

COVID-19:

Risk assessment for Physical Education

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Approved by:	Date:
Last reviewed on:	August 2020
Next review due by:	

Introduction:

This risk assessment has been prepared, based on the DfE Guidance on the Full Opening of Schools in September 2020, to support the Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity (PESSPA) at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School.

We, will regularly check the Government website (GOV.UK) for updates and adjust this risk assessment accordingly in consultation with our governing body.

Below are three key questions we have considered in this risk assessment:

- Have we reviewed our risk assessments to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all personnel?
- Does our teaching and learning meet Government guidance? www.gov.uk/coronavirus
- Are our teaching plans consistent with the requirement of whole school expectations, which have been developed in response to the national guidance?

Key principles for supporting safe PESSPA include:

- Keeping pupils in consistent groups
- Maximising distancing between pupils
- Prioritising outdoor PE
- Thoroughly cleaning PE equipment between each use by different individual groups
- Avoiding contact sports/activities

We will ensure scrupulous attention is paid to cleaning and hygiene regimes before and after PE lessons or lunch/break time activities.

We also ensure clear notices are displayed around our school exemplifying NHS and Government Guidance.

At St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School, we will regularly check the Government website for updates and adjust this risk assessment accordingly in consultation with our employer.

In addition, due to the constantly changing situation, dynamic risk assessments will be carried out and amended to reflect our school’s specific controls on an ongoing basis.

CREATING AND REATING AND MAINTAINING A SAFE CONTEXT FOR LEARNING	WHO AFFECTED? (STUDENT, STAFF, VISITOR)	CONTROL MEASURES TO REDUCE THE RISK TO AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL	CHECKED BY: (SIGN AND DATE)
Teaching and Learning	Staff, pupils, external coaches	<p>Pupils will be kept in consistent groups.</p> <p>All activities in Physical Education (PE) lessons and Physical Activity (PA) sessions will be non-contact and planned to ensure that distance is maximised between children.</p> <p>The PE curriculum will be revised and age related expectations agreed by all staff.</p> <p>Any external coaches will be checked in accordance with our H&S whole school policy and employed to support our extra-curricular activities.</p> <p>Interventions/catch up support will planned and delivered, if required.</p> <p>Staff and pupils with protected characteristics, including race and disability, will be considered in planning and delivering Physical Education lessons and Physical Activity sessions.</p>	

<p>Protective Measures and Hygiene</p>	<p>Staff, students, external coaches</p>	<p>Scrupulous attention will be paid to cleaning and hygiene.</p> <p>Clear signage reminding pupils to wash their hands will be displayed in all teaching areas and outdoor open spaces.</p> <p>Sufficient tissues and hand sanitisers will be made available to all staff in addition to bags to contain any used tissues and wipes.</p> <p>Movement around the PE areas/building will be considered to limit risks. For example, classroom layout, entry and exit points, staggered starts, break times, lunch arrangements and use of communal staff areas.</p>	
<p>Changing areas, clothing and footwear</p>		<p>Children will change for PE in their classrooms.</p> <p>No changing areas – N/A</p> <p>Particular attention will be given to high touch areas.</p> <p>Hand washing facilities are available in Year areas/classrooms for staff and pupils to wash their hands before and after the PE lesson.</p> <p>Hand sanitiser will also be made available and utilized where needed.</p>	

<p>Teaching areas</p>		<p>Outdoor Physical Education and Physical Activity will be encouraged as much as possible.</p> <p>Pupils will take part in PE with their class.</p> <p>The playground will be used as much as possible. Rubber spots for the early years and playground chalk may also be used to support the distancing of pupils.</p> <p>External facilities will be used in line with government guidance.</p> <p>Clear signage, reminding pupils about distancing and washing their hands will be displayed in all teaching areas including outdoor open space.</p>	
<p>Equipment</p>		<p>Equipment will be cleaned between groups of pupils using it and locked away when not in use.</p> <p>Multiple groups are not permitted to use PE and outdoor equipment simultaneously.</p> <p>The sharing of equipment during PE lessons is limited. If equipment is shared, pupils will wash their hands thoroughly before and after use. Strict hand hygiene will take place before and after every PE lesson.</p>	

		<p>Whistles, drink bottles, bibs and bands will not be shared.</p> <p>First-Aid kits will be made accessible and contain gloves, face masks and disposable aprons.</p>	
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St Joseph's Catholic Primary School is firmly committed to ensuring pupils can participate in purposeful Physical Education and Physical Activity at this time. Teaching Physical Education at the moment will not be like before, or the preferred model. However, by making adaptations we believe meaningful work can be undertaken; good planning, protective measures and social distancing will be applied consistently across our school.

We are also committed to ensuring that all staff are protected, feel safe and have access to the most up to date guidance.