

COVID-19 School Risk Assessment Record

Operations/Work Activities covered by this assessment:	COVID-19 SCHOOL RISK ASSESSMENT RECORD					
Site Address/Location:	NUAST, 93 Abbey Street, Nottingham, NG7 2PL	Department/Service/Team:	SLT			
Assessment Date:	22/02/2022	Lead Assessor:	Steven Self			
Authorised By:	Bob White, Principal					
Who Might Be Affected	Employee <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Contractor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Visitor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pupil <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Client <input type="checkbox"/>	Member of Public/Third Party <input type="checkbox"/>
Note: A person specific assessment must be carried out for young persons, pregnant employees and nursing employees						

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School failure to follow National Government Guidelines.	Individuals may be exposed to COVID-19.	<p>Steve Self will be responsible for checking government guidance daily. In their absence Bob White will fulfil this role.</p> <p>Up to date guidance is distributed and communicated through the school community, including; Governors, Staff, school-based Union Reps, Academy Trust etc. via email</p> <p>Changes to school arrangements will be communicated to parents via Parentmail</p> <p>Changes to pupil arrangements / requirements to be communicated and reinforced via Head Teacher / Teachers.</p> <p>Queries regarding COVID-19 in schools, other educational establishments and children's social care can be discussed via the DfE Coronavirus helpline, tel: 0800 046 8687 / dfc.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk</p> <p>From 24/02/2022 the following announcements were made by HM Government</p>	L	H	L	

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		<p>Removing the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test</p> <p>No longer ask fully vaccinated close contacts and those under the age of 18 to test daily for 7 days and removed the legal requirement for close contacts who are not fully vaccinated to self-isolate.</p> <p>Revoked the Health Protection Regulations in England.</p>				
Increased risk of transmission due to increased pupils / staff working in close proximity.	Individuals may be exposed to COVID-19.	<p>Government guidance no longer recommend that it is necessary to keep pupils in consistent groups or 'bubbles'.</p> <p>Assemblies can resume. The following control measures will be implemented to ensure that assemblies are managed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assemblies can be conducted in their usual way <p>Pupil groups are now able to mix during lunchtime. The following control measures will be implemented to ensure that lunchtimes are managed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunchtime will be staggered, years 7&8 12.00-12.30, Years 9&10 12.30-1.00, Year 11 plus KS5 1.00-1.30 <p>The reintroduction of 'bubbles', which may be considered as part of a response to an outbreak – needs to consider the impact on education delivery.</p> <p>Education settings will continue to have a role in working with health protection teams in the case of a local outbreak. If there is an outbreak a setting may be advised to temporarily reintroduce some control measures.</p> <p>It is vital that a schools COVID-19 outbreak management plan is fully implemented which outlines proportionate control measures to manage and reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission in the event of an outbreak.</p>	L	H	L	
Management of confirmed cases of COVID-19 amongst the school community.	Individuals may be exposed to COVID-19.	<p>Close contacts will be identified via NHS Test and Trace and education settings are no longer expected to undertake contact tracing.</p> <p>NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case to identify close contacts.</p> <p>From 16th August 2021, children under the age of 18 years and 6 months old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace</p>	L	H	L	

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		<p>as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case. Instead, children will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. All individuals are encouraged to take a PCR test if advised to do so.</p> <p>18-year-olds will be treated the same way as children until 6 months after their 18th birthday, to allow them the opportunity to get fully vaccinated. At which point, they will be subject to the same rules as adults and so if they choose not to get vaccinated, they will need to self-isolate if identified as a close contact (unless there is a medical reason for being exempt from vaccination or they are taking part in a vaccine trial).</p> <p>From 16th August 2021, adults who are fully vaccinated (defined as 2 doses of MHRA-approved vaccine with second dose at least 14 days prior to exposure to a confirmed COVID-19 case), unvaccinated adults who have a medical reason for being exempt from vaccination and adults who are taking part or have taken part in an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial will also be exempt from self-isolation if contacted by NHS Test and Trace. Instead, they will be advised to take a PCR test.</p> <p>Education settings will continue to have a role in working with health protection teams in the case of a local outbreak. If there is an outbreak a setting may be advised to temporarily reintroduce some control measures.</p> <p>It is vital that a schools COVID-19 outbreak management plan is fully implemented which outlines proportionate control measures to manage and reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission in the event of an outbreak.</p>				
Use of face coverings in education settings to minimise transmission of COVID-19.	Individuals may be exposed to COVID-19.	<p>From 24/02/2022 Face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors either in classrooms or in communal areas. Staff and pupils may wear a mask should they choose to do so.</p> <p>The legal requirement to wear face coverings has been removed, however, there is an expectation they are worn in enclosed crowded spaces where you may come into contact with people you don't normally meet. This includes public transport and dedicated school transport.</p> <p>If there is an outbreak in school, you may be advised to temporarily reintroduce the wearing of face coverings in communal areas of classrooms (by pupils, staff and visitors, unless exempt).</p>	L	H	L	

