

Liskeard School and Community College - Risk Assessment for May 21 Full Return - Coronavirus COVID-19 – v1.1

Assessor's Name	Alex Lingard	Assessment Date	05/05/2021	Escalate to LSCC Risk Register	Y
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Description of process, activity or task to be risk assessed	
Describe the location where the activities are taking place	Liskeard School and Community College is a secondary school for students of mixed ability, with 1100 students aged 11-18, with up to 150 staff and contractors, plus visitors that come and go throughout the school day. The site comprises three main buildings with single, 2 and 3 storey sections and multiple newer outbuildings of single storey construction. There are extensive playing fields and green space.
Describe the activities being performed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • place of work • education • dining • emergency response • safeguarding of vulnerable groups • travel to and from school
Describe the equipment and/or substances being used	<p>Substance: Coronavirus COVID-19 (risk and control measures apply to all types of respiratory viruses, but focus of this assessment is on the novel COVID-19 strain, for which information remains limited, thus immunisation and treatment pathways have yet to be identified, resulting in a specific and increased risk compared with established strains of coronaviruses).</p> <p>Equipment: PPE, educational resources, face, coverings, IT and comms, machinery, kitchen appliances, hand tools, water fountains, vehicles, cutlery and utensils</p>
Describe the people involved in these activities (and others who might be affected)	<p>Young people and children (YPC), including: school students (aged 11-18); visiting students (aged 5-18); visiting children and young people (aged 0-18); unborn child</p> <p>Adults (A), including: directly employed staff; contracted staff; volunteers; visiting adults</p> <p>Pregnant woman (PW) - pregnant A or YPC under 28 weeks' gestation and with no known underlying health conditions</p> <p>Pregnant vulnerable woman (PVW) - pregnant A or YPC from 28 weeks' gestation, or with underlying health conditions such as heart or lung disease at any gestation¹</p> <p>Clinically vulnerable, with a pre-existing medical condition (CVA or CVYPC), including: A or YPC with a pre-existing condition that would potentially put them at elevated impact having contracted COVID-19 (includes expectant mothers)</p> <p>A or YPC from a black, Asian or minority ethnic (BAME) ethnicity group</p> <p>Clinically extremely vulnerable, with chronic pre-existing medical condition (CEVA or CEVYPC), including: A or YPC with a chronic pre-existing condition that would potentially put them at critical impact having contracted COVID-19 (CEV status applies to those on the patient shielded list).</p>

¹ As defined by the [Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology](#).

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	<p>Living with a clinically vulnerable person (LWCV), including: A or YPC who shares a household bubble with a person that has a pre-existing condition that would potentially put them at elevated impact having contracted COVID-19, should the A or YPC contract the virus in school</p> <p>Living with someone from a BAME ethnicity group (LWBAME), including: A or YPC who shares a household bubble with someone from a BAME ethnicity group that would potentially put them at elevated impact having contracted COVID-19, should the A or YPC contract the virus in school</p> <p>Living with a clinically extremely vulnerable person (LWCEV), including: A or YPC who shares a household bubble with a person that has a chronic pre-existing condition that would potentially put them at critical impact having contracted COVID-19, should the A or YPC contract the virus in school</p>
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Description of hazard and hazardous event		Who might be harmed?	What risk controls are currently in place?	Current risk rating*			Are further controls needed?	Date to be completed by	Residual risk rating*		
				L	C	R			L	C	R
Location	Contraction of COVID-19 - transmission of COVID-19 through contact with surfaces (indirect transmission)	PVW	Work or learn from home	1	5	5			1	5	5
		PW	Undertake personalised risk assessment with line manager, following guidance by Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology	1	5	5	PW and line manager to read guidance by Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and sign up for updates		1	5	5
		CEVYPC	Students under paediatric or NHS care that have been advised specifically by their GP or clinician not to attend school must learn from home	1	5	5			1	5	5
		CEVA	Obtain medical advice Shield at home where advice dictates (this may vary between CEVA individuals) and undertake home learning/work from home Return to school if advice dictates and adhere to control measures. Individual RA to be completed on	1	5	5	Ensure adhere strictly to social distancing protocols and all other risk mitigation protocols. Allocate to least-populated spaces/least-contact roles.		1	5	5

