Managing Risk at Hope Brook

What have we put in place to minimise the risk of Covid-19?

1. We have reduced the number of people who access the school building

* All parents are asked to communicate with the school office / staff via the phone or email
* Visitors are accepted by prior arrangement only
* Where possible visitors access the school building outside school hours
* Visitors are able to access only the spaces required to accommodate their visit
* A one-way drop-off system has been established at the start of the day – which discourages the congregating of groups of children / parents
* The one-way drop off system is used to access school and Pippins
* End of day collection takes place on the lower playground. Parents are asked to stand by one of the posts to ensure social distancing can be maintained

1. We have minimised the areas / equipment accessed by children

* Children are taught in one classroom as much as possible (This is their ‘bubble’)
* A one-way system has been established to minimise traffic inside the school building
* Children are allocated a specific desk space
* All desks face one direction in the classrooms
* Children are allocated their own equipment
* Sharing of equipment is minimised
* All equipment is easy to wipe down / clean
* Soft furnishings have been removed
* Children are asked not to bring any additional equipment or personal items to school
* Children will not be taking school resources home
* Homework is set up via our eschools learning platform
* Children are encouraged to social distance – when lining up, entering and leaving the school building/site
* Communication with the school office (from the classrooms) is via internal phones to minimise movement around the school

1. The school is well ventilated

* Where appropriate doors are kept open
* Window ventilators remain open

1. Cleaning/sanitising systems have been enhanced. The following measures have been put in place, in addition to the cleaning carried out by our contracted staff

* A sanitising station is based in each space in the school
* Tables / surfaces are wiped down during the day and at the end of each day
* Door handles are wiped down during the day and at the end of each day
* Provision of waste bins has been increased
* PPE is available in the school office – masks, shields, gloves, aprons
* An isolation space has been identified if required

1. Hand cleaning procedures have been enhanced

* Handwashing happens at the start of each day and before lunch
* Hand sanitising takes place after break and after lunch
* Sanitising stations in each space means that children have easy access to hand sanitisers whenever required

1. The outdoor play spaces have been split into 2 areas – 2 X KS1 bubbles share one space, 3 X KS2 bubbles share the other space

* A box of play equipment is allocated to each play space – which is sanitised at the end of each lunchtime
* All children use sanitiser before using the trim trail or the climbing frame (The older part of the trim trail is in need of repair/replacement – so is now out of use)