

<u>DfE</u> will continue to work with the sector to share practical planning advice as well as further detailed guidance, including frequently asked questions (FAQs) for governors and trustees.

You can find <u>DfE</u>'s latest coronavirus (COVID-19) information here (https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-schools-and-other-educational-settings).

I recognise the scale of the ask of schools at this time. In working to support your children, staff and communities, and reaching out to help other school leaders, you are performing an invaluable public service. I applaud your commitment and dedication, and we stand ready to support you in every way we can.

The next few weeks and months will continue to be a challenging time for school and trust leaders. Our regional teams will continue to work closely with you and with local authorities to provide support.

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Thank you again for your leadership.

Gavin Williamson

Secretary of State for Education

# State-funded academy trust and maintained school governance during coronavirus (COVID-19) FAQs

<u>DfE</u> has compiled FAQs to support governors, trustees, governance professionals, clerks and chairs, in both the maintained and academy sectors, and to address the specific issues pertinent to governing and trust boards and local governing bodies (LGBs) during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

The FAQs should be read alongside the other key documents <u>DfE</u> has recently published including:

- actions for educational and childcare settings to prepare for wider opening from 1 June 2020 (http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-educational-and-childcare-settings-to-prepare-for-wider-opening-from-1-june-2020)
- coronavirus (COVID-19): implementing protective measures in education and childcare settings (https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings)
- planning guide for primary schools (https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preparing-for-the-wider-openingof-schools-from-1-june/planning-guide-for-primary-schools)
- planning guide for secondary schools (https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preparing-for-the-wider-opening-of-schools-from-1-june/planning-guide-for-secondary-schools)

We will continue to work with the sector to listen and respond to the issues you are facing, and will provide further guidance where necessary. Thank you for all that you have been doing to support schools, and especially school leaders, throughout this time.

## Role of governing and trust boards

#### 1. What is the role of a governing or trust board in the wider opening of a school?

The governing or trust board is responsible for its schools at a strategic level but chief executive officers (CEOs)/headteachers/principals have delegated responsibilities for the day to day operational management of their school. Governing and trust boards will need to be aware of the operational decisions being taken by the school or trust's senior leaders, and should be assured that an adequate risk assessment has been conducted, and that protective measures are in place to reduce risks to children and staff. In practice, we expect school leaders and boards to work collaboratively in deciding how and when schools can extend their provision to additional pupils.

Headteachers of maintained schools should engage with their local authority and headteachers/principals of academy trusts should engage with the <u>CEO</u>. All schools should engage with their local authorities, as appropriate, to ensure the services they will need to support their operation are in place.

## 2. How can a governing or trust board assure itself of the robustness of the school's risk assessment and plans in preparation for wider opening?

Boards should be assured that the headteacher/principal has had regard to <u>DfE</u>'s guidance in their preparation and planning. This includes advice on putting in place protective measures (https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings) - such as smaller class sizes, and the protective measures in their preparation and planning regimes.

Boards will need to receive and discuss business critical risks as they would normally do with the headteacher/principal in a supportive manner and review the risk assessment and plans as necessary. The National Governance Association (NGA) (https://www.nga.org.uk/getmedia/0db81cf9-6fb5-4145-9139-dbfb1c30dc63/NGA-COVID-19-Issue-7-Guidance-21-May-2020.pdf) and Confederation of School Trusts (CST) (https://cstuk.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/CST-decision-making-framework-for-Trust-Boards-13-May-2020.pdf) have produced further information which boards may find helpful for this process. Boards can find general guidance about their core functions, responsibilities and legal duties in the Governance Handbook (https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/788234/governance\_handbook 2019.pdf).

## 3. How can boards take account of the views of staff, parents/carers and the local community?

Governors and trustees should be satisfied that senior leaders are communicating frequently and effectively with staff, parents, carers and the local community, and listening and responding to any concerns they may have regarding the further opening of the school. In academy trusts, executive leaders and the trust board should engage with the local governing body (<u>LGB</u>) to understand the local context. Governing and trust boards and headteachers/principals should work together to listen to and address any local concerns. Further guidance for parents can be found in <u>DfE</u> guidance for parents and carers (http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers).

## 4. In a trust with multiple academies, what if the local governing body (<u>LGB</u>) does not agree with the decision to extend the opening of an academy?

The trust board has ultimate responsibility for being assured by the <u>CEO</u> that all the academies within the trust have been risk assessed and are ready for extending their opening. If an <u>LGB</u> has concerns regarding the decision to extend the opening of an academy, the <u>LGB</u> chair should raise their concerns in accordance with the scheme of delegation where applicable or directly with the chair of the trust board.

#### 5. How can governing or trust boards continue to function effectively during this time?

<u>DfE</u> understands that governing and trust boards have a key role in supporting their school or trust's senior leaders throughout this period and that decisions will need to be pragmatic, proportionate and sensitive to local circumstances. Boards remain accountable for their schools and should stay connected to senior leaders, and the key operational decisions they are taking, to retain a strategic overview of the school or trust.