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			return if changes required from previous assessment or requested by individual								
		YPC A PW CVA CVYPC BAME LWCV LWCEV LWBAME	Staff not required to deliver or support the safe provision of education may work from home (to be arranged through SLT)	1	5	5			1	5	5
			Enforcement of strict cleaning protocols in line with government guidance for daily cleaning of internal surfaces with general cleaning products, including at increased frequency during the school day, with a particular focus on communal touch-points and after each use of communal areas	2	5	10	Implement any changes in advice from DfE, Public Health England, NHS, or other authoritative source (current advice, including for a confirmed case, is here)		2	5	10
			Periodic (termly) deep cleaning of internal surfaces with general cleaning products in line with government guidance. Students (6 th form) and staff with access to soft furnished chairs to be allocated seats.	2	5	10			2	5	10
			Periodic (half-termly) cleaning of external glass surfaces with general cleaning products	1	5	5			1	5	5
			Cleaning wipes/spray available to students and staff, so they can clean their own desk or equipment before use	1	5	5			1	5	5
			School uniform (and work clothing) should be worn to and from school, but removed	1	1	5			1	1	5

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			immediately on return home. All items should be washed at least once a week, where possible.								
Activities	Contraction of COVID-19 - transmission of COVID-19 through contact with people (direct transmission)	PVW	Work or learn from home	1	5	5			1	5	5
		PW	Undertake personalised risk assessment with line manager, following guidance by Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology	1	5	5	PW and line manager to read guidance by Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and sign up for updates		1	5	5
		CEVYPC	Students under paediatric or NHS care that have been advised specifically by their GP or clinician not to attend school must learn from home	1	5	5			1	5	5
		CEVA	Obtain medical advice Shield at home where advice dictates and undertake home learning/work from home Return to school if advice dictates and adhere to control measures. Individual RA to be completed Individual RA to be completed on return if changes required from previous assessment or requested by individual	1	5	5	Ensure adhere strictly to social distancing protocols Allocate to least-populated spaces/least-contact roles		1	5	5
		YPC A PW CVA	Staff not required to deliver or support the safe provision of education may work from home (to be arranged through SLT)	1	5	5			1	5	5
		CVYPC BAME LWCV LWCEV	Maintain a culture of alertness and a mindset through our safeguarding mantra of “ it could happen here ”	2	5	10	Promote the mantra via letters to parents/carers, emails to staff, induction, virtual assemblies, PSHCE		2	5	10

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		LWBAME	<p>Reinvigorate campaign to provide advice on hygiene, following the guidance issued by the National Institute of Clinical Excellence - e-Bug resources - wash or sanitise hands more regularly throughout the day (as a minimum: boarding/alighting transport, putting on/taking off face coverings, on arrival/departure, after using the toilet, before/after eating)</p> <p>Students and staff should avoid touching their mouth, eyes and nose</p> <p>Should students or staff feel the need to cough or sneeze, they must ensure they cover their mouth and nose, preferably using a tissue, but in an emergency they should use the bend of their elbow or cover with clothing, washing or sanitising their hands immediately after and disposing of tissues appropriately. Regular updates and reminders given to students via tutors, online assemblies and through communication with parents/carers.</p>	2	5	10	<p>Staff, students and members of their households are strongly encouraged to access the asymptomatic rapid testing:</p> <p>Regular twice weekly testing of staff, students and their household members using lateral flow tests will break the chain of transmission and further reduce the risk</p>		2	5	10
			<p>Extensive hand sanitiser dispensers around the site in each corridor and foyer.</p>	2	5	10	<p>Monitor to ensure filled and functioning. Staff to report damages to site team if identified.</p>		2	5	10

