

# Moray Council Re-opening of Schools Risk Assessment Guidance Updates August 2020

The following information should be considered alongside the 2 documents previously provided to schools as follows:

**The Moray Council, Risk Assessment Form SMS 8.4** – information for staff and pupils – August return.

**Re-opening Moray School – COVID-19 Response Planning Generic Risk Assessments** – June reopening for staff

The information aims to highlight a small number of changes to the above documents and should sit alongside any documents that are held within schools specific to their own school risk assessments or indeed specific to any individual staff risk assessment. The changes are highlighted according to the **Task** number contained within the original documents and relate to the most recent government guidance on the reopening of schools.

## 1 Shielding

Shielding has been paused from 1<sup>st</sup> August. As a result, all staff will now return to school on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August unless individual specific medical advice is provided from a GP or medical professional. Arrangement should be made to allow those staff to work from home.

There may be some children who would also fall under this category and arrangements to provided education elsewhere than a school should be put in place. Staff working from home may be able to support remote learning.

It should be noted that staff who are pregnant and were previously considered under this category after 28 weeks are also due to return to work until their anticipated maternity leave date. Risk assessments are normally carried out for pregnant staff and they should now consider COVID as part of the risk factors. Awaiting further advice.

Underling health conditions – link to Individual RA [toolkit](#)

## 2 Infection Risk (symptoms)

Any Moray Council employee who develops symptoms should complete the online form available from [here](#).

**3 Infection Risk (special measures)** – no change

## 4 Operational Strategy

2m requirement is for adults only.

Rota systems – can be removed

Room occupancy returns to normal capacity if 2m distancing is manageable for adults in the room.

Bubble arrangement – P1 and P2 only

## **5 Infection Risk (buildings)**

Water fountains only to be used for filling bottles.

Heating systems etc – update as per Property Maintenance advice.

Showers and changing rooms – specific risk assessments to be developed.

## **6 Travel**

Control measure on car sharing should be copied from Schools reopening for staff section 2 (May/June 2020)

## **7 Arrival**

No changes required

## **8 Internal Traffic**

No change

## **9 Toilets**

Please ensure designated staff toilets – not for pupil use

Hand dryers can now be used

## **10 Playgrounds**

No changes based on no more than 50 children in any gathering and allowing for 2m social distancing for adults.

## **11 Teaching Areas**

All reference to 2m social distancing for pupils can be removed. Guidance on separate desks and pupils facing front should be adhered to as far as possible.

Pupils clean their desk and chair at the start and end of any period in the classroom (secondary only).

## **12 Food Hygiene**

Remove reference to 2m distancing for pupils. Pupils should still be all facing in the same direction as per classroom guidance.

## **13 First Aid**

As per Schools reopening for staff (June 2020) section 14.

## **14 Emergency Procedures**

No change – social distancing still required to avoid gatherings of more than 50 at muster points.

**Additions to be transferred from Schools reopening for staff (June 2020)**

## **Section 6 School Culture**

Whole section to be transferred with the exception of

Staff should use their own classroom

Admittance to be agreed by HT.

## **Section 10 Rest areas**

Whole section to be transferred

## **Section 18 Wellbeing checks**

Whole section to be transferred – particularly important when schools are fully open to staff and pupils but may also be relevant if any suspected/identified cases within the school.