



SAINT PIUS X CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SEPTEMBER OPENING COVID-19 RISK ASSESSMENT

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The measures listed are based on current (as at 10th September 2020) government guidance:

➤ [Guidance for full opening: schools](#)

Key points from the guidance:

The prevalence of COVID-19 has decreased, the NHS Test and Trace system is up and running and it is clear what measures need to be in place to create safer environments within schools.

The Office of National Statistics analysis on COVID-19 related deaths linked to occupations suggests that staff in educational settings tend not to be at any greater risk than many other occupations. There is no evidence that children transmit the disease any more than adults. The risk to children themselves of becoming severely ill from COVID-19 is very low.

Separating groups and maintaining social distancing are not 'all-or-nothing' options and will still bring benefits if implemented partially. All teachers and other staff can operate across different classes and year groups to facilitate the delivery of the school timetable. This is particularly important for secondary schools. Where staff do move they should try to keep their distance from students and other staff as much as they can, ideally 2m from other adults. In particular they should avoid close face to face contact and minimise time spent within 1m. Where students need close contact care their support should be provided as normal.

All schools are encouraged to return to their usual uniform policies in the autumn term. Uniforms do not need to be cleaned any more often than usual or need different cleaning methods.

Contact sports should not take place. Outdoor sports should be prioritised and large indoor spaces used where it is not, maximising distancing between students and paying scrupulous attention to cleaning and hygiene. This is particularly important in a sports setting because of the way in which people breathe during exercise. Activities such as active miles, making break times and lessons active and encouraging active travel help enable students to be physically active while encouraging physical distancing.

For state-funded schools, routine Ofsted inspections will remain suspended for the autumn term. However, during the autumn term, inspectors will visit a sample of schools to discuss how they are managing the return to education of all their students.

Guidance on quarantine periods for library materials

Please note guidance from the COVID-19 Guidance Cell of Public Health England's National Infection Service, as advised to CILIP and DCMS:

- The risk from books covered in a plastic cover handled by someone who is a possible COVID-19 case is negligible after 72 hours.
- The risk from books with a cardboard/paper cover is negligible after 24 hours.

All students in all year groups are now in school full-time. All staff are in school. Risk assessments are in place for those who are clinically extremely vulnerable or clinically vulnerable or living with people in those categories.

The number of contacts that a student has during the school day has been minimised through year group 'bubbles'.

Fire, first aid and emergency procedures have been reviewed to make sure they can still be followed with limited staff and changes to how the school space is being used.

The following have been consulted on this document

- Unions - NEU, NASUWT, GMB
- The Governing Body of Saint Pius X Catholic High School

	<p>not possible for some reason staff must wipe the keyboard and mouse of any computer they use before and after use with the provided wipes.</p> <p>Classrooms, corridors, toilets and other areas of the school that are used by students will be cleaned thoroughly at the end of the day. Toilets will also be checked and cleaned every two hours.</p> <p>Shared rooms, such as halls and dining areas, will be cleaned after use.</p> <p>School cleaning supplies (e.g. hand sanitiser) will be topped up regularly and monitored to ensure adequate supplies.</p> <p>Areas of the school not in use will be shut off to make cleaning more manageable. Fingerprint scanners in the dining room will be out of use.</p> <p>Teachers, DSAs and TAs will wash/sanitise their hands and surfaces before and after handling students' books.</p> <p>The changing space in the PE areas has been assessed to be suitable to enable students to change at the start and end of lessons.</p> <p>The number of shared resources such as PE and technology equipment will be limited as much as possible and cleaned between different users.</p>	<p>GRA/TAY</p> <p>TAY</p> <p>GRA/TAY</p> <p>PE staff</p> <p>Technology staff</p> <p>Other staff</p>	
<p>HAZARD 5</p> <p>Spreading infection due to excessive contact and mixing between students and staff in classrooms and other areas</p>	<p>Staff must use their fob to sign in.</p> <p>The importance of following the new 'rules' will be stressed to students and parents/carers. Any behaviour issues specifically related to potential spreading of infection e.g. deliberate coughing at another person, or students pretending to have symptoms, will be dealt with under the extreme level of the behaviour sanctions ladder. Students will be reminded verbally about the rules on social distancing throughout the day. Students and staff may choose to wear face coverings in shared communal areas.</p> <p>Students will be taught in year group 'bubbles' in the following areas of school.</p> <p>Y7 – Sarto, Y8/9 – R corridor and G classrooms, Y10 – C corridor, Y11 – science corridor. Students can move within these areas to change groups but will only move out of these area to be taught in PE and technology (including art). Rooms will be accessed directly from outside through pre-determined entrances having walked around outside the school building.</p> <p>Students will be informed in advance of which entrance to use in order to enter and leave the building. These will be supervised by staff to ensure students adhere to social distancing as much as possible. Movement around the school site will be kept to a minimum.</p> <p>Hand sanitiser will be available in the classroom but students will be asked to supply their own where possible. Students will sit in a seating plan each lesson. Wipes will be available on teachers' desks. Tissues will be available but staff and students will also be encouraged to provide their own supply.</p> <p>Teachers will move to classrooms where students are based except for PE and technology when students will be allowed to move to those areas.</p> <p>Student toilets will be designated for each group of students. Toilet areas will be monitored by a member of staff as part of a rota to ensure social distancing.</p> <p>Students with packed lunches will eat in the main hall on a rota. Students will be allowed in the dining room on a rota. The pod will not be available. Each area will be supervised by staff. Staff will eat in the same areas. Each area will be cleaned</p>	<p>LT</p> <p>All staff</p> <p>GRA/TAY</p> <p>SMI/YAT</p> <p>All staff</p>	<p>Information to parents.</p> <p>Powerpoint for students.</p> <p>Staff rota.</p> <p>Staff duty rota.</p> <p>Urn in library.</p> <p>Toilet sign.</p>

