

 EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE COUNCIL Swinemoor Primary School	Infection Prevention and Control (Schools) Risk Assessment and Safety Systems of Work April 2022
Date of Assessment: 6th May 2022	Name of School Assessor: A.Rodgers

This model risk assessment provides general advice on the prevention and control of infectious diseases. To successfully break chains of transmission, proactive measures of infection control are required.

Children and staff with mild respiratory symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or mild cough, who are otherwise well can typically continue to attend their education setting. However, children and staff who are unwell or who are showing signs of an infectious illness, such as having a fever or chicken pox, should be advised to not attend the school for the minimum advised period, details of which can be found at the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities/chapter-3-public-health-management-of-specific-infectious-diseases>

In addition schools must be familiar with defined 'notifiable diseases' and the process for reporting these as found in the "ERYC Guidance to Childcare Settings and Educational Establishments for Managing Incidents of Infectious/Notifiable Diseases"

Local Health Protection Teams will provide support and advice if any enhanced precautions are required in response to a case or outbreak.

There are 10 Standard Infection Prevention and Control Precautions which, when embedded into standard practice, will effectively reduce the risk of transmission of infections. The Standard Precautions are:

1. Environment or placement of someone who develops an infection
2. Hand hygiene
3. Respiratory and cough hygiene
4. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
5. Safe management of the environment
6. Safe management of equipment
7. Safe management of linen or soft furnishings
8. Safe management of bloody and bodily fluids
9. Safe disposal of waste (including sharps)
10. Occupational safety or managing prevention of exposure to infection (including needlestick/sharp injuries or bites.)

Control measures to effectively support the management of infection are detailed on the following pages.

Emergency arrangements:

Plans in place to report a notifiable disease or outbreak. Any subsequent advice to manage the issue will be acted upon.

First aid arrangements are in place, with details of first aid provision displayed across the school site. All staff are made aware of how to summon first aid assistance at induction and following any changes.

For sharps injury the following action, in accordance with NHS advice, must be taken:

- Encourage the wound to bleed, ideally by holding it under running water
- Wash the wound using running water and plenty of soap
- Do not scrub the wound while you're washing it
- Do not suck the wound
- Dry the wound and cover it with a waterproof plaster or dressing

Staff must seek medical advice from their own GP in the event of exposure to blood or bodily fluid, or sharps injury.

Individual health care plans in place to indicate how to safely manage medical conditions and the administration of medication.

Personal Protective Equipment required:

Disposable, non latex gloves must be worn in all cases of possible exposure to an infection – ie. Administration of first aid, cleaning blood and bodily fluids, handling needle sticks and handling animals or cleaning their environment.

Where there is a risk of splashing a disposable apron must be worn, as well as safety goggles.

All cuts, grazes and broken skin must be covered by either waterproof dressings or suitable clothing.

You must always refer to the manufacturer instructions or COSHH assessment for each cleaning substance you use to ensure you wear the required personal protective equipment.

When supporting children who are known to bite, additional precautions may be required to enhance protection against broken skin.

Training Requirements

Common Infectious Diseases in Children

Training specific to medical conditions in schools to safely manage medical conditions and administer medication

Infection Control (formal or informal)

Additional Risk Assessments relevant to this work operation/task (COSHH, moving & handling, lone working etc.)