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			Soap dispensers available in toilets, sinks and communal kitchen areas.	2	5	10	Monitored and refilled as required/repair any identified damages		2	5	10
			From 04 May 21 – circulation around school environment to be free-flowing with mandated guidance to use external routes as reasonably practicable.	2	5	10	<p>Communication to students and parents via Head letter and video on Fri 30th April 2021.</p> <p>All staff to support by ensuring no students ‘wait’ in corridors and other spaces – spot checks by patrol and teachers in classrooms</p> <p>Students to be reminded (and sanctioned as needed) to move directly and rapidly to the next teaching space</p> <p>External routes to be promoted wherever possible – teachers to signpost class to quickest route to next location</p> <p>DTO’s to be managed in faculty areas – any students that risk breaching either 2m or 1m rules to be logged by staff member on DTO recording form for tracing if required</p>		2	5	10

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			<p>Any staff, student or visitor presenting with any of the COVID-19 symptoms must stay away from the School for 10 days, with the remainder of their household bubble isolating for 10 days and following prevailing published guidance – the isolation period starts on the day after exposure, a PCR or lateral flow test or the start of symptoms.</p> <p>As an additional protective precaution, anybody (staff, student or visitor) with any sign of any new, undiagnosed illness must not attend the School and must stay away from the School while their new symptoms persist.</p>	1	5	5	<p>For those that display symptoms or receive a positive home test result, arrange for PCR testing of employees and strongly recommend to parents the PCR testing of students (parents will need to arrange) in line with government guidance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - if negative then return and cease household bubble isolation (as long as nobody else is displaying symptoms) - if positive, continue with isolation in line with published guidance. <p>If person testing positive (home test or PCR) has accessed our site recently, inform the school as, we will contact the local health protection team immediately, who will undertake a rapid risk assessment to determine who else might need to isolate as a precaution.</p> <p>Monitor official guidance and take necessary action in a timely manner.</p> <p>Self-isolation periods will begin on the day after exposure, a positive test or the start of symptoms.</p>	Ongoing	1	5	5
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		<p>Any staff, student or visitor who has anyone in their household bubble who is presenting with any symptoms of COVID-19 or has tested positive via a home test must stay away from the School for 10 days and follow prevailing published guidance – the isolation period starts on the day after exposure, a PCR or lateral flow test or the start of symptoms.</p> <p>Any positive lateral flow test requires a confirmatory PCR test.</p>	1	5	5	<p>Staff informed via operating procedures</p> <p>Inform parents/carers and returning students via letter detailing student operating procedures</p> <p>Remind students at induction and daily registration</p> <p>Strongly recommend household member has PCR test:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - if negative then return and cease household bubble isolation (as long as nobody else is displaying symptoms) - if positive, continue with isolation in line with published guidance. 		1	5	5
		<p>Any students or staff that travel abroad must ensure they follow the government guidance on quarantine</p> <p>Staff or students returning from a country that requires quarantine must isolate for 10 days before returning to the school.</p> <p>A list of exempt countries can be found here - all other countries require self-isolation.</p>	1	5	5	<p>Returning from abroad – the isolation period starts on the day of return.</p>		1	5	5