	<p>after use. Year groups will have break and lunch times staggered to avoid too many students being in one place at the same time.</p> <p>The staffroom will be restricted to no more than 12 staff at any time. The library will be available as an additional space for staff to have a break. An urn will be set up so staff can make hot drinks. Staff are asked to provide their own mugs and to ensure they are cleaned after use.</p> <p>Staff toilets can be limited to one person at any time through the external door being locked.</p> <p>Information regarding spaces where staff can work during PPA/LM time has been provided.</p> <p>Staff briefings will be via email.</p>		
HAZARD 6 Spreading infection due to the school environment	<p>Checks to the premises will continue to be done as usual to make sure the school continues to be up to health and safety standards.</p> <p>Areas in use will be well ventilated by opening windows. Doors will be propped open, where fire safety and safeguarding wouldn't be compromised, and where teaching is not impacted by noise from other classes. If classroom doors are closed then windows must be kept open. Air conditioning units must not be used.</p> <p>Water fountains will be unavailable. Students and staff will be told to bring their own supply of water.</p> <p>Chartwells Catering Company's risk assessment is held in school.</p>	<p>GRA/TAY</p> <p>SMI/LT</p> <p>GRA/TAY</p> <p>GRA</p>	
HAZARD 7 Spreading infection due to excessive contact and mixing in meetings	<p>Where possible, all meetings will be conducted by telephone or using video conferencing. Where this isn't possible, essential meetings will be conducted outside, or in a room large enough to allow for social distancing.</p> <p>Any visitors will be asked to maintain 2m distances from each other and from students and staff.</p>	GRA/LT	
HAZARD 8 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>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. Individual risk assessments will be in place where necessary.</p>	SMI/GRA	List of who is unavailable and why.
HAZARD 9 Curriculum disruption	<p>The curriculum will continue as closely as possible to 'normal'. Only the specialist areas of PE and technology/art will be used outside of the classroom bases.</p> <p>Assemblies will not take place in the hall as it is required for breaks and lunchtimes.</p> <p>All classrooms will have desks positioned so students face forwards and side by side. Teachers will typically teach from the front maintaining a distance of 2m where practicable.</p>	SMI/LT	

	<p>Lessons that involve singing, chanting, shouting or playing instruments (particularly wind or brass instruments) will be limited to no more than 15 students and will take place outside wherever possible (if taking place inside, the space will be well ventilated). Instruments won't be shared. Singing or instrument playing won't take place in any larger groups such as choirs. For physical activity, contact sports will be avoided. Outdoor sports will be prioritised where possible, or large indoor spaces used where it is not. Distance between students 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 students and other staff as much as they can (ideally 2 metres apart). This won't always be possible, but close face-to-face contact will be avoided, and time spent within 1 metre will be minimised.</p> <p>Any students 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 handwashing and respiratory hygiene.</p> <p>Educational visits will not take place for at least the first term.</p> <p>Online learning will continue to be developed to ensure students can continue to study from home and be supported by staff if necessary. This may happen, for instance, should staff illness result in a rota being in place. Y11 and Y7 students will be prioritised for attendance.</p> <p>Local and/or national guidelines will be followed should a local or national lockdown come into force.</p>		
HAZARD 10 Impacted staff wellbeing	<p>Information re mental health services available for support will continue to be provided to staff by email and the website/social media.</p> <p>Staff shielding will be kept informed of school news via emails and wellbeing checks.</p>	GRA/DIX SMI	Rota.
HAZARD 11 Impacted student wellbeing	<p>Welcome and reminder powerpoint delivered to students on return to school stressing the importance of the new 'rules' but also allaying fears. Information re mental health services for students will continue to be provided via the website and posters around school. Individual advice will be provided where appropriate and appointments with the school counsellor made following usual school procedures.</p>	YAT/DIX GRA/DIX	Powerpoint.