



Maplewell Hall School Reopening: risk assessment

This risk assessment considers all national guidance issued by the DfE, government and public health services.

The measures we list are based on current government guidance, including the following;

- › [Guidance for full opening: schools](#)
- › [Guidance for full opening: special schools](#) (this includes guidance on pupils with EHC plans that should be useful for mainstream schools as well)
- › [Actions for education settings to prepare for wider opening](#)
- › [Implementing preventative measures in education settings](#)
- › [Guidance for secondary school provision](#)
- › [Safe working in education settings](#)

All measures have been considered in order to make school opening a workable solution at Maplewell including:

- › The number of staff and pupils expected in school for a full opening
- › Any [risk assessments for individual staff](#), particularly for staff who are at higher risk of contracting or becoming seriously ill from coronavirus (e.g. those who are clinically vulnerable and/or who are BAME)
- › Pupil needs
- › The size and layout of the school
- › The resources in stock or can order easily (e.g. PPE, soap, cleaning products)

As a school we have considered

- › Students, staff, parents / carers and visitors
- › Legal implications
- › [Insurance providers](#)

RAG rated control measures

Each control measure is highlighted with the appropriate colour, to make it clear how prepared we are for each measure being in place for 26/08/20

- > Red: this measure cannot be put in place in our school
- > Amber: this measure isn't in place yet, but can be in place for the autumn term
- > Green: this measure is already in place
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HAZARD	WHO MIGHT BE HARMED	CONTROLS TO BE PUT IN PLACE	WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE	WHEN THE CONTROLS NEED TO BE IN PLACE BY	ADDITIONAL NOTES
Contact with someone suffering from coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff • Pupils • Contractors • Visitors 	<p>Everyone will be asked not to come into school if they need to self-isolate under current guidance. Regular reminders will be given about this.</p> <p>Anyone self-isolating with symptoms will be encouraged to access testing and engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.</p> <p>If a symptomatic person comes into school, they will be sent home immediately or isolated until they can be picked up. Pupils will be isolated until they are able to go home. 999 will be called if they are seriously ill or injured or their life is at risk.</p> <p>In the case of a symptomatic pupil who needs to be supervised before being picked up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervising staff will wear a fluid-resistant surgical mask • Supervising staff will also wear disposable gloves and a disposable apron • If there's a risk of splashing to the eyes, such as from coughing, spitting or vomiting, supervising staff will also wear eye protection <p>Supervising staff will wash their hands thoroughly for 20</p>	J Brooks / SLT / C Welch	26.08.20	

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		<p>seconds after the pupil has been picked up.</p> <p>If there are home testing kits available in school, these will be given to parents/carers collecting symptomatic children, and to staff who've developed symptoms at school, if providing one will increase the likelihood of them getting tested.</p> <p>Only in exceptional circumstances will staff take symptomatic children home themselves, and in this case one of the following steps will be taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of a vehicle with a large school mini-bus (i.e. the driver is as far away as possible from the symptomatic child) • The driver and passenger will maintain a distance of 2m from each other; or • The driver will use PPE (the same PPE as when supervising a symptomatic pupil, as explained above) and the passenger will wear a face mask if they are old enough and able to do so <p>A deep clean will take place in the areas that the symptomatic person has been in, and PPE will be disposed of properly, following decontamination guidance.</p> <p>If the school becomes aware that a pupil or a staff member has tested positive for coronavirus, the school will contact the local health protection team. The team will carry out a rapid risk assessment to confirm who's been in close contact with the person, and these people will be asked to self-isolate.</p> <p>To help with this, records will be kept of:</p>			

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The pupils and staff in each group • Any close contact that takes place between children and staff in different groups <p>Close contact means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct close contact – face-to-face contact with an infected person for any length of time, within 1 metre, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Being coughed on, ○ A face-to-face conversation, or ○ Unprotected physical contact (skin-to-skin) • Proximity contacts – extended close contact (within 1 to 2 metres for more than 15 minutes) with an infected person • Travelling in a small car with an infected person <p>If there are 2 or more confirmed cases within 14 days, or an overall rise in sickness absence where coronavirus is suspected, the school will work with the local health protection team to decide if additional action is needed. Any advice given by the team will be followed.</p>			
Contact with coronavirus when getting to and from school		<p>County transport services are unable to provide transport that would support smaller 'bubbles' of pupils in school. The school population will be split into smaller 'bubbles' during the day, but there will be crossover when pupils use transport.</p> <p>Pupils are grouped in smaller 'bubbles' during the school day and contact is limited, where possible, to their own year groups.</p>			

