

Introduction.

The LET Covid 19 Risk Register Mark1 was formally registered with Trustees on 7th May 2020. This was a single comprehensive Trust based Risk Register cover all aspects of risk for the Trust and its academies. It was informally updated until 2nd July 2020 when the new DfE Guidance for full opening was published. It was shared with Trustees, Governors and was available for staff. Initially we intended to continue with the headings and a Trust based risk register, but on reflection we decided that we needed a risk register for each academy so it could reflect more precisely the risks and the ways we would seek to mitigate the risks for pupils and staff. The Government’s guidance is almost 40 pages in length and we decided to restructure our risk registers in line with that document for ease of use and reference. The Guidance has 5 sections:

1. Minimising Coronavirus,
2. Academy Operations,
3. Curriculum, pastoral support and behaviour, 4. Assessment and accountability, 5. Contingency planning.

We have taken the above and added the following:

6. Governance,
7. Finance and Compliance, 8. Reputational risk.

The 2nd July DfE Guidance makes it very clear we have to open our academies for all pupils from the 3rd September 2020. It concludes that **“the balance of risk is now overwhelmingly in favour of children returning to school.”** The Government recognises that it is not totally risk-free but believes if the measures it recommends are put in place then it will be a safe for children and staff. LET has done everything it can to address the advice given and that is reflected in this risk assessment and our actions to mitigate the risks. Where it is possible we have gone further, however it is important to recognise that the Government’s advice is generic for every school – maintained and independent – in the country and each school is unique in how it operates in its own environment, the Trust staff have tried to interpret the information in a coherent way to formulate the best solution for children and staff. Clearly in September the academies will not be working in a normal way as groups need to be maintained to reduce potential infection and some lessons will be modified to conform to the guidance and regulations. However we intend to provide an appropriate broad and balanced curriculum with opportunities for catch-up and extra support where necessary. As the new systems and approach are instigated it is likely we will learn how to improve matters for both children and staff.

If there is a case or suspected case in our academy there is a strict protocol for dealing with it and that is set out in the Government’s advice which is summarised in Protocol A attached to this document. We also have plans in the case of a local lockdown. Where that occurs work is prepared for home learning in various forms to meet individual needs.

As CEO of LET I believe we have created as safe environment as we possibly can within the constraints and instructions the Government has asked us to follow, we will of course react to any further advice from Government as well as looking at any comments made by young people, parent/carers and staff to further improve what we are doing.

Risk	Up dated	Risk Description	Impact 5 high 1 little	Likelihood 5 high 1 low	Risk Factor 25 high	Actions and Mitigations	Responsible officer - team	Review frequency	Impact 5 high 1 little	Likelihood 5 high 1 low	Current Risk 25 high
1. Minimising Coronavirus infection											
1.1 Prevention of the spread of coronavirus	Sept. 2021	Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell with Covid symptoms.	4	4	16	The school will engage in the testing programme and will issue testing kits to staff and pupils. Testing will take place twice weekly each Wednesday and Sunday for which a reminder will be sent by email. Results can be uploaded to the school using 'Test Register' with a link provided to the DfE to register results and additional information as required. We have a set protocol based on PHE advice to deal with any symptoms or knowledge of cases at home. Protocol A is attached. NHS guidance has been shared with parents/ carers and is available on the school website. The school will adopt all protocols as and when they are issued.	Principal Vice Principal G Raven	Daily	3	3	9
1.2 Clean Hands more frequently	Aug. 2021	Hands are seen as a key transmitter of the virus	4	4	16	Hand washing sinks are located around the school, signage to remind pupils to wash their hands. Sanitiser available in classrooms and given to pupils on entry to the dining area.	P Harcourt SMT	Daily	3	3	9
1.3 Good respiratory hygiene	Aug. 2021	The transfer of the virus from respiratory means is considered a common factor	4	3	12	We have adopted the "catch it, bin it, kill it." Approach with staff reminders to pupils and clear signage has been installed.	P Harcourt	Daily	3	3	9
1.4 Enhanced cleaning	Aug. 2021	Cleaning of shared areas, frequently touched surfaces and particularly toilets provide high risks of spreading the virus	4	4	16	Enhanced cleaning schedules have been put in place across all key areas in line with PHE Covid19: cleaning of non-healthcare settings guidance, The school will use the fogging machine to sanitise rooms and sports facilities.	P Harcourt	Daily	3	3	9