Whilst social distancing rules remain, boards should adopt alternative arrangements for holding meetings, for example, by using video or teleconferencing applications. If boards or schools require support to access digital platforms, please see <a href="DfE">DfE</a>'s guidance on help with technology and remote education (http://www.gov.uk/guidance/get-help-with-technology-for-remote-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19). The National Governance Association has also produced guidance for business continuity and holding virtual meetings (https://www.nga.org.uk/Knowledge-Centre/Executive-leaders-and-the-governing-boards/Coronavirus-Information-forgoverning-boards.aspx).

#### 6. Should committees continue to meet during this period?

Governing and trust boards, in discussion with the clerk, should take a pragmatic approach to handling any urgent business and assess whether it is reasonable for virtual committee meetings to go ahead. Availability of governors or trustees will need to be considered to ensure that committee meetings are quorate. It may be more practical for the urgent business of any committee to be discussed at the governing or trust board meeting instead.

# 7. Can trust boards temporarily suspend local governing bodies (LGBs) and committees' powers to assist timely decision-making? Page 75

Yes. If necessary to maintain effective and timely decision making, trustees may temporarily rescind any delegated responsibilities (except where there is a requirement within the Academies Financial Handbook for the establishment of a committee with particular responsibilities), for example, where a committee is currently unable to meet due to coronavirus (COVID-19). However, <u>DfE</u> would expect any short-term changes to be reassessed as the situation changes over the coming months. All boards should keep a paper or electronic record of any decisions related to delegation.

## 8. Can the terms of office of parent governors/trustees and staff governors whose terms of office are coming to an end be extended during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak?

For maintained schools, the legislation does not allow for an extension to the terms of office for elected governors. However, it is a matter for the governing board to decide whether to take a pragmatic approach to the timing of governor elections during the outbreak and continue to function with vacancies where necessary and practical.

For academy trusts, the terms of office of elected parent local governors on LGBs and elected parent trustees will be determined by the articles of association and trustees will need to make pragmatic decisions as to whether terms can be extended under the particular terms of their articles of association (usually the case for parent local governors), or whether the trust can continue to function with less governors or trustees if necessary.

#### 9. Can recruiting and appointing new governors or trustees go ahead?

Recruiting of governors and trustees can still go ahead and discussions with those who are interested can take place virtually. Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks will still need to be carried out. <u>DfE</u>-funded recruitment programmes are still delivering and placing new governors/trustees.

Further information can be found in the guidance on how to find volunteers to become school governors and trustees (http://www.gov.uk/guidance/find-volunteers-to-become-school-governors-and-trustees).

## 10. Can governors, trustees and clerks still access <u>DfE</u>-funded governance leadership and clerking training programmes?

Yes. Providers have made adjustments to how the training is being delivered, moving to online modules where possible. For further information, see guidance on school and academy governance professional development (http://www.gov.uk/guidance/school-governors-professional-development).

## **Pupil attendance**

#### 11. Must all eligible children attend school?

From 1 June 2020, children in nursery, reception, year 1 and year 6 will be eligible to return to primary schools, alongside priority groups who are already eligible, such as vulnerable children and children of critical workers. From 15 June 2020, students in year 10 and 12 can return to secondary schools for some face-to-face support.

Children who are eligible are strongly encouraged to attend school, however, parents will not be penalised for non-attendance at this time. Schools will not be held accountable for attendance performance at this time, but should resume taking their attendance register and continue to complete the online Educational setting status form (https://form.education.gov.uk/service/educational-setting-status) which gives <u>DfE</u> daily updates on how many children and staff are attending.

### **Admissions**

#### 12. How can governing boards manage admissions appeals?

Temporary changes to the School Admission Appeal Regulations 2012 came into force on 24 April which give admission authorities, local authorities and appeal panels some flexibility when dealing with appeals during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. The temporary regulations, called the School Admissions (England) (Coronavirus) (Appeals Arrangements) (Amendment) Regulations 2020, will remain in force until 31 January 2021.

Further information can be found in <u>DfE</u>'s statutory guidance on school admissions appeals (http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-admissions-appeals-code/changes-to-the-school-admission-appeals-code-regulations-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak) which explains the temporary changes in more detail, including how panels can be held virtually. In addition, further guidance on school admission appeals (http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/admission-appeals-for-school-places) is available to assist governing bodies understand their roles and responsibilities.

#### **Exclusions**

## 13. What is the effect of coronavirus (COVID-19) on governing boards' duties to consider reinstatement of excluded pupils and the process for independent review panels (IRPs)?

