

Southview School – Risk Assessment and Protocols in place from 31st January 2022

These protocols are to replace the school's response to the Omicron variant (November 2021). This assessment will be kept under review and amended according to Government protocols, advice from NHS and the local position 'on the ground'.

Activity	Additional/new procedures (if applicable)
<p>Handwashing protocols: All staff will continue to observe the advice on regular hand washing. Gels will continue to be available throughout the school for children/students and staff to use.</p>	N/A
<p>Ventilation: Classes, and areas in the school, will be encouraged to open windows etc. on a regular basis where appropriate and weather permitting. Classes are able to monitor air quality using the Co2 monitors provided and adjust ventilation accordingly.</p>	N/A
<p>Lateral Flow Testing: Staff will be requested to continue with the twice weekly LFT and follow current protocols around self-isolation (currently a minimum of five full days). Staff are requested to test by 6pm and notify the Head if they test positive. For those staff who remain in the group where a positive test is identified, daily testing may be advised. Although not usually required to isolate, in the event of a positive test, the whole class group will be informed and the Head will invite a discussion with any parents/carers who may have concerns.</p>	Continuation of LFT kits available in school.
<p>External school visits: These can now go ahead using the school's existing risk assessments and will include local trips, trips involving travel arrangements and horse riding.</p>	N/A
<p>The school day: <u>Morning routine:</u> We will continue to use both hall and front doors to welcome children and students in the morning. There will be no requirement for touch points to be sanitised, although hand sanitising will remain in place. This process</p>	Class staff will take the children to the hall/front door. There will need to

<p>will be coordinated by two people based in the hall and in the main office. We will continue to use the radio system to call classes when needed.</p> <p><u>Afternoon routine:</u> The school day will be extended to the usual time. There will be no end of day whole school assemblies. Instead classes will have their own assemblies at 3pm in their class rooms.</p>	<p>be one person based in the hall to coordinate this, and a second person from 3.15pm to act as a 'runner' when the Teaching Assistants finish for the day.</p>
<p>Resumption of interventions: All therapeutic input / additional support will be fully operational. This will include interventions, for example, PE teaching across classes and internal and external integration arrangements.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>School visitors: Visitors to the school will be allowed. Visitors will need to be mindful of the mask wearing protocols and the school reserve the right to ask visitors to take a lateral flow test within 24 hours of their visit.</p>	<p>Information given at the office and a supply of masks will be made available.</p>
<p>Mask wearing: We will continue to wear masks in communal areas.</p>	<p>School to retain supply of masks.</p>
<p>Staff and child/student movement between groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Bubbles' will cease to exist and there will be free movement of staff and children between groups in the school. However, all staff must be mindful to keep this to a minimum and ask themselves the questions: is this movement necessary? Can the same outcomes be achieved without excessive group mixing? Essentially, colleagues are putting an additional layer of questioning, and accountability, before taking any action to mix groups. • There will be no demarcation of 'zones' in the outside spaces and children/student and staff can mix freely in the outside spaces. • Lunchtimes will continue in classes, rather than groups mixing in the hall. • Staff will continue to adhere to the social distancing protocols in the staff room and other areas outside of their class bases. 	<p>N/A</p>