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		<p>Dedicated transport staff will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow hygiene rules • Try to keep their distance from passengers where possible • Do not work if they or a member of their household are displaying coronavirus symptoms <p>In addition, the school will work with providers, pupils and parents/carers as appropriate to ensure that, wherever possible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand sanitiser is available upon boarding and/or disembarking • All pupils wear face coverings whilst using school transport • There is additional cleaning of school vehicles, where required • Queuing and boarding is well organised • Pupils practise distancing within vehicles, where possible • Children over the age of 11 use face coverings where appropriate, such as if they're likely to come into very close contact with people outside of their group or who they don't normally meet <p>Parents/carers who need to drop off and pick up pupils will be told through messages and signage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Their allocated drop off and collection times, with different groups being given different times • The protocols for minimising adult to adult contact have been shared with parents via Weduc. 			

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That only one parent/carer should attend • Not to gather at entrance gates or doors, or enter the site unless they have a pre-arranged appointment <p>Anyone wearing non-disposable face coverings when arriving to school will be expected to bring a plastic bag to keep these in during the school day. If they're using disposable face coverings, these will be put in a covered bin.</p> <p>Pupils wearing any sort of face covering when arriving to school will wash their hands on arrival (as all pupils will), dispose of/store the covering, and wash their hands again before going to their classroom.</p> <p>Pupils will be made aware that they mustn't touch the front of the covering during use or removal.</p>			
Spreading infection due to touch, sneezes and coughs		<p>Handwashing facilities will be provided and is the preferred method for students to keep their hands clean, Hand sanitisers are available in every class room and around the school.</p> <p>Everyone in school will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequently wash their hands with soap and water for 20 seconds and dry thoroughly using NHS guidelines, or use non-alcohol-based hand sanitiser to cover all parts of their hands, which kills 99.9% of all germs. • Clean their hands on arrival, after breaks, if they change rooms, before and after eating, and after sneezing or coughing • Be encouraged not to touch their mouth, eyes and nose 			

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use a tissue or elbow to cough or sneeze, and use bins for tissue waste <p>Pupils will be encouraged to learn and practise these habits in lessons and by posters put up across the school.</p> <p>Help will be available for any pupils who have trouble cleaning their hands independently.</p> <p>Supplies for soap, hand sanitiser and disposable paper towels and tissues will be topped up regularly and monitored to make sure they are not close to running out.</p> <p>Bins for tissues will be emptied throughout the day.</p>			
Spreading infection through contact with coronavirus on surfaces		<p>Staff will regularly clean frequently touched surfaces using standard cleaning products (e.g. bleach, detergent), including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banisters • Classroom desks and tables • Bathroom facilities (including taps and flush buttons) • Door and window handles • Furniture • Light switches • Reception desks • Teaching and learning aids • Books and games and other classroom-based resources • Computer equipment (including keyboards and mouse) 			

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports equipment • Telephones • Screens • Outdoor play equipment <p>Items that need laundering (e.g. towels, flannels, bedding) will be washed regularly in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, on the warmest water setting. These items will not be shared between children between washes.</p> <p>Pupils and parents/carers will be asked to limit the amount of equipment they bring into school each day to essentials like bags, lunch boxes, hats, coats, books, stationery and mobile phones.</p> <p>All areas of the school that are used by pupils will be cleaned thoroughly at the end of the day, including heavily used communal areas.</p> <p>Any areas of the school not in use will be shut off to make cleaning more manageable.</p> <p>Any resources shared between groups, such as sports, art and science equipment, will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleaned frequently and meticulously, and always between groups using them; or • Rotated so they can be unused and out of reach for 48 hours (72 hours for plastics) between use by different groups <p>The same rules will be followed for books and other shared resources that pupils or staff take home. However, unnecessary sharing will be avoided, especially where it</p>			

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		<p>doesn't contribute to pupil education and development.</p> <p>Individual and very frequently used equipment, like pens and pencils, will not be shared.</p> <p>Therapy equipment, such as physiotherapy or sensory equipment, will be cleaned between each use. If this is not possible or practical, it will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restricted to one user; or • Rotated so it can be unused for 48 hours (72 hours for plastics) between use by different individuals <p>Shared rooms, such as halls and dining areas, will be cleaned between different groups using them.</p> <p>If a person with coronavirus symptoms comes into school, a deep clean will take place in the areas that the person has been in, following decontamination guidance.</p> <p>Cleaning supplies will be topped up regularly and monitored to make sure they are not close to running out.</p> <p>Teachers will wash their hands and surfaces before and after handling pupils' books.</p>			
Spreading infection due to excessive contact and mixing between pupils and staff in		<p>There are separate year group bubbles where pupils will be taught together. This will include social times, where they will spend time with peers from their year groups / teaching groups.</p> <p>All pupils will be taught and reminded to maintain their distance and not touch staff or peers.</p> <p>Pupils will be seated side-by-side and facing forwards,</p>			

