

School reopening risk assessment: Presdales School

The measures listed are based on current (24th February 2022) government guidance:

- [Actions for education settings to prepare for wider opening](#)
- [Implementing preventative measures in education settings](#)
- [Guidance for secondary school provision](#)
- [Safe working in education settings](#)

RAG rate for control measures

- Red: this measure cannot be put in place in our school at any time
- Amber: this measure can be put in place, but not in time for when we've been asked to reopen
- Green: this measure is in place, or can be in place for when we've been asked to reopen

HAZARD	WHO MIGHT BE HARMED	CONTROLS TO BE PUT IN PLACE	WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE	WHEN THE CONTROLS NEED TO BE IN PLACE BY	ADDITIONAL NOTES
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		<p>and the passenger will wear a face mask if they are old enough and able to do so</p> <p>A deep clean will take place in the areas that the symptomatic person has been in, and PPE will be disposed of properly, following decontamination guidance.</p> <p>If cases within school rise / increase substantially, we will seek public health advice and look to enforce the outbreak management plan. If a student, child or staff member is admitted to hospital with COVID-19. Hospitalisation could indicate increased severity of illness or a new variant of concern.</p> <p>Additional action that could be advised by public health experts. The DfE helpline and a Director of Public Health (DsPH) or a Health Protection Team (HPT) subsequently judges that additional action should be taken because they have assessed that transmission is likely to be occurring in the school then, they may advise the following extra measures such as:</p> <p>At the point of reaching a threshold, we will review and reinforce the testing, hygiene and ventilation measures we already have in place.</p> <p>Staff and students have been advised to wear a face covering in all areas of the school.</p> <p>We will also consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• whether any activities could take place outdoors, including exercise, assemblies, or classes• ways to improve ventilation indoors, where this would not significantly impact thermal comfort• one-off enhanced cleaning focussing on touch points and any shared equipment <p>We might also have to reconsider:</p>			
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<p>Contact with coronavirus when getting to and from school</p>		<p>Everyone will be encouraged to walk, cycle, or be dropped off by car to school, and warned to avoid taking public transport during peak times.</p> <p>For anyone who needs to take public transport, they'll be referred to government guidance</p> <p>Hertfordshire County Council are coordinating the bus provision for schools across the county and they are aware of the increased demand needed in September to ensure students are able to get to school.</p> <p>To confirm the details of specific bus routes, please check with HCC using this link for their updated schedules.</p> <p>HCC have published the following guidance for local authority contracted routes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Schools must ensure students are able to wash/sanitise their hands when arriving at school · Vehicles will be cleaned regularly if the student is travelling to school by public transport: <p>Anyone wearing non-disposable face coverings when arriving to school will be advised to bring a sealed plastic bag to keep these in during the school day. If they're using disposable face coverings, these will be put in a covered bin.</p>	<p>MLW</p> <p>MLW</p> <p>MLW</p> <p>MLW</p>	<p>16/8</p>	
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<p>Spreading infection due to excessive contact and mixing between students and staff in classrooms</p>		<p>Every student will be provided with a new teaching and learning toolkit. This will be a ziplock bag that contains a mini whiteboard, pen, eraser and coloured cards. We intend to add learning resources to this bag over time.</p> <p>We will ensure that music lessons continue across the curriculum. Ensuring we follow the recommended guidance. Music lessons will not involve any sharing of equipment or instruments across year groups. Despite these changes and restrictions, we have ensured that a full and exciting music curriculum will continue.</p> <p>Our Practice rooms will be available for students to use during the school day for the majority of students. They will be open to A Level Music students and peripatetic teachers</p> <p>Students will be asked to wear their PE kit to school on the days that they have PE lessons. They will remain in their PE kits following the lesson. This will avoid the need to use changing rooms. For physical activity, contact sports will be avoided. Outdoor sports will be prioritised where possible, or large indoor spaces used where it is not. Distance between students will be maximised as much as possible</p>	<p>MLW/JES/SM All staff</p>	<p>16/8</p>	
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<p>Spreading infection due to excessive contact and mixing between students and staff around the school</p>		<p>School Canteen</p> <p>The school canteen will reopen to all students at break and lunchtime. During break, students will be encouraged to collect their food items and leave the dining room as quickly as possible.</p> <p>At lunchtime, students will be able to use the dining room when their year group bell sounds and they will be able to eat their food inside the dining room or take it away to eat outside.</p> <p>Toilets</p> <p>Students can only leave lessons one at a time to use the toilet. Multiple toilets will be available.</p> <p>Year 7- bottom floor, nearest the lecture theatre</p> <p>Year 8 -bottom floor, nearest room 6</p> <p>Year 10/11 -main teaching block toilets</p> <p>Year - 9 tech block toilets</p> <p>Sixth form - mansion toilets</p> <p>The accessible toilets are open to all year groups.</p> <p>A record will be kept of all visitors.</p> <p>In exceptional circumstances, parents will be able to drop off items during the school day e.g. forgotten books, PE kits, lunches.</p>	<p>JF/Site team</p> <p>AC/CH /Kitchen staff</p>	<p>16/8</p>	
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		<p>Exceptions to this policy are for parents dropping off medication or a lunch where the student has a specific dietary requirement that we cannot accommodate in our canteen</p> <p>Domestic educational visits can take place, but only subject to a separate risk assessment that considers the coronavirus measures in place at the destination.</p>			
Spreading infection due to the school environment		<p><u>Checks to the premises</u> will be done to make sure the school is up to health and safety standards before reopening.</p> <p>Fire, first aid and emergency procedures will be reviewed to make sure they can still be followed with limited staff and changes to how the school space is being used.</p> <p>Areas in use will be well ventilated by opening windows or using ventilation units. Doors will be propped open, where fire safety and safeguarding wouldn't be compromised.</p> <p>Lidded bins will be provided in classrooms and other key locations to dispose of tissues and any other waste.</p> <p>Outdoor space will be used for breaks, and for education if appropriate</p>	<p>JF/Site team</p> <p>MLW/AC/SM</p> <p>Site team</p> <p>JF/Site team</p> <p>All staff</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>16/8</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	
Spreading infection due to excessive contact and mixing in meetings		<p>Where possible, all meetings will continue to be conducted by telephone or using video conferencing. This includes meetings with staff, parents, visitors and trustees.</p> <p>Where this isn't possible, essential meetings will be conducted in a large well ventilated room.</p>	<p>MLW</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	

Individuals vulnerable to serious infection coming into school		Staff who are clinically vulnerable or clinically extremely vulnerable and coming into school will be placed in the safest possible on-site roles. All relevant members of staff have an individualised risk assessment.	MLW	Ongoing	
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