COSHH

Individual Health Care Plans

Cleaning and Caretaking

Storage and Administration of Medication

PLEASE NOTE THIS LIST IS NOT EXHAUSTIVE CONSIDER OTHER ASSESSMENTS THAT MAY BE RELATED

RISK ASSESSMENT

Significant identified hazards	Control measures required to reduce level of risk to acceptable level.
Exposure to infectious disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidance regarding the incubation period within the Managing Medical Conditions at School Management Resource Pack is followed to reduce likelihood of spread. • All staff provided with basic information and instruction on good hygiene practice • Staff immunised against some infections through the national immunisation programme. Staff are encouraged to verify their own immunisations with their GP. • Procedures in place to manage a 'notifiable disease' • Staff exercise good hygiene practice at all times – hand-washing facilities available throughout the school (warm water and liquid hand soap) • Staff encouraged to ensure that all cuts and abrasions are covered by waterproof dressings. • Cleaning regime in place within the school, including fixtures, fittings and furnishings and toys and equipment to reduce cross contamination • Cleaning chemicals and PPE, including disposable gloves and aprons, available to trained staff.
Exposure to blood borne virus or bodily fluid – Direct contact with contaminated blood or bodily fluid or handling of an object contaminated with blood or bodily fluid from an infected person.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All spillages of blood, faeces, saliva, vomit, nasal and eye discharges are cleaned up immediately and appropriately. • Staff wear disposable gloves at all times, and wear a disposable apron and eye protection where there is a risk of splashing or contamination with blood/bodily fluids (such as nappy changing) • Appropriate cleaning chemical used to clean the spillage (detergent combined with disinfectant). Mops not used – spillages cleaned by using disposable paper towels or appropriate spill kit only. Correct PPE worn in accordance with the cleaning chemical handling instructions. • All cuts, abrasions or any area of broken skin must be covered with wash-proof dressing. • Laundry dealt with in a dedicated facility. Soiled linen washed at the highest possible wash temperature (60° wherever possible). PPE worn when handling soiled linen. Children's soiled linen is bagged to be returned home, never rinsed by hand.
Sharps/Needle Stick Injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharps bin available, conforming to relevant British standards • Staff trained in disposal of sharps. • Sharps bin kept off the floor and out of the reach of authorised persons. • First aid arrangements in place to deal with any needle stick injuries. Staff aware of how to summon first aid assistance and who trained staff are. • Visual inspections of areas are completed prior to use, including outdoor play areas, for any evidence

	<p>of potential sharps hazards. The area is isolated until any identified hazards have been safely discarded and an enhanced inspection regime of the area found is put in place to monitor future contamination.</p>
<p>Animal-borne virus spread by contact, scratching or biting or psychological impact due to fear/anxiety</p> <p>(Permanent 'residents' of the school or temporary visitors)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school will not host animals deemed to be of higher risk, such as monkeys, apes, poisonous reptiles, or crocodiles or those which are not suitable for handling/petting. • The school will ensure that any allergies or phobias of the children or staff are taken into account and risk assessed accordingly. • Guidance from CLEAPPS will be sought relating to specific animals to ensure the needs of the particular animal can be met • Animals to be kept in school will be sourced from reputable providers. • Members of staff will be appointed to take responsibility for the environment, health and welfare of the animal and a proper care programme established. • Children will be provided with information and instruction on how to handle the animal. Appropriate levels of close supervision will be in place. • All those who handle or come in to contact with the animal or its environment will have access, and use, hand washing facilities. Younger children will be supervised when washing hands to ensure it is done thoroughly. • Those who are coming in to contact with an animal will ensure that cuts, abrasions or any broken skin will be covered. • Pregnant women may be excluded from activities where necessary to reduce the risk of infection to both themselves and the unborn baby. • Any contaminated surfaces will be properly washed and disinfected. • Any waste generated following animal-based activities will be disposed of suitably. • The cage/aquarium etc of the animal will be maintained and regularly visually inspected to check for defects, and will be subject to an appropriate cleaning regime.
Clinical waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrangements in place to ensure that domestic and clinical waste are separated where possible. • Contaminated items are double bagged and included in the normal waste stream if there is no clinical waste facility available. • Used nappies, sanitary pads, gloves, aprons or soiled dressings, etc are stored in correct clinical waste bags, in foot operated bins. • Clinical waste bags are emptied when reaching around 2/3 full and are secured from unauthorised access. • Clinical Waste disposal arrangements in place through a registered waste contractor.

Individuals who may be at increased risk from infection, such as immunosuppressed or pregnant staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff are responsible for notifying their line manager at the earliest opportunity if they are pregnant or have a medical condition which puts them at greater risk • Expectant mothers, or staff with a health condition will seek advice from their GP and/or midwife to discuss their work activities and seek advice as to whether specific measures are required • The new and expectant mothers assessment or Assessment for Staff with Medical Conditions templates will be completed and reviewed at regular intervals, including in the event of a confirmed case of notifiable disease
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Assessor's Signature	Manager's Signature

Record of Risk Assessment reviews where there has been no changes:		
Assessor Name	Assessor Signature	Date of Review

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the attached risk assessment

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