The government appreciates that it may not have been possible to meet the timeframes set out in the School Discipline (Pupil Exclusions and Reviews) (England) Regulations 2012 for governing board meetings and IRPs over recent months, due to the disruption caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

We have amended the arrangements for governing board and IRP meetings in relation to exclusions occurring from 1 June 2020, and for some exclusions that occurred before that date, to make provision for such meetings to be held virtually provided certain conditions are met, and to extend time limits in some circumstances. Further advice can be found in our guidance changes to the school exclusion process during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak (https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-exclusion/changes-to-the-school-exclusion-process-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak).

## Safeguarding

#### 14. What is the role of the governing and trust boards in safeguarding during this period?

Governing or trusts boards should continue to have regard to the requirements set out in statutory guidance 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' (KCSIE). It is important that boards review and revise their child protection policy regularly as circumstances continue to evolve. Further advice can be found in <u>DfE</u> guidance about coronavirus (COVID-19) and safeguarding in schools, colleges and other providers (http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-safeguarding-in-schools-colleges-and-other-providers).

## 15. What is the role of the governing or trust boards regarding vulnerable and disadvantaged pupils?

It is a government priority for vulnerable children of all year groups to continue to attend school, and for educational settings to continue in their efforts to increase the number of such children attending the educational setting, where it is appropriate for them to do so. Governing and trust boards should continue to support the headteacher/principal in encouraging vulnerable children and young people to attend. Further information can be found in <u>DfE</u> guidance on vulnerable children and young people (http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-vulnerable-children-and-young-people).

Boards should ensure disadvantaged children are being supported to access learning. <u>DfE</u> has announced support for certain children who do not have access to a digital device or an internet connection. Further information can be found in <u>DfE</u> guidance for getting help with technology for remote education during coronavirus (http://www.gov.uk/guidance/get-help-with-technology-for-remote-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19).

#### **Finances**

### 16. Will there be any impacts on schools' budgets and allocations for the next year?

Schools will continue to receive their core funding allocations in 2020 to 2021, regardless of any periods of closure or reduced operation. Funding allocations for 2021 to 2022 will be announced as soon as possible to allow schools time to plan.

We are also providing additional funding to schools, on top of existing budgets, to cover unavoidable costs incurred due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak that cannot be met from their existing resources. Further information can be found in <u>DfE</u> guidance on financial support for schools during coronavirus (COVID-19) (http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-financial-support-for-schools).

This funding does not cover loss of income. Where schools normally provide a service or operation that is wholly or significantly funded by private income, we know this lost revenue will create additional pressure on budgets. Where schools have members of staff delivering these services, which were funded by private income, they should first look to make the necessary savings from their existing budgets or consider options to redeploy these staff. Once these options have been considered, schools can then consider using the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS). See guidance on financial support for education, early years and children's social care (https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-financial-support-for-education-early-years-and-childrens-social-care).

#### 17. How should academy trusts approach financial management at this time?

The Academies Financial Handbook continues to provide the essential framework for effective oversight, control and decision-making. Our 21 April letter to academy trust accounting officers (http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/letter-to-academy-trust-accounting-officers-april-2020) provides more detailed advice about the submission of budget returns and accounts.

### Academy conversions

#### 18. What is the current position regarding academy conversions?

We have already supported schools who wanted to convert to academy status on 1 April and 1 May to do so. <u>DfE</u> will continue to do this for future months on a case-by-case basis - such as to provide certainty and clarity to all school staff about their employment status. Those that do not proceed during this period are not cancelled, and processes will resume as soon as practical.

During this period electronic signatures will be accepted from schools and trusts, and, if needed, legal documents will be signed in counterpart to facilitate projects moving forward. <u>DfE</u> will still physically sign and seal the documents ahead of the first of each month.

#### **Federations**

## 19. Can schools in the middle of a consultation for a proposed federation still go ahead with the consultation?

We are aware of some schools in the middle of a consultation who have chosen to delay the process until a more suitable time. Others may choose to carry on a consultation via email, online surveys, or webinars. In all cases, consideration should be given to the community involved in the consultation and the difficulties they may face in submitting responses.

### **Complaints**

## 20. Do schools need to maintain the same procedures for handling complaints during the outbreak?

For maintained schools, governing bodies are advised that <u>DfE</u> does not expect schools to handle new or existing complaints while they are partially closed during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Schools should, however, still engage with parents and pupils where they can. Complaints should be considered once schools have fully reopened. Further information can be found in <u>DfE</u> guidance for maintained schools on complaints procedures (http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-complaints-procedures/best-practice-advice-for-school-complaints-procedures-2019).

For academies and free schools, the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) is advising complainants that the schools complaints procedure must be completed before a complaint can be escalated to ESFA. However, we accept that it may not be possible to complete the school's usual process during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. The ESFA Chief Executive has notified trusts that ESFA "will not be considering complaints about schools' compliance with complaints and exclusions regulations at this time. If we receive complaints about these, we will notify the complainants that we will consider their complaint once restrictions are eased. Where a school's own complaints processes are underway or have not been completed, we advise that they must be, but acknowledge that schools may not be in a position to follow their usual processes or timescales in this regard." Further information can be found in DfE guidance for academy and free schools (http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/setting-up-an-academies-complaints-procedure).