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			All staff and students must follow the advice of the NHS Test and Trace service or local health protection team - if contacted and advised to self-isolate they must stay away from school for 10 days, or until a clear PCR test result is received if they develop symptoms – the isolation period starts on the day after exposure, a PCR or lateral flow test or the start of symptoms.	1	5	5				1	5	5
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			<p>Ask entry questions of visitors relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • their health (any sign of any illness) • whether they or anyone in their household bubble is presenting with any symptoms of COVID-19 • whether they have been asked to isolate by the national Test and Trace service or local health protection team • whether in the last 10 days they have returned from a country that requires quarantine <p>Refuse entry where appropriate (inform SLT)</p> <p>Ask that visitors notify us if they develop symptoms or are confirmed positive within the subsequent 10 days</p> <p>Visitors to scan the Track and Trace QR code, once registered and installed in Reception.</p>	1	5	5	<p>Retain contact details of all visitors, in case we need to inform PHE/NHS Test and Trace in the event of an outbreak</p> <p>Ask that they notify us if they develop symptoms or are confirmed positive within the subsequent 10 days.</p> <p>Restrict the number of visitors in Reception at any one time to six.</p>				1	5	5
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			Inform all staff and students that they must adhere to the latest government advice and guidance when not in school (social responsibility), and that any reported breaches will be investigated and could result in action being taken to restrict their access to the School.	2	5	10	Restrict access to the School for those people that deliberately or consistently breach the government guidance while out of school, thus increasing the risk to others in the learning community - stay away for 10 days		1	5	5
			Encourage all staff and students 16 years or older to download the NHS tracking app and to keep their phones switched on and carried when not at school, including when travelling. This will allow NHS Test and Trace to identify others not during school that have been in close proximity	1	5	5			1	5	5
			Segregate anyone that develops symptoms during the school day or otherwise feels unwell, until such time that they can be collected (to the Reception isolation room and nearest toilet for their exclusive use until cleaned). Unwell person to be offered a face mask to reduce the risk of transmission to others.	2	5	10	Staff to remain 2 metres away and where that is not achievable, to use appropriate PPE, including face mask for mouth and nose, eye protection, gloves and apron, particularly if coughing or sneezing or vomiting Staff to follow DfE guidance on safe use of PPE to reduce self-contamination Clean affected areas with household bleach (adhere to COSHH and risk assessment procedure for bleach)		1	5	5

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			In an emergency situation, such as first aid or intervention to prevent self-harm or harm to others, staff may need to breach the recommended 2 metre separation	2	5	10	Staff to remain 2 metres away (e.g. use verbal commands) and where that is not achievable and the person is not presenting with COVID-19 symptoms, proceed with treatment without PPE and undertake sanitation measures on completion. If the person is presenting with COVID-19 symptoms, and where the situation allows, use appropriate PPE, including face mask for mouth and nose, eye protection, gloves and apron, particularly if coughing or sneezing and undertake sanitation measures on completion.		1	5	5
			Students and staff using school and public transport will follow the guidance issued by Cornwall Council , which is informed by the government guidance for passengers - this means that passengers must wear “face coverings” and students will sit in allocated seats where possible.	2	5	10	Spot checks on school transport by school staff as required. Encourage reporting of lack of adherence by fellow passengers – to be followed up by SLT		2	5	10
			Implement whole-school social distancing and precautionary measures :	2	5	10	Provide induction as additional students join come in to the School for their learning	Ongoing	2	5	10

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aim to maintain a personal space of 2m between students-staff and staff-staff and, wherever possible, between student-student • Where distancing is not achievable at 2m, revert to “1m plus” - aim for 2m but accept 1m for as short a time as possible. • Where “1m plus” is not achievable, avoid close face to face contact and minimise the time spent within 1m of anyone. • Teaching assistants required to work within 1m will be assigned to class bubbles, advised to wear masks, work side by side and hand sanitise before/after touching student work • a system for moving around school to be implemented when transitioning from outside of allocated zones • students/staff will be required to wear a face mask on arrival to school, in corridors and in communal areas (inclusive teaching spaces) • only one parent/carer per student for any meetings/visits 			<p>Restrict access to the school for those people that, after investigation, are found to be deliberately or consistently breaching the school’s operating procedures and/or expectations while in school, thus increasing the risk to others in the learning community - remove from site and stay away for 10 days</p> <p>In line with government guidance, face coverings will be worn in indoor spaces where 2m separation cannot be maintained – this is assessed as all corridors, communal indoor spaces</p> <p>Transition between teaching and communal spaces to be advised by teaching staff – wherever possible using the fastest, external route.</p> <p>Sporting activities to take place as per dedicated guidance of sports activities by governing bodies.</p> <p>Use of online meeting tools wherever practicable or preferred</p>		1	5	5
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			Classrooms and other spaces to be well ventilated where possible at all times of occupation	1	5	5	<p>Staff must have at least one window or door open at all times as a key mitigation against Covid-19. If any room is persistently below 13 degrees staff must inform senior team so that additional heaters can be considered rather than closing the final window/door.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staff should seek to open further windows or doors if they can do so without reducing the temperature of the room to below 16 degrees (13 degrees if pupils are engaged in physical activity) - Whenever a room is vacated, as many windows as practical should be opened to ensure the room is fully ventilated in preparation for the next group who will use it. <p>Ventilation is a key measure and at this time of year can affect room temperatures, so staff and students should dress accordingly to maintain thermal comfort.</p>				1	5	5
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			Occasional, brief, transitory encounters of less than 2m is considered low risk and should not be cause for alarm	1	5	5	Encounters of less than 2m in one day should not exceed 15 minutes Critically students must not 'wait' in corridor zones. Movement and passage with other bubbles to be migratory only		1	5	5
			Allocate specific toilets for staff and for student use - toilet users to close the lid, when available, prior to flushing Staff and students advised to sanitise hands before using toilets and sinks, to keep surfaces such as taps clean.	1	5	5			1	5	5
			Configure all air conditioning in shared spaces so that recirculation is turned off and fresh air supply is turned on. Rooms that have controlled access assigned to a single person can still operate on recirculated air, e.g. server room	1	5	5			1	5	5