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		<p>It is vital that a schools COVID-19 outbreak management plan is fully implemented which outlines proportionate control measures to manage and reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission in the event of an outbreak.</p> <p>Face coverings (whether transparent or cloth) must fit securely around the face to cover the nose and mouth and be made with a breathable material capable of filtering airborne particles.</p> <p>Face visors or shields can be worn by those exempt from wearing a face covering but they are not an equivalent alternative in terms of source control of virus transmission. In this situation an individual risk assessment must be completed, and items must always be cleaned appropriately.</p> <p>The use of face coverings may have a particular impact on those who rely on visual signals for communication. Those who communicate with or provide support to those who do, are exempt from any recommendation to wear face coverings in education and childcare settings.</p> <p>You have a duty to make reasonable adjustments for disabled pupils to support them to access education successfully. Where appropriate, you should discuss with pupils and parents the types of reasonable adjustments that are being considered to support an individual.</p> <p>No pupil or student should be denied education on the grounds of whether they are, or are not, wearing a face covering.</p>				
Outbreak management of confirmed cases of COVID-19 amongst the school community.	Individuals may be exposed to COVID-19.	<p>The school has an outbreak management plan outlining how the school operates if there is an outbreak in the school or local area.</p> <p>Please refer to the outbreak thresholds given in the Contingency Framework for childcare and educational settings (page 18).</p> <p>Additional support is available via the DfE helpline on 0800 046 8687 and selecting option 1 for advice on the action to take if you are concerned about transmission in the setting.</p>	L	H	M	
Increased risk of transmission due to inadequate hygiene and inadequate PPE.	Individuals may be exposed to COVID-19.	<p>Hand and respiratory hygiene Frequent and thorough hand cleaning should now be regular practice. You must continue to ensure that pupils clean their hands regularly. This can be done with soap and water or hand sanitiser.</p> <p>Staff to reinforce messages (to pupils and others) to;</p>	L	H	M	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands. Wash hands immediately after doing so. Catch it, Bin it, Kill it. Cover cough / sneeze with tissue, throwing tissue in the bin and washing hands. Lidded bins MUST be used. <p>All staff, pupils, contractors and visitors will be required to wash their hands for 20 seconds with soap and water, remembering the importance of proper drying;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Before leaving home On arrival at school After using the toilet After breaks / sporting activities When changing rooms Before food preparation Before and after eating any food (inc. snacks) Before leaving school <p>Staff to supervise young children and pupils with complex needs to ensure they wash their hands for 20 seconds with soap and running water.</p> <p>Supervised use of hand sanitiser to minimise risk of ingestion. Consider alternatives such as skin friendly skin cleaning wipes.</p> <p>Use of hand gel and accessibility to children is risk assessed within a COSHH assessment and MSDS sheet is available. Specific consideration to ingestion and fire. Note: hand washing is more effective than the use of hand gel.</p> <p>Free resources are available, including materials to encourage good hand and respiratory hygiene via: Information about the Coronavirus (e-bug.eu)</p> <p>Use of personal protective equipment (PPE) Most staff in schools will not require PPE beyond what they would normally need for their work. Further guidance is available at: Use of PPE in education, childcare and children's social care - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p>				
Increased risk of transmission due to inadequate cleaning regimes.	Individuals may be exposed to COVID-19.	<p>An appropriate cleaning schedule must be implemented and maintained. This must include regular cleaning of areas and equipment (for example, twice per day), with a particular focus on frequently touched surfaces.</p> <p>The risks from any hazardous substances used for cleaning MUST be COSHH assessed and MSDS sheet available. Findings will be formally communicated to</p>	L	H	L	