#### Workforce

## 21. What is the board's role in ensuring staff wellbeing and that their workloads are manageable?

Governing and trust boards, together with senior leaders, should be conscious of the wellbeing of all staff, including senior leaders themselves, and the need to implement flexible working practices in a way that promotes good work-life balance and supports teachers and leaders. Boards will want to assure themselves that workload is being carefully managed by senior leaders and that this is factored into their resource and curriculum planning, including considering where additional resource could be safely brought in if necessary.

#### 22. Should planned staff re-structure/redundancy still take place during this time?

In the case of maintained schools, it will be for local authorities to consider how best to support the governing bodies of the schools that they maintain at this time. In the case of academies, trusts should assess their plans on a case-by-case basis. If academy trusts find themselves facing financial challenges as a result of these decisions, they can contact DfE's dedicated helpline at: DfE.coronavirusHelpline@education.gov.uk

#### 23. Can schools continue to recruit headteachers/principals during this time?

The recruitment of headteachers/principals is a matter for individual governing boards and in trusts, this will be through the trust's scheme of delegation. Schools may wish to refer to the guidance issued by the National Governance Association (http://www.nga.org.uk/getmedia/6c08ef2c-1421-4319-bcbb-2ff98ae94142/COVID-GUIDANCE-ON-DECISIONS-AND-MEETINGS-UPDATE-FINAL-07042020.pdf) on how governing boards should recruit headteachers/principals during the coronavirus (1970) outbreak.

## 24. Should boards continue to appraise the performance of the senior leader/head teacher during this time?

In maintained schools, the governing board remains responsible for this function. Further information can be found in <u>DfE</u> guidance for maintained schools (http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/teacher-appraisal-and-capability-model-policy). In academies, the scheme of delegation will determine if the trust board or <u>LGB</u> holds responsibility. However, <u>DfE</u> encourages all boards to have a flexible and pragmatic approach, keeping in mind that the headteacher's objectives will likely have evolved during the outbreak. We recognise that governors/trustees will want to work collaboratively with the head teacher on how best to support them.

#### **Data collection**

## 25. What is the expectation on providing and analysing data and evidence for educational performance measures and data collection?

To help reduce the burden on educational and care settings at this time, <u>DfE</u> and its agencies have cancelled or paused all but the most essential data collections, services and requests from educational and care settings until the end of June 2020. Further guidance can be found in <u>DfE</u> guidance on reducing burdens on educational and care settings (http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-reducing-burdens-on-educational-and-care-settings).

In addition, <u>DfE</u> will not be publishing any key stage 2, 4 or 16 to 18 educational data in performance tables in autumn 2020. <u>DfE</u> will provide further information about accountability arrangements for future years in due course.

## Inspections

## 26. How is <u>Ofsted</u> judging the effectiveness of schools and governing or trust boards in delivering education during partial school closures?

On 17 March 2020, the Secretary of State for Education announced the temporary suspension of routine <u>Ofsted</u> school inspections. The Secretary of State for Education has subsequently issued a notice to temporarily disapply provisions of school inspection legislation

(https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/disapplication-notice-school-inspections-legislation-changes). The suspension is necessary to alleviate pressure on school leaders and staff and enable them to focus on responding to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. While routine school inspections are not taking place, <u>Ofsted</u> retains the power to inspect schools if it has significant concerns.

There are no plans to re-start routine school inspections this term. We continue to work closely with HM Chief Inspector and the sector, and will only re-start routine inspection when it is appropriate to do so. Further information is available in <u>DfE</u> guidance on <u>Ofsted</u> and coronavirus (COVID-19) (http://www.gov.uk/guidance/ofsted-coronavirus-covid-19-rolling-update).



## Coronavirus FAQs on Planning for School Re-Openings

on Tuesday, 19 May 2020.

We answer critical questions academies and maintained schools may have regarding re-opening during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic (amended 3 June 2020)..

Please note that this document is for general guidance purposes only.

## **School Re-Opening FAQs**

- Can a school opt not to re-open if they choose to do so?
- Is there an increased risk of parents successfully challenging a school to re-open through a judicial review action if a maintained school or academy chooses not to re-open for pupils before September?
- Is it possible to choose a different year groups to re-open?
- Will schools have to offer both remote and on-site provision to members of the same class?
- Will schools be able to open over the summer for students to catch up?
- Can a parent be forced to return their child to school if it re-opens?
- Could a school be sued if a member of staff or a pupil contracted COVID-19 which was traced back to the school? Would this be insured?
- What are the responsibilities of the trustees in academies and governors in maintained schools?
- What information can/should schools be obtaining from pupils/parents/staff in order to manage risk assessments?
- What health and safety measures do schools need to put in place to protect staff, students and parents?
- Operational questions transport arrangements and catering arrangements

## School Admission Appeals

**Expert Advice on the Coronavirus Regulations** 



## Can a school opt not to re-open if they choose to do so?

The Government's guidance encourages schools to plan for a phased re-opening:

- Childcare settings and early years providers from 1 June 2020
- Specified year groups in primary schools from 1 June 2020
- Years 10 and 12 in secondary schools from 15 June 2020

As yet, there is no formal direction that they do so (although the Government has the power to issue one under the *Coronavirus Act 2020*).