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		YPC CVYPC CEVYPC	<p>Implement student-specific social distancing measures:</p> <p>Where student to student distancing is not achievable at “1m plus” for prolonged periods, students must be placed in a bubble structure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • year group bubbles for KS3, KS4 & KS5 • reduce footfall, including from lesson changeovers, by keeping students in a year group bubble • stagger lunch and break times and students to remain in their bubble - bubbles should not interact, or, where not achievable, interaction should be minimised or be outside, noting that prolonged interaction could result in the forming of a larger bubble • lay out classrooms and learning spaces with desks facing forward • pre-planned classroom entry/exit routine • encourage outdoor activity at lunch and break times, within bubbles as far as possible (outside interaction carries a much reduced risk of transmission) 	2	5	10	<p>Restrict access to the School for those students that, after investigation, are found to be deliberately or consistently breaching the School’s operating procedures and/or expectations while in school, thus increasing the risk to others in the learning community - remove from site and stay away for 10 days</p> <p>Sports activities to only take place as per guidance from that sport governing body and separate risk assessment by faculty staff and also to follow latest guidance from Association for Physical Education</p> <p>Outdoor inter-school sports fixtures can be arranged with the express permission of the Head</p> <p>Indoor inter-school fixtures to be allowed from the 12 Apr 21 (subject to confirmation from DfE)</p> <p>Year group bubbles to be maintained as reasonably practicable – increased onus of teacher ownership of classroom</p>				2	5	10
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • allocate toilet areas on a bubble basis and allow only one student at a time per toilet area, where possible • only permit lunchtime/after school clubs that maintain the bubble structure or can maintain 2m separation from sub-bubbles within them. • lockers will not be available to students in the first instance • manage arrival and departure of students to ensure appropriate separation and bubble structure is achieved while on school site • school assemblies to take place via Microsoft Teams • no events, trips and visits unless additional RA is agreed* 			<p>ensuring students clean down surfaces after use</p> <p>*outdoor educational experience for a small group of students requiring a minibus journey is being considered</p>			
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			If social distancing protocols and other risk mitigation measures cannot be consistently maintained due to poor behaviours; an inability to comprehend or follow instructions; or due to SEN or additional needs, then consider risks to individual and the wider learning community	3	5	15	Assess specific or additional risks and develop specific or additional mitigating actions (individual risk assessments in addition to this risk assessment), including study in separate location and agreed safe spaces. If risks cannot be suitably mitigated in the school environment, then student will have to study at home if individual or others are put at an unacceptable level of risk		1	5	5
			External learning providers i.e. peripatetic. Must adhere to all protocols laid out in this RA and standard operating procedures	3	5	15	Observation and spot checks by hosting faculty staff		2	5	10
			Catering/Food Tech lessons. Students may be instructed to wear facemasks if operating in extremely close proximity in certain areas i.e. washing up/cooking zones. This will be by exception and dynamically assessed by the teaching staff member as required	2	4	8			1	4	4