1.5 Minimise contact and social distancing	Aug. 2021	Social distancing to minimise contact between individual has been at the cornerstone of government policy and remains a key way of minimising risk	4	5	20	Staggered lunches will be implemented with year group eating in the canteen. KS3 and KS4 will use the canteen separately at break.	Principal SMT	Daily	3	4	12
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						Staff have been made aware of the DfE guidance updates and are asked to observe where possible these guidelines, however the Trust recognises this will not always be possible, periods of closer working should be limited as far as possible. Staff meetings will be held online. Parents' Evenings will be held online. Open/Days and evenings will have restrictions to ensure safety: limited numbers, the wearing of face masks, ventilation, limits on visitors, limits on activities, the removal of canteen and refreshment facilities, additional presentations with reduced numbers, limits on pupil helpers.					
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1.6 Personal protective equipment	Sept. 2021	The Government concludes that most staff will not require PPE and it is only required where children are unwell when the risk is high. The Government requires that face coverings are worn by staff and pupils in communal areas.	3	3	9	We accept the DfE/PHE advice however we are keen to protect our staff and therefore will offer staff the opportunity to wear PPE including facemasks and face screens if they wish at all times. Pupils and staff will be required to wear face coverings in communal areas. Staff working in closer proximity to pupils such as Teaching Assistants will be provided PPE if desired. They will be provided with face shields should they wish to wear one. Full PPE is available and for staff dealing with pupils who are unwell. Appropriate staff have been given the guidance "Safeworking in Education, childcare and children's social care." Staff will be advised and reminded to maintain their distance from each other and pupils. They will be advised to wear face coverings if in the same room.	Principal SMT/ S Milne for Teaching Assistants	Daily	2	2	4
1.7 Responding to any infection	Sept. 2021	An infection in or related to those in the academy is very high risk, this includes our responsibilities for managing a confirmed case and how to contain any outbreak	5	4	20	The academy will engage fully with Public Health Lincolnshire and with the NHS Test and Trace process. The senior leadership teams are fully briefed on the protocols related to individual cases and where there is more than one case. We have already used the protocols and we have regular updates on the protocols and Track and Trace.	Principal Vice Principal	Daily	4	3	12

						The Academy has at least one named senior member of staff for dealing with responding to any infection. Protocol A is attached.					
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2. Academy Operations

2.1 Transport	Sept. 2021	There are four forms of transport in use across our academies. Our own mini buses, transport provided by the LA, public transport used by families and transport commissioned by an academy. The government guidelines recognise transport as potentially high risk.	5	5	25	Mini bus use is subject to covid safety measures and forms part of any risk assessment. Pupils using public transport must conform to the bus regulations. Most transport is provided by LCC transport services, but these are not within our control although they have pointed out to all schools they cannot meet the government guidelines. In line with Government guidance, pupils will be reminded about the wearing of face coverings where required.	Principal SMT	Daily	4	4	16
2.2 Attendance	Sept. 2021	Following a long break away from schools getting all pupils attending again will be crucial. There are two categories of parents, those still worried at the risks involved and those whose parents don't value education and thus don't push their children to return. In addition there is a small number of children who may need to continue to be shielded or self-isolating.	4	3	12	We have a clear strategic staged approach to attendance and we will continue to operate to the normal code, This applies the same to recommending to the LA to take parents to court. We will be offering visits to parents reluctant to return on safety grounds to visit the site and we will be communicating with all parents to reassure them of the measures we have put in place. Vulnerable children will continue to have phone calls until they return and warning letters will be issued. For those children unable to return because of their condition we will continue to provide support at home via the VLE, work posted home and, where possible.	Ben Read/ Mark Vayro	Daily	3	2	6
2.3 Staff Welfare and deployment <i>Staff are defined as those on our payroll, those trainees, ITT students, visiting</i>	April 2021	The loss of staff expertise during this emergency is a risk, combined with the transferring of infection as they move between groups. Those not full time staff or in	4	3	12	Staff welfare is crucial and every effort to support our staff will be made. We will follow to the DfE advice on the clinically vulnerable, extremely clinically vulnerable and pregnant women. Individual risk	Principal Vice Principal	Daily	3	3	9