Schools are therefore entitled to make their own decision on this, but should do so in the knowledge of the possible ramifications of any decision to remain closed, to include issues such as the risk of:

- regulatory action by the government (through local authorities) requiring them
  to open (albeit that we consider this risk slim if a proper risk assessment is
  carried out) and/or possibly the Secretary of State in relation to an academy's
  funding agreement
- adverse PR at a time when winning the hearts and minds of stakeholders is key.

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Is there an increased risk of parents successfully challenging a school to re-open through a judicial review action if a maintained school or academy chooses not to re-open for pupils before September?

Regardless of the legal merits of any claim, there is a risk of disputes and such claims being made.

The prospects of any such claim being successful will depend on the reasons for the school's decision not to re-open. If, for example, the school does not re-open this term because it is unable to operate in compliance with government coronavirus guidance, or in a manner which is safe and suitable, then there may not be sufficient grounds for judicial review providing the school can demonstrate its reasonable basis for its decision not to re-open.

The school will need to be able to justify decisions taken on the basis of its risk assessments. These should consider the issues on a cohort by cohort basis, and with special regard for pupils who are yellow ble.

Decisions and risk assessments will be open to scrutiny, so it is important that they are rigorous and well documented. Effective engagement with staff (which is mandatory) and parents (recommended) concerning risk levels and the basis of any decision may help to manage the risk of disputes arising.

We note that insurance provided by the RPA (and standard cover provided by commonly used commercial insurers) does not extend to legal costs incurred in defending judicial review proceedings.

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### Is it possible to choose different year groups to re-open?

The Government has stated it only wants schools to extend their opening to pupils in eligible year groups specified in the guidance. Before any schools seeks to deviate from the specified year groups, we would advise contacting the local authority and the school's insurer before final decisions are made. Following this, if it is possible to extend the year groups (which we think may be unlikely), then the rigorous risk assessment and documentation, plus all other steps must be extended accordingly.

At this stage, and with ministers being very specific on which year groups should return and the orders of priority, schools are advised to consider both the regulatory and reputational risks of deviating from the government guidance very carefully.

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# Will schools have to offer both remote and on-site provision to members of the same class?

The general expectation is that primary and secondary schools will provide face-to-face tuition to specified year groups and continue to provide remote education to children in those year groups whose parents choose not to send them, and to other year groups.

## **Childcare and Early Years Settings**

The Government is asking these settings to continue to support the learning of those children not attending these settings, as well as providing support to parents and carers for home learning.

## **Primary Schools**

Schools will be under a continued duty to support and educate pupils who are in year groups which are back in school **Rage** 830 not attend, whether because they

or somebody they live with are shielding, or they are self-isolating, or simply because their parents have decided against sending them to school.

A school's responsibilities in these circumstances will be the same as have always been in place for pupils who are unable to attend school, and will not necessarily extend to the provision of formal timetabled classes remotely.

We do not expect that teachers will be able to provide face to face and remote education concurrently so schools should consider how they can reasonably support pupils who are away from school when their class returns and discuss this with parents.

Primary schools are asked to consider where pupils may benefit from printed resources, where online access may not be possible.

### **Secondary Schools**

Schools will be under a duty to use best endeavours to support pupils remaining at home, to make the most of the remote education available to ensure a 'high quality offer'.

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## Will schools be able to open over the summer for students to catch up?

We understand that the Government is currently considering approving summer schools to help pupils to catch up, particularly for disadvantaged Year 10 and 12 pupils.

Availability of staff, preparing the site, and putting the necessary practical steps in place to reduce risk would also need to be considered.

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## Can a parent be forced to return their child to school if it re-opens?

The Government has made it clear that it is only 'strongly encouraging" parents of eligible children to send their children to school, and that parents will not be sanctioned for not doing so. In addition, schools will not be accountable for their attendance figures during this period Page 84

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# Could a school be sued if a member of staff or a pupil contracted COVID-19 which was traced back to the school? Would this be insured?

We cannot rule out the risk of any such claim. However, if schools were to face one, then both the claim and the costs of dealing with it are likely to be insured. We strongly advise schools to check their insurance cover in advance, and ask for this to be confirmed in writing.

