



Crofton Hammond Infant School – Revised Risk Assessment from September 1st 2021

We are in a new phase of the pandemic where we need to build ‘Covid Resilience’ and find a way to live with Covid whilst trying to maintain the continuity of our children’s education. This has led to some major changes in the country’s approach towards managing education settings.

All adults in our school community should read this risk assessment and take responsibility for ensuring they follow the guidelines to ensure the safety of all on site. The current rates of spread and infection remain high – if not higher than the end of term – making it important to ensure that we continue doing everything we can to keep staff, children and parents safe whilst not compromising the education of the children.

Hazard	Risk level	Risk to whom?	Control Measures
Transmission of Covid via the air	H	Children, staff and visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ventilation in all classrooms to be a priority – open doors when classroom is empty, doors open if temperature allows, windows open at all times dependent on the temperature • Everyone to use tissues for coughs and sneezes and children reminded to sneeze or cough into their elbow • Hands to be washed after coughs or sneezes • Tissues in all classrooms and waste disposed of daily • One way system to stay in place for children as it seems to work well and children are used to it • All staff to continue to take LFTs twice a week • Parents to be encouraged to socially distance where possible when dropping children and collecting them from school now that staggered starts have been removed and for one parent to drop off where possible • Parents are encouraged to continue to contact school via telephone or email to reduce visitors on school site. Those who do come into school are encouraged to wear a mask. • Parents to be given the choice to wear a mask in the school grounds – this is now a personal choice • The government have promised to provide CO2 monitors in schools but as yet these have not yet been received
Transmission via shared objects	M	Children and staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antibacterial gel to be used by all staff and visitors on arrival and departure from school building

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Doors open for ventilation	M	Risk of children leaving building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff positioned at classroom doors for beginning and end of the school day • Boundary gates to be locked or closed once all children on site and parents have left • All visitors must sign in at the office • All children with 1:1 must be supervised at all times
Overcrowded staff room	M	Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff to decide whether they wish to use main staff room at break times so that it is a personal choice – staff room will be available to all who wish to use it • Other areas to be available – quad/Cabin area when weather allows, Rainbow Room, or staff may wish to stay in their own classrooms now that classrooms will not be used for children’s lunches • Staff to continue to use good hygiene practices when using the staff room and toilets
Positive test of child or staff member	H	Children, staff and parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PHE now lead on close contact tracing rather than the school, although the school may be contacted for more detailed information • Individuals who have tested positive need to isolate for 10 days whether or not they have been vaccinated • Anyone who is double jabbed or is under 18 does not need to isolate if identified as a close contact of a positive case • If someone who is a close contact of someone with a positive test chooses to have a PCR for reassurance but has no symptoms they are still able to attend school • Families who have a member with a positive test are to be strongly encouraged to book a PCR test for other family members but anyone who has no symptoms can attend school while waiting for the result • If a child shows any symptoms the school can ask the child to be taken for a PCR test to ensure the symptoms are not Covid. In children the symptoms of Covid can also include sore throat, headache and runny nose – in addition to a cough, temperature and loss of taste and smell. • If an ‘outbreak’ occurs then PHE will be consulted and the school contingency plan will be enforced following their advice. The threshold for an outbreak is classed at 5 positive cases who have been in close contact with another positive case or 10% of the school community. • If there is a positive case in school you will be notified but the identity of that person will remain confidential.

School assemblies	M	Children and staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key stage 1 assemblies will now resume (see overview) • Year 1 and Year 2 year groups to sit at either side of the hall with assembly lead between the two year groups • Assemblies to be limited to 15 minutes maximum • School hall to be well ventilated when the weather allows
Volunteers and supply teachers in school	M	Children, staff and volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers and supply teachers to carry out an LFT on day of volunteering • Ensure volunteers and supply teachers are aware of risk assessment before they start • Contact details for volunteers and supply teachers kept by office staff in case of need for close contact tracing
The need for children to receive home learning in case of an outbreak	M	Staff and children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year R home learning to be undertaken with the use of Tapestry • Key Stage 1 home learning to be undertaken with the use of Seesaw • Bug club available to support home reading • Children who are self-isolating to receive home learning only if they are well enough
Parent has a positive test and can't get children to school	M	Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents to try and find another family member or friend who can bring child to school • Parent to liaise with school if this is not possible to see if school can assist with this • Parent or school to contact Hampshire home school transport for possible support
Parents invited into school for performances or events	M	School community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers to be kept as small as is practical dependent on the event • Hall doors and window to be open if a reasonable temperature can be maintained according to the weather • Top windows to be kept open for the duration of the performance
Running of clubs and wraparound care	M	Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These can continue but care must be taken to ensure that children are kept as spaced apart as possible • Any clubs that can be run in outside areas should do so
Health and well-being of whole school community	M	All of school community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This will continue to be a priority in school and will be addressed through the Hammond Heart and the introduction of the 'Bounce' programme • Any member of the school community with anxiety issues caused by the current situation will be treated with kindness, compassion and respect • Support will be put in place or signposted where appropriate • Staff to have access to the Health Assured support service (0800 030 5182) which can support with counselling for school staff and members of their families

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