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 Longhope Recreation ground – which allows parents to stand in socially distanced spaces

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

* The field is used as a play space – which may pose an additional challenge when the weather becomes less favourable. We will keep this under review.
* 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)