

Blackpool Council Risk Assessment Form

Directorate: Children's Services

Date of Assessment: 06/01/2021

Section: Education

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Name of School/Establishment: Kincaig Primary School and Nursery

Working with children who are classed as 'clinically vulnerable'.

Important Note:

- Please read this risk assessment in conjunction with the risk assessments already completed prior to the outbreak of COVID-19 and the COVID Specific Risk Assessment. These are additional measures which have been risk assessed to prevent the spread of infection and maintain social distancing as recommended in the government guidance for children who are classed as ‘clinically vulnerable’.

06/01/21 – UPDATE

Due to Boris Johnson’s announcement on the 04/01/21 we have now moved in to Tier 5 – ‘Coronavirus ALERT’ level – which means there is a material risk of health care services being overwhelmed. Due to a significantly high rising level of transmission.

Therefore we are now in National Lockdown with closure of schools except for Critical worker children and the vulnerable and there is now extremely strict social distancing in place.

This has resulted from the significant increase in transmission of the new strain of coronavirus (it is 50 – 70 % more transmissible) and the scientific recognition that children, whilst less likely to suffer from the symptoms of coronavirus, are key in transmitting the virus between households and it is therefore vital for the safety of our children, staff and community that this risk assessment reflects the seriousness of the situation.

For this reason a safe number has been set to 50 for children at any one time allowed on site.

Ideally 25 in each ‘bubble’ – 1. EYFS & KS1 and 2. KS2.

– Children will be in either a bubble in the nursery and in the hall. If the child who is ‘Clinically vulnerable’ attends during this period see below.

What is the Hazard?	What is the Potential Harm?	Who is at Risk?	Controls In Place	Likelihood after controls	Severity after controls	Risk Rating after controls	Further Potential Controls
Classroom environment	Classroom layouts do not allow for social distancing to be adhered to and therefore increase	Pupil	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Only rooms used for children need to be large spaces to allow social distancing. - the hall to be used for KS2 children & Nursery for EYFS & KS1. They have been remodelled, with chairs and desks facing the front in place to allow for	Medium	High	High	

	the risk of the spread of infection. Staff contact with the child more than the recommendation.		<p>social distancing to be maintained.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff to try and stay at least 2m away from the child where possible. • For the critically vulnerable child to sit at the front of the classroom rather than the back. 				
Handwashing	Children do not wash their hands regularly.	Pupil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An enhanced handwashing routine should be employed; staff to remind pupil of the need to wash their hands more frequently. 	Medium	High	High	
Cleaning	Areas are not cleaned regularly enough leading to the spread of infection.	Pupil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced cleaning of surfaces, tables and resources – basically anything the child is touching regularly and throughout the day. 				
Child not feeling well.	Child being more susceptible to virus due to underlying health conditions.	Pupil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child who presents with first signs of illness/complaining not feeling well whilst in school will be sent home immediately. 				