Such claims would be likely to be based on a failure to comply with the relevant health and safety legislation and/or a failure to take reasonable care, which means that the school's risk assessments and adherence to the measures identified in that are likely to be key to defending any claim.

### The RPA has stated in their FAQs that:

"If a claim is brought against the school (or governor) we can confirm that RPA will defend the claim on the school's (or governor's) behalf, the RPA will also indemnify the school to the extent that the school (or governor) is legally liable to pay compensation or damages to the injured person. The relevant sections of the RPA are the Governor's Liability, Employers Liability and Third Party Liability.

We trust risk assessments will be in place and a review of policies and procedures as a result of official guidance issued by the Department in respect of schools reopening following the COVID-19 outbreak..."

The courts are likely, in these circumstances, to not just consider the law, but also the provisions of the *Compensation Act 2006* and the desirability of the activity in question.

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## What are the responsibilities of the trustees in academies and governors in maintained schools?

Trustees have a general duty to take reasonable steps to assess and manage risks to the Trust's activities, pupils and staff, property, work or reputation. In discharging this duty, the Trustees are under an obligation to exercise reasonable care, skill and due diligence.

As with any other duty, personal liabilities can in theory arise, if there is a breach of these duties. However, the law (and insurance) generally protect trustees who have acted honestly and reasonably and who have not benefited from their actions. Higher standards are expected of a trustee with particular relevant expertise.

It is therefore important for the trustees to have general policies in place in relation to risk and to demonstrate their engagement and oversight of the risk management process. They should test the robustness of the assessments and keep this under review.

### Practical steps:

- Ensure a clear paper trail demonstrating scrutiny of the risk management processes
- Establish clear lines of reporting to the board
- Board to consider delegation of the oversight of the matter to a committee

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# What information can/should schools be obtaining from pupils/parents/staff in order to manage risk assessments?

Schools are under a legal duty to assess risks to health, safety and welfare of staff and pupils.

Effective risk assessment and planning will require engagement with parents and staff, and the sharing of information about their personal circumstances and those of their pupils.

We have prepared a draft communication to parents seeking information from them, which we will be happy to share with you.

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# What health and safety measures do schools need to put in place to protect staff, students and parents?

The Government has produced guidance to support schools on implementing protective measures in education and childcare settings and safe working in education, childcare and children's social care to help them to reduce the risk of transmission as more pupils return to school. Approaches schools have been asked to take include:

- Carrying out risk assessments before opening to more pupils. This should directly address risks associated with coronavirus to minimise risks to pupils and staff.
- Making sure pupils don't attend if they, or a member of their household has symptoms of coronavirus (which has now been extended to include a loss of sense of smell and taste).
- Promoting regular hand washing for 20 seconds with running water and soap and/or use of sanitiser.
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- Cleaning the premises frequently, especially frequently touched surfaces (eg door handles and plates).
- Minimising contact through smaller classes or group sizes, changing layouts of classrooms if necessary.
- Reducing mixing between groups through timetable changes, staggered break times, different drop off and collection times.

The Government has also published planning guides for early years and childcare settings, primary schools and secondary schools.

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## Operational questions - transport arrangements and catering arrangements

### **Transport Arrangements**

Pupils are encouraged to walk or cycle to school where possible and avoid public transport at peak times. The Government has produced *Coronavirus (COVID-19):* safer travel guidance for passengers which staff, parents and pupils should use to plan their journeys.

Schools have been asked to ensure that the use of public transport for travel to and from school is minimised, especially at peak times. The Government is currently consulting with sector representatives to develop suggested models to demonstrate how this could operate and will publish further guidance in the coming weeks.

If schools arrange their own home to school transport, they should seek assurance from their transport providers that they have put measures in place to assess and address the risks of coronavirus in accordance with *Coronavirus (COVID-19): safer transport guidance for operators*. Schools should also review this if they plan to use their own minibuses during this time.

### **Catering Arrangements**

The expectation is that schools will provide meals for all children in school, which will require appropriate social distancing and hygiene measures to be put in place and discussions with kitchen staff about how meals will be prepared and served safely.

Lunch breaks may need to be staggered to reduce mixing between groups of pupils and ensure tables are cleaned between sittings.

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Recommendation:	The Board is requested to note that the executive is exploring the possibility of the Sir Simon Milton Westminster UTC joining SBA and to approve the Executive commencing due diligence

#### **Executive summary**

The Executive have been contacted by the Baker Dearing Trust (BDT) and requested to consider the Sir Simon Milton Westminster UTC (SSMW) as a possible merger partner.

Initial engagement with DfE has obtained a commitment to consider the merger if the UTC wished to merge.

The SSMW Board is interested in progressing talks – the enclosed paper was considered by the SSMW Board at a recent meeting.

The school has both quality and financial issues and appropriate due diligence is being planned. A potential financial package is being explored with the DfE.

The school has a new high quality multimillion facility, it is sponsored by one of our key partners (TfL) and geographically is well located. A proposal for improving outcomes at SSMW is attached for information.