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		<p>relevant persons. Key considerations given to use of products in classrooms e.g. safe storage.</p> <p>Staff required to conduct cleaning tasks to have received suitable and sufficient training for safe cleaning procedures and use of hazardous substances.</p> <p>Additional guidance is available at: COVID-19: cleaning of non-healthcare settings outside the home - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p>				
Increased risk of transmission due to insufficient ventilation.	Individuals may be exposed to COVID-19.	<p>When your school is in operation, it is important to ensure it is well ventilated and that a comfortable teaching environment is maintained.</p> <p>Poorly ventilated areas of school must be identified, and controls implemented to improve fresh air flow in these areas particularly when holding events where visitors such as parents are on site, for example, school plays, assemblies.</p> <p>Poorly ventilated areas include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Floors 1 & 2 have no natural ventilation. Classroom doors will continue to be left open. The building has an AHU air cooling system in place Doors and vented windows will be left open where appropriate. <p>Mechanical ventilation is a system that uses a fan to draw fresh air or extract air from a room. These must be adjusted to increase the ventilation rate wherever possible and checked to confirm that normal operation meets current guidance and that only fresh outside air is circulated.</p> <p>If possible, systems must be adjusted to full fresh air or, if this is not possible, then system should be operated as normal as long as they are within a within a single room and supplemented by an outdoor air supply.</p> <p>Where mechanical ventilation systems exist, you must ensure that they are maintained in accordance with the manufacturers' recommendations.</p> <p>Opening external windows can improve natural ventilation, and in addition opening internal doors can also assist with creating a throughput of air. If necessary, external opening doors may also be used (if they are not fire doors and where it is safe to do so).</p> <p>The need for increased ventilation while maintaining a comfortable temperature must be balanced.</p>	L	H	L	

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		<p>If you require any further support or guidance relating to ventilation in your school please contact Suzanne Smith (Compliance, Maintenance and Risk Manager) via: suzanne.smith@nottsc.gov.uk.</p> <p>Additional guidance is also available at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ventilation and air conditioning during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic (hse.gov.uk) • CIBSE - Coronavirus COVID 19 				
Failure to follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.	Individuals may be exposed to COVID-19.	<p>When an individual develops COVID-19 symptoms and has a positive test Pupils, staff and other adults must follow public health advice on when to self-isolate and what to do. Further information is available at: When to self-isolate and what to do - Coronavirus (COVID-19) - NHS (www.nhs.uk)</p> <p>Pupils are advised they must not come into school if</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have had a positive test result <p>Details on COVID-19 symptoms are available at: Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) - NHS (www.nhs.uk)</p> <p>If a pupil is awaiting collection, they must be left in a room on their own if possible and safe to do so. A window should be opened for fresh air ventilation if possible. Appropriate PPE should also be used if close contact is necessary. Further information is available at: Use of PPE in education, childcare and children's social care - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk).</p> <p>Symptomatic child will be moved to the First Aid Room which is used as the isolation area until parent arrives for collection.</p> <p>Any rooms used must be cleaned after they have left. The Government guidance for cleaning non-healthcare settings MUST be followed: COVID-19: cleaning in non-healthcare settings outside the home - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p> <p>Everyone MUST wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with soap and running water after any contact with someone who is unwell.</p> <p>If storing waste, prior to disposal due to confirmed or suspected COVID-19 ensure this does not create any additional hazards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire risk • Impede emergency exit routes • Trip hazard • Away from pupils 	L	H	L	

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		<p>The household (including any siblings) should follow the PHE stay at home guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection: Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk).</p> <p>Asymptomatic testing</p> <p>From the 21/02/2022 the need for educational establishments to provide twice weekly testing to staff and students has been removed.</p>				
Pupils identified as at increased risk and exposed to COVID-19.	Individuals may be exposed to COVID-19.	<p>All clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) children and young people should attend their education setting unless they are one of the very small number of children and young people under paediatric or other specialist care who have been advised by their clinician or other specialist to not attend.</p> <p>Further information is available at: Supporting pupils with medical conditions at school - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk).</p> <p>Lauren Taylor, SENCO is to communicate appropriately with their most vulnerable children and health care plans updated where necessary.</p> <p>Additional arrangements implemented to support medical needs of pupils who will be attending schools and documented within health care plans.</p> <p>Health care plans and arrangements for supporting medical needs of pupils to be communicated to relevant persons only.</p> <p>Updated health care plans to be signed by parent / carer.</p> <p>Assess the need for PPE / RPE to facilitate any close contact personal care, or procedures that create airborne risk (e.g. suctioning and physiotherapy).</p> <p>Further guidance is available at: Use of PPE in education, childcare and children's social care - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p> <p>If RPE is required, training and face-fit testing will be required. In this instance please email the NCC H&S Team for assistance at hands@nottsc.gov.uk.</p>	L	H	L	