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lessons		<p>and unnecessary furniture will be moved out of classrooms to allow for this.</p> <p>Lessons that involve singing, chanting, shouting or playing instruments will be limited to no more than 15 pupils, and will take place outside wherever possible. Pupils will be positioned either back-to-back or side-to-side at an appropriate distance. Singing or instrument playing won't take place in any larger groups such as choirs or assemblies.</p> <p>For physical activity, contact sports will be avoided, where possible. Outdoor sports will be prioritised where possible, or large indoor spaces used where it is not. Distance between pupils will be maximised as much as possible.</p> <p>Staff can work across different groups in order to deliver the school timetable, but they will keep their distance from pupils and other staff as much as they can (ideally 2 metres apart). This won't always be possible, particularly when working with some children, but close face-to-face contact will be avoided, and time spent within 1 metre will be minimised.</p> <p>Any pupils with complex needs or who need close contact care will have the same support as normal as distancing isn't possible here. Staff will be rigorous about hand washing and respiratory hygiene.</p> <p>Educational psychologists, therapists, professional colleagues visitors and other temporary staff will be told to minimise contact and maintain as much distance as possible from other staff. The number of temporary staff entering the school premises will be kept to a minimum.</p> <p>Specialists, therapists, clinicians and other support staff</p>			

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		<p>for pupils with SEND should provide interventions as usual. These staff will be advised to be rigorous about hand washing and respiratory hygiene.</p>			
<p>Spreading infection due to excessive contact and mixing between pupils and staff around and outside of the school</p>		<p>Pupils will be kept in the same groups at all times each day, and be kept separate from other groups. There may be mixing of groups for certain subjects, but there is still benefit in pupils adhering to their year group 'bubble' where possible.</p> <p>For pupils who routinely attend other settings on a part-time basis, such as an alternative provision setting, the school will work with these other settings to work out a system to keep these pupils safe.</p> <p>There will be no physical assemblies. These will be delivered in classes or virtually. Celebrations and pupils' achievements will still take place.</p> <p>Movement around the school site will be kept to a minimum.</p> <p>Pupils will be supervised at all times to ensure mixing between groups doesn't occur, and they will be reminded about the rules throughout the day.</p> <p>Rooms will be accessed directly from outside where possible, and any corridors will have one-way circulation or a divider down the middle to keep groups apart.</p> <p>All shared rooms, such as sport halls and dining areas, will be kept at minimum numbers to allow groups to keep apart when using them. They will be cleaned between each use.</p> <p>Toilet use will be managed to avoid crowding. Pupils will</p>			

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		<p>be allowed to go to the toilet one pupil at a time.</p> <p>Staff use of staff rooms will be limited and office staff have adequate distance to be kept as safe as possible.</p> <p>Visitors to the site, such as contractors, will have guidance on physical distancing and hygiene explained to them on or before arrival. Visits will happen outside of school hours wherever possible. A record will be kept of all visitors.</p> <p>Non-overnight domestic educational visits can take place in the same pupil groups, but only subject to a separate risk assessment that considers the coronavirus measures in place at the destination.</p> <p>Breakfast and after school clubs will continue to be delivered at Maplewell Hall School. All pupils will be encouraged to keep safe distances at all times.</p>			
Spreading infection due to the school environment		<p>Checks to the premises will be done to make sure the school is up to health and safety standards before opening in September.</p> <p>Fire, first aid and emergency procedures will be reviewed to make sure they can still be followed with limited staff and changes to how the school space is being used.</p> <p>Areas in use will be well ventilated by opening windows or using ventilation units. Doors will be propped open, where fire safety and safeguarding wouldn't be compromised.</p> <p>The use of lifts will be avoided unless essential.</p> <p>Bins will be provided in classrooms and other key locations to dispose of tissues and any other waste.</p>			

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		Outdoor space will be used for exercise and breaks, and for education where possible.			
Spreading infection due to excessive contact and mixing in meetings		<p>Where possible, all meetings will be conducted by telephone or using video conferencing. This includes meetings with staff, parents/carers, visitors and governors.</p> <p>Where this isn't possible, essential meetings will be conducted outside, or in a room large enough to allow for social distancing.</p>			
Individuals vulnerable to serious infection coming into school		<p>The school will continue to follow any shielding guidance in place to decide who should come into school.</p> <p>All staff and pupils are expected to come into school.</p> <p>Staff who are clinically vulnerable or clinically extremely vulnerable and coming into school will be placed in the safest possible on-site roles where it's possible to maintain social distancing.</p> <p>individual risk assessments help with this.</p>			