

**Staffordshire County Council  
General Risk Assessment Record Form**

**St Mary's School**

1. School – St Mary's C of E Primary School..... 6. Assessor(s)..... Clare Hill.....  
 2. Description of Task/Activity/Area/Premises etc. October 2021 - Minimising the risk of transmission of COVID-19

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		<p>'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain high levels of ventilation in rooms</li> <li>• Enhanced cleaning of frequently touched surfaces</li> <li>• Disposable tissues available in classrooms</li> <li>• Bins for tissues emptied during the day.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signage used to promote hygiene and social distancing</li> <li>• Review stocks of soap, hand sanitiser and number of hand sanitiser stations, tissues</li> <li>• Consider if skin friendly skin cleaning wipes are needed for younger children</li> <li>• Encourage use of foot operated bins</li> <li>• Publish risk assessment on school website</li> </ul>		

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	<p>Staff and casualty. Transmission may occur when providing First Aid</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wash/sanitise hands before and after treating a casualty</li> <li>• Wear PPE provided (such as disposable gloves, disposable apron). When directly treating people with symptoms of COVID-19 a fluid repellent surgical mask should be worn and eye protection may be needed where there is a risk of fluids entering the eyes due to repeated coughing, spitting or vomiting</li> <li>• When performing CPR phone an ambulance and use compression only CPR until the ambulance arrives.</li> </ul> <p>If a decision is made to perform mouth-to-mouth ventilation, use a resuscitation face shield where available</p>	<p>High</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review Assessment of First Aid Needs</li> <li>• First aiders instructed on the safe “donning and doffing” of PPE.</li> <li>• Maintain stocks of PPE. Where this is not available contact LA. List of LA PPE suppliers communicated to schools.</li> </ul> <p>PPE Exchange can be used to help with finding a supplier. <a href="https://www.ppeexchange.co.uk/">https://www.ppeexchange.co.uk/</a></p>		

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<p><b>Resuscitation Council UK Statement:</b> It is likely that a child having an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest will be known to you. We accept that doing rescue breaths will increase the risk of transmitting the COVID-19 virus, either to the rescuer or the child. However, this risk is small compared to the risk of taking no action as this will result in certain cardiac arrest and the death of the child. <b>This school has made the decision to carry out mouth-to-mouth ventilation by a trained first aider in the event of a cardiac arrest.</b></p>						
	<p>Staff Transmission may occur when supervising pupils taken ill with symptoms of COVID-19 and need direct personal care until they return home.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase ventilation in the room if possible</li> <li>PPE provided for supervising adult: Fluid resistant surgical mask if a 2-metre distance cannot be maintained. Where contact with the pupil is needed: Fluid resistant surgical mask, disposable gloves and disposable apron.</li> </ul>	<p>High</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain stocks of PPE. Where this is not available contact LA</li> <li>Supervising adult instructed on the safe “donning and doffing” of PPE</li> <li>Consider using first aiders to supervise to reduce numbers of staff who need access to PPE</li> </ul>		
	<p>Staff and pupil. Transmission may occur when staff administer medicines or supervise pupils who self-administer.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supervising staff to maintain a safe social distance</li> </ul>	<p>High</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review medication plans to assess PPE requirements (if any) for staff administering medication</li> </ul>		

4. Tick (✓) if any of the identified hazards relate to any of the following specific themes:

Hazardous Substance	Manual Handling	Display Screen Equip	Fire	Work Equip / Machinery	Stress	Individual Person such as Young Person New/ Expectant Mother or Service User
					✓	✓

If any are ticked a specific risk assessment form must be completed separately. For example a COSHH form must be completed if a hazardous substance is used.

#### 5. Risk Rating

The risk rating is used to prioritise the action required. Deal with those hazards that are high risk first.

Risk Rating	Description	Action Priority
High	Where harm is certain or near certain to occur and/or major injury or ill-health could result	Urgent action
Medium	Where harm is possible to occur and/or serious injury could result e.g. off work for over 3 days	Medium priority
Low	Where harm is unlikely or seldom to occur and/or minor injury could result e.g. cuts, bruises, strain	No action or low priority action

#### 6. Assessment

**Signature of Assessor(s):**  
**Print Name: Clare Hill**

**Signature of Line Manager:**  
**Print Name: Clare Hill**

**Date Assessed: 1/10/21**  
**changes to Government guidelines. September 2021**

**Review Date: November 2021 or as a result of**

**7. Communication and Review**

This risk assessment should be communicated to all employees and relevant persons who may come into contact with the hazards being assessed. The assessment must be reviewed annually or following a significant change, accident or violent incident.