The Board is requested to note and to approve that the Executive commences due diligence.



#### **LSBU Group**

#### 1. Constituent Parts

LSBU Group comprises South Bank Academies MAT; South Bank Colleges (at Clapham, Brixton and Nine Elms); South Bank Enterprises; and London South Bank University. South Bank Colleges currently comprises Lambeth College and is creating a new technical college at Nine Elms. These organisations work to a shared educational framework based on applied and contextualised learning, providing high quality professional and technical education aligned to the needs of the local labour market and employers, and leading to rewarding careers.

South Bank Academies MAT comprises: South Bank Engineering UTC, Brixton; and University Academy of Engineering South Bank, Walworth. The UTC and Academy were created *de novo* and, through effective forecasting and strong financial management, the MAT has built a healthy surplus.

<u>South Bank UTC</u> focuses on engineering and health and is co-sponsored by Skanska, and Guy's and St Thomas' and King's College NHS Foundation Trusts. Each are highly engaged in the UTC, designing and delivering real-world projects. The UTC has been admitted to the register of apprenticeship providers and is developing this offer as part of the Group. After spending its initial years in temporary accommodation, the UTC has moved into new cutting edge facilities. It has now secured strong technical qualification outcomes and student destinations, with the support of experienced colleagues at the Academy.

<u>University Academy of Engineering South Bank</u> delivers an innovative curriculum designed to encourage creativity around STEAM learning. The curriculum is supplemented with innovative work to develop students' social and cultural capital, in a belief that students should have agency in their education. It is building on its Good Ofsted grade with leading edge professional development and remote learning technology.

<u>South Bank Colleges</u> took over Lambeth College in 2019. We have been working to turn around the College, focusing on issues of quality and finance. In this first year, we have reduced the deficit by 2/3rds and significantly improved learner outcomes, moving the College into the top 50 nationally.

London South Bank University has key strengthens in engineering, construction and health and social care. It is a leading university for higher and degree apprenticeships with nearly 2000 apprentices, many from leading national and international companies as well as from local SMEs. The apprenticeship provision is rated "Good" and is overseen by our Institute of Professional and Technical Education which provides support across the Group, with the university, college and UTC established on RoTAP. LSBU Group has over 1000 employer partners and 7000 students are supported by their employers. Clients include major infrastructure providers including Network Rail and TfL and major construction companies, providing further opportunities for employer engagement across the Group.

#### 2. Group Ethos

Whilst working to a single mission - to transform lives, business and communities through education and insight - each part of LSBU Group takes responsibility for delivering excellent academic outcomes that meet its own learner expectations. The Group supports with professional services such as HR, leadership development, Finance, Marketing and infrastructure.

The content and delivery of LSBU Group education is based on a detailed understanding of employer expectations and built around the personal and career needs and ambitions of our learners, whether they are full time or work based. LSBU was named in both 2018 and 2019 as University of the Year

for Graduate Employment by the Times Good University Guide. Editor of the Guide, Alistair McCall described this as "unprecedented" and observed that: "London South Bank's success in getting its graduates into high-quality jobs is little short of phenomenal".

#### 3. Educational Pathways

We are working across the Group to establish clear academic and career pathways with signposts for students. Students at the Academy, which will increasingly focus on GCSE and A-level, can transfer to the UTC, which provides BTEC and A-level combinations. We are also seeking to facilitate students with a more vocational focus to transfer to the College to undertake NVQ awards. Students are supported to progress to university at LSBU or elsewhere; into employment; or into apprenticeships within and beyond the Group.

#### 4. Engagement between LSBU and South Bank Academies MAT

SBA benefits from the Group include academic enrichment, for example through curriculum and extra-curricular projects; mentoring and guidance; personalised pathways support, including UCAS and personal statement writing; and access to specialist equipment, personnel and networks.

SBA is jointly developing a secondary engineering PGCE programme, already approved by DfE for first delivery in 2021, to increase the pipeline of high quality, well-qualified engineering teachers, with a draw from LSBU's undergraduate engineering courses. LSBU students have already volunteered to support engineering programmes at the MAT, and some have gone on to teaching.

Safia Barikzai, an LSBU Associate Professor in Engineering and Computer Science, has led a series of programmes with the MAT. Safia was a PRECIOUS Awards 2016 finalist in the 'Outstanding Woman in STEM' category and provides a valuable role model, especially for female pupils. One of these projects is the Erasmus+ InventEUrs project which fosters social inclusion and equity in multicultural schools. Our project won an award from Informatics Europe sponsored by Microsoft and was a finalist in the Times Higher Education Award in the 'Widening participation and outreach initiative of the year' category.