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Equipment and substances	Contraction of COVID-19 - transmission of COVID-19 through contact with shared equipment	YPC A PW CVA CVYPC CEVA CEVYPC BAME LWCV LWCEV LWBAME	Clean regularly and provide self-clean facility for all users of shared personal protective equipment (PPE) such as visors, goggles and masks, shared IT, workstations and other shared equipment such as screens/keyboards/mice, shared musical instruments, whiteboards, touch-screen TVs, communal water fountains, signing in system, cashless catering devices, telephones, photocopiers	2	5	10	Use of 'fumigation' to disinfect rooms/space with soft furnishings every 30 days. Use of fogging unit weekly to disinfect the site (from 1/11/20)		1	5	5
			Items of personal equipment, toys/games or stationery should not be shared, borrowed or taken by students and staff	2	5	10	Issue students/staff with low cost general/subject-specific items such as pens, pencils, glue sticks, calculators etc If required, retain student stationery at personal desk allocated within bubble classroom to reduce risk of losing/forgetting Provide staff with a personal issue of equipment to support the roaming nature of their new <i>modus operandi</i>		1	5	5
			Lock away shared absorbent resources, such as soft toys, and any resources like board games that promote close proximity face to face interaction	1	5	5			1	5	5

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			Certain items can be shared within a bubble, such as text books and learning resources. Minimise the use of resources shared between bubbles, always cleaning after every use. Where possible, re-use resources after 48hrs (72hrs for plastics) to reduce the need for cleaning	2	5	10			2	5	10
		A CVA PW CEVA BAME LWCV LWCEV LWBAME	Staff room sink and dishwasher must be free of personal cutlery and utensils	2	5	10	Staff to undertake dishwashing of their personal items and must remove cleaned items from the Staff Room to prevent cross contamination		1	5	5

*Likelihood x Consequence = Risk (see Annex A)

Risk Rating Calculator

Likelihood that hazardous event will occur	
1	very unlikely
2	unlikely
3	fairly likely
4	likely
5	very likely

Consequence of hazardous event	
1	insignificant – no injury
2	minor – minor injuries needing first aid
3	moderate – up to seven days’ absence
4	major – more than seven days’ absence
5	catastrophic – death

Action Level Table

Risk rating	Action
20–25	Stop – stop activity and take immediate action
15–16	Urgent action – take immediate action and stop activity if necessary, maintain existing controls rigorously
8–12	Action – improve within specified timescale
3–6	Monitor – look to improve at next review or if there is a significant change
1–2	No action – no further action but ensure controls are maintained and reviewed

Risk Scoring Grid

Likelihood	5	5	10	15	20	25
	4	4	8	12	16	20
	3	3	6	9	12	15
	2	2	4	6	8	10
	1	1	2	3	4	5
		1	2	3	4	5
		Consequence				

Hazards in the workplace

Aggression and violence	Drugs and alcohol	Lighting	Stress
Asbestos	Electricity	Manual handling	Temperature
Bullying	Fire	Noise	Vehicles/transport
Chemicals and harmful substances	Getting in and out	Plant and machinery	Vibration
Computer workstations	Heights	Radiation	Viruses, diseases and infections
Confined spaces	Housekeeping	Slips and trips	

Hazard categories: Mechanical; Physical; Chemical; Biological; Environmental; Organisational

Machinery or process

² Substances or conditions, including slips, trips and falls

³ Harm to humans, property or environment

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⁴ Organic substances

⁵ Temperature, dust

⁶ Behaviour, workload, time constraints, deadlines

COVID-19 - Sources of information used to inform this Risk Assessment:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-social-distancing-in-education-and-childcare-settings/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-social-distancing-in-education-and-childcare-settings>

[eBug website](#)

[staying at home guidance](#)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing#clinically-vulnerable-people>

[guidance on cleaning in non-healthcare settings.](#)

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

[preliminary scientific study](#)

[government guidance for passengers](#)

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

[Flushing](#)

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[Air-jet hand dryers](#)

[DfE guidance on safe use of PPE](#)

[Undertaking first aid without PPE](#)