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Symptomatic individuals attending school.	Individuals may be exposed to COVID-19.	<p>In most cases, parents and carers will agree that a pupil with symptoms should not attend the school, given the potential risk to others.</p> <p>If a parent or carer insists on a pupil attending your school, you can take the decision to refuse the pupil if, in your reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with COVID-19. Your decision would need to be carefully considered in light of all the circumstances and current public health advice.</p>	L	H	M	
Staff identified as at increased risk and exposed to COVID-19.	Individuals may be exposed to COVID-19.	<p>School leaders are best placed to determine the workforce required to meet the needs of their pupils.</p> <p>Clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) people are advised, as a minimum, to follow the same guidance as everyone else. It is important that everyone adheres to this guidance, but CEV people may wish to think particularly carefully about the additional precautions they can continue to take.</p> <p>Further guidance is available at: COVID-19: guidance on protecting people defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p> <p>From 24/02/2022 Social distancing measures have now ended in the workplace and it is no longer necessary for the government to instruct people to work from home. Employers should be able to explain the measures they have in place to keep CEV staff safe at work.</p> <p>Line Managers to discuss medical needs disclosed by staff and support mechanisms implemented.</p> <p>If an employee is deemed vulnerable is and requires additional risk controls, then a specific individual risk assessment MUST be completed by a suitably trained person. The F45-1 risk assessment template can be used to facilitate this process.</p> <p>The requirement remains to complete a risk assessment for new and expectant mothers. The template SR14 new and expectant mothers at work checklist can be used to facilitate this process.</p> <p>Any individual risk assessments for staff MUST be completed in conjunction with the employee and manager. Regular communication for both parties to discuss concerns and additional / reduced control measures. The risk assessment MUST be reviewed by both the employee and manager regularly and updated to reflect any changes to arrangements.</p>	L	H	L	

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		<p>The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has published guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect vulnerable workers - Working safely during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic (hse.gov.uk) • Talking with your workers about preventing coronavirus (COVID-19) - Overview (hse.gov.uk) 				
Increased risk of exposure to COVID-19 during educational visits.	Individuals may be exposed to COVID-19.	<p>Given the likely gap in COVID-19 related cancellation insurance, if you are considering booking a new visit, whether domestic or international, you are advised to ensure that any new bookings have adequate financial protection in place.</p> <p>We continue to recommend you do not go on any international visits before the start of the autumn term. From the start of the new school term, you can go on international visits that have previously been deferred or postponed and organise new international visits for the future.</p> <p>You must be aware that the travel list (and broader international travel policy) is subject to change and green list countries may be moved to amber or red. The travel lists may change during a visit and you must comply with international travel legislation and should have contingency plans in place to account for these changes.</p> <p>You should speak to either your visit provider, commercial insurance company, or the risk protection arrangement (RPA) to assess the protection available. Independent advice on insurance cover and options can be sought from the British Insurance Brokers' Association (BIBA) or Association of British Insurers (ABI). Any school holding ATOL or ABTA refund credit notes may use these credit notes to rebook educational or international visits.</p> <p>You must undertake a full and thorough risk assessment in relation to all educational visits and ensure that any public health advice, such as hygiene and ventilation requirements, is included as part of that risk assessment.</p> <p>General guidance about educational visits is available via: Health and safety on educational visits - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p> <p>This is supported by specialist advice from the Outdoor Education Advisory Panel (OEAP): https://oeapng.info</p>	L	H	L	
Failure to manage and implement COVID-19 controls during wraparound provision and extra-curricular activity.	Individuals may be exposed to COVID-19.	<p>More information on planning extra-curricular provision can be found in the guidance: Protective measures for holiday or after-school clubs and other out-of-school settings for children during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p>	L	H	L	

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		A specific risk assessment must be completed for wraparound provision and extra-curricular activities outlining control measures to manage the risks associated with COVID-19.				
Inadequate management of contractors and / or visitors increasing risk of COVID-19 exposure and transmission.	Individuals may be exposed to COVID-19.	<p>Key control measures and ways of working within the school environment are discussed with visitors / contractors on arrival.</p> <p>Contractor induction form (SR77) completed with contractors on arrival at site and a record maintained.</p> <p>Luke Richards, Site Manager, to conduct contractor induction and maintain a record.</p> <p>Parents provided with information about changes to pupil drop off / collection and timetable for the school day via Parentmail.</p>	L	H	LL	
Lack of essential supplies, including PPE, cleaning materials and hygiene products may increase the risk of COVID-19 transmission.	Individuals may be exposed to COVID-19.	<p>Local supply chains MUST be used to source PPE, cleaning materials and hygiene products.</p> <p>Assurance of a secure supply chain to be in place for essential supplies prior to reopening.</p> <p>Discuss with contractor agencies (for e.g. cleaning and catering) to ensure that processes are in place for the supply of materials and provision of service.</p> <p>Emergency plans in place to for if there is an unmet urgent need for PPE, cleaning materials and hygiene products to operate safely.</p> <p>Luke Richards will be responsible for checking stocks of PPE, cleaning materials and hygiene products throughout the day.</p> <p>Steve Self will be responsible for ordering and sourcing stocks of PPE, cleaning materials and hygiene products.</p> <p>Where there is an unmet urgent need for PPE please contact your local authority. Within Nottinghamshire please email ppe@nottscc.gov.uk for assistance.</p>	L	H	L	
Risk of fire and delayed evacuation due to insufficient fire safety management.	Serious injury / ill-health / death in the event of a fire.	Review the fire risk assessment to take into account any changes to the use of building and / or rooms within it.	L	M	L	