#### 5. Potential fit between Sir Simon Milton Westminster UTC and LSBU Group

- Complementary educational portfolios
- Geographic locations distinct but offering resource sharing opportunities
- Potential links to new technical college at Nine Elms featuring high quality digital spine
- Academy provides learner feeder routes
- Group provides pathways to FE and HE, and opportunities in T-Levels and apprenticeships
- Established understanding of UTC ethos and model, including the curriculum, leadership and governance challenges
- Well-developed marketing and student recruitment capabilities within the Group
- Technical support available through South Bank UTC and Group, supplemented by sponsors and employer partners, with additional resources in relevant areas of specialism, including synergies in equipment which facilitate training and deployment
- Significant curriculum expertise in STEM
- Shared access to established back office resources, including HR, Finance and IT, with successful institutional turnaround experience
- Opportunities to enhance CPD through wider Group offer
- Opportunities to further develop new and existing employer links
- Opportunities to extend geographical reach
- Opportunities for staff development through shared working and multi-site roles
- Opportunities to extend curriculum



## Proposal for improving outcomes at SSMW UTC

#### 1. Attainment and progress.

- Implementation of robust, information-driven self-evaluation and improvement planning feeding into Quality Committee for support and challenge; triangulation with external review including SIA and DfE.
- Support targeted at engineering specialism SBA well placed to train and mentor engineering staff, share planning, resourcing and curriculum design to improve engineering outcomes; shared BTEC unit delivery model.
- Robust assessment and feedback model with CATS baseline, rigorous data analysis to generate high quality management information to inform target setting and interventions.
   SBA familiar with UTC 'progress from starting points' model with strong central data skillset.
- Support for high quality blended delivery model with proven expertise in remote learning to support delivery in Autumn 2020 and possibly beyond.

#### 2. Reducing inconsistency in quality of teaching.

- Staff training and resourcing to implement high quality knowledge-rich curriculum based on cognitive science principles such as spaced retrieval, aligned to Ofsted thinking on knowledge.
- Input from existing SBA SLT to support leadership at all levels: leveraging expertise within group.
- Subject networks across group to add expertise eg in standardisation and moderation of grades to mitigate risks of small department size and limited expertise: access to examiners in-house to generate robust assessment data.
- Implementation of quality assurance systems and processes aligned to Ofsted Deep Dive methodology to increase strength in middle leadership and provide high quality management information to feed improvement planning.
- Mentoring and professional development programmes from across the group for staff.
- Pathways through to QTS through group new engineering PGCE to grow own teachers.
- Opportunities for cross-group teaching; increased development opportunities to assist recruitment and retention of high calibre teaching staff.

#### 3. Curriculum extension and value add.

- Shared use of facilities to extend curriculum offer eg composites units through South Bank
- High quality advice and guidance and development of employability through existing SBA and group structures to support high quality destinations
- Opportunity to leverage blended delivery model to extend curriculum offer eg English A level
- Group value add offer to include mentoring, UCAS and apprenticeship support, pathways model, projects, access to employer partner network
- Group capability to support eg health and safety, HR, legal, governance.

 Central expertise and capacity available within core SBA team: Executive Principal, Business Management, HR, marketing.

#### 4. Increased efficiencies

- Purchasing power through group eg IT, print services
- Efficiencies through central contracting of network management, cleaning and catering to reduce cost
- Central expertise to support efficient budgeting, curriculum design and staffing models

#### 5. Raising student numbers.

- Group career pathways model as recruitment driver externally: including university and apprenticeships to support aspirations
- Group marketing support: web and graphic design, social media management, aligned (virtual) open events and tasters
- Internal recruitment pathways through group eg UAE

### Vision for the future

- Vision and mission. More in line with LSBU Group Access to Opportunity, Student Success, Real World Outcomes, Fit for the Future. Mission around professional and technical education with social capital development to support high quality destinations.
- Specialism. To be reviewed but initial suggestion to pivot towards broad Digital specialism: will extend group portfolio, complement but not overlap with South Bank UTC, meet employer and labour market demands and offer pathways into Group for HE and apprenticeships.
- Take opportunity to use admissions consultation to reduce PAN in Key Stage 4 for 2021 onwards prioritising engaged learners. Year 10 entry to be retained.
- Engage with immediate and pan-London local authorities to build sustainable collaborations and inform place planning decisions.
- Move towards articulating a joined-up career pathways model, with shared delivery Post-16 across SBA and group institutions.
- Renewed engagements with existing employer sponsors, with active recruitment of breadth of new SME employer partners to extend curriculum offer.
- Increased use of innovative staffing and delivery models: for example with cross-site SLT roles to support local leadership, add expertise and increase retention.
- Utilise range of tools including integrated curriculum-led financial planning to steady financial position and move into balanced budget scenario. SBA well placed with proven ability to deliver financial surplus and probity in challenging UTC context.
- Review and rebuild governance arrangements to support effective strategic oversight
- Review and rebuild governance arrangements to support effective strategic oversight along with local challenge and support; key stakeholder voices represented.