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		<p>Consider any new fire hazards which may have been introduced, e.g. increased supplies of PPE (source of fuel / block exits), alcohol hand gel (flammable – kept away from heat sources) etc.</p> <p>Doors propped open (to minimise contact and aid ventilation) MUST be closed on sounding of the fire alarm (during emergency evacuation) and at the end of the school day (overnight).</p> <p>Fire doors MUST not be propped open.</p> <p>Fire evacuation routes to be kept clear at all times.</p> <p>Safe egress from the building MUST be considered during any reconfiguration of room layout / usage.</p> <p>Changes to fire evacuation procedures or roles supporting fire evacuation (wardens / marshals absent) will be communicated to all staff via Laminated Fire Evac Procedures clearly visible in all classrooms.</p> <p>Fire drill to be completed termly or following changes and a record maintained in the fire log book.</p> <p>Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans (PEEPs) MUST be reviewed to ensure support can be provided to staff and pupils.</p> <p>Contingency plans in place for alternative support for PEEPs due to staff absence.</p> <p>Alcohol hand gel MUST not be kept in cars due to fire risk in hot temperatures.</p> <p>Luke Richards will be responsible for daily checks of the school building to ensure fire evacuation routes are kept clear.</p> <p>Steve Self & Lauren Taylor will be responsible for reviewing PEEPs regularly and amending support plans as required.</p>				
Inadequate first aid provision in school.	Injury or ill-health suffered as a result of inadequate first aid provision or incorrect first aid treatment.	<p>Adequate number of first aiders, emergency first aiders, paediatric first aiders available in school.</p> <p>A specific risk assessment to be produced to assess the first aid provision in school. To be reviewed regularly and updated following any changes to staffing, pupil numbers etc.</p>	L	H	L	

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		<p>Specific first aid risk assessment to include consideration for additional RPE/PPE required to facilitate care. Where a need is identified these items must be available and staff informed of requirements.</p> <p>If the need for PPE/RPE is required, then staff must be trained in the safe putting on and removal of items.</p> <p>If RPE is required, training and face-fit testing will be required. In this instance please email the NCC H&S Team for assistance at hands@nottsc.gov.uk.</p> <p>Training issued and refreshed continually to first aiders.</p> <p>First aid kits suitably stocked, located and checked routinely.</p> <p>School awareness of method for contacting emergency services.</p>				
Staff experience violence, verbal abuse and aggression from parents / pupils / visitors / contractors / members of the public.	Stress, anxiety and physical injuries (cuts, bruising, fractures) if abusive incidents occur.	<p>Adequate supervision and awareness of pupil behaviours at all times.</p> <p>Staff received Coping with Risky Behaviours (CRB) training as necessary.</p> <p>Awareness of safeguarding pupils reporting procedures and designated safeguarding officer.</p> <p>Parents / visitors / members of the public informed that abusive behaviour will not be tolerated.</p> <p>All incidents where staff experience violence, verbal abuse or aggression MUST be reported on Wellworker as "physical violence" or "verbal abuse or threat". Wellworker can be accessed via: https://nottsc-safety.oshens.com/login/default.aspx?ClassicSession=clear&CountrySet=true</p>	L	M	L	
Additional Notes						

Control Improvements/Developments				
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Signature of Assessor:	Date:
Signature of Person Authorising:	Date:

Potential Severity of Harm	Major	Tolerable	Substantial	Substantial
	Minor	Trivial	Tolerable	Substantial
	Negligible	Trivial	Trivial	Tolerable
		Rare	Possible	Almost Certain
Likelihood of Harm Occurring				

Definitions	
Substantial	Take appropriate action within agreed period
Tolerable	Monitor Situation
Trivial	No Action Required

Reviews – this assessment should be reviewed at intervals no greater than 12 months or if there are changes to the procedures, personnel, work environment or following an incident								
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The following table should be used for all staff to sign and date to confirm that the risk assessment has been read.

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