<i>specialists including coaches and apprentices. Where volunteers are essential they are also included.</i>		specialist training or visiting specialists are a particular risk in spreading infections.				assessments will be completed for identified groups such as those who were instructed to shield and BAME staff. We will ensure all staff/visitors/ volunteers are fully informed of the regulations and processes and procedures. In addition face masks and face shields can be used by all staff, visitors and trainees if they wish. Within the context of Covid 19 some staff may be asked to change their role or methods of working because of the demands on the academy which the Principal has to meet. Staff who are returning from shielding from March 31 st will be offered a risk assessment.					
2.4 Safeguarding and child protection	Sept. 2021	There are likely to be an increased number of safeguarding and child protection issues emerge following the shutdown.	4	4	16	All staff will be fully updated on the updated safeguarding and child protection policies on the before pupils return to school and any known cases will have staff designated to work with that child and family.	S Milne	Daily	3	3	9
2.5 Catering <i>Meals will be available as before the shutdown, however they will be either staggered to enable social distancing or eaten in their designated rooms.</i>	Sept. 2021	The risks relate to hygiene and related social distancing of staff and pupils, while preparing, serving and cleaning during meal times.	3	3	9	Enhanced cleaning at lunchtimes where food is served and eaten. Staff are fully aware of the protocols set by the senior staff to ensure social distancing where practical. Catering staff and suppliers must comply with Guidance for Food businesses on Coronavirus	Principal Vice Principal C Cardwell	Daily	2	3	4
2.6 Estates	Sept 2021	The risks related to site safety, cleanliness and its signage to inform and direct users of the site. There are specific risks related to arrival and leaving the Academy	3	3	9	The academy estate must work within Government protocol.. A SLT member will carry out a cleanliness check. The Principal will check adequate and appropriate signage is in place including that for visitors.	Principal N Lamb P Harcourt	Daily	3	2	6

2.7 Academy Uniform <i>The Trust has decided that academies should return to normal school uniform.</i>	Sept. 2021	This may be a problem for some parents because of cost or not been able to purchase before coming back to school	3	2	6	Staff will give time where they feel it is justified for parents/carers to acquire new uniform. The expectation is that pupils should attend in full uniform. The school needs to be mindful of supply issues due to haulage problems.	Principal Vice-Principal	Daily	2	2	4
2.8 Educational visits	Sept. 2021	Educational visits are a potential high-risk activity.	5	4	20	Educational visits will only be allowed in some cases. National visits will be assessed on an individual basis. International visits will not take place.	Principal G Raven	Weekly	3	3	9
3. Curriculum, pastoral support and behaviour											
3.1 Curriculum expectations	Sept. 2021	The risk is if we do not provide a broad and balanced curriculum for the vast majority of our pupils as well as bespoke intervention and support for those assessed with special needs	4	3	12	The Trust's objective is to provide the broad and balanced curriculum for all its pupils, recognising following return to school assessment that some pupils may need initially highly focused learning to reestablish the capacity to learn and have adequate building bricks for future learning. Intervention and support for pupils will be provided to include Saturday School, After-school catch up, 1:1 support, tutor group reading, National Tutoring.		Half Term Review	3	2	6
3.2 Assessment of pupil needs	Sept. 2021	Failure to assess pupil needs following the long break is a significant risk	4	3	12	Pupil will be organised in year groups and identified as three categories in relation to their learning and as those who have: Fully engaged Engaged partly Not engaged This will help to inform the school of interventions needed.	Principal SMT	First half term	3	2	6

3.3 Specific curriculum risks – Music/PE	Sept. 2021	There is increased risk where young people are in close physical contact or are expressing themselves vocally by singing or making speeches in Drama.	4	3	12	Large assemblies will take place where possible. It is an integral part of developing communication skills, in such cases H&S Guidance Singing in School – Coronavirus must be followed. Care will be taken for all sporting activities and guidance from the Association for Physical Education – will be followed. Sports coaches can be used provided they comply with guidance in 2.3.	Principal SMT	Daily	3	2	6
3.4 Catch-up Support	Jan. 2021	Most pupils who have not attended school since	5	4	20	The Academy will use its catch up funding and other resources if	Principal SMT	Daily	4	3	12
		January are likely to have fallen behind, so failure to provide appropriate programmes to help these pupils catch up will inhibit future learning and success in their education.				necessary to ensure we can provide appropriate programmes to meet the needs of our pupils. The length and size of the programmes will vary depending on the needs. These will be reported to Governors at their meetings.					
3.5 Pupil wellbeing and support	March 2021	Pupils may be experiencing a variety of emotions following Covid 19, which need to be addressed.	5	4	20	From the return to schooling in the summer and spring term we have observed a range of responses from sheer delight at being back at school and meeting friends to anxiety, stress and low motivation. Staff will be assessing every pupil and making decisions based on observation what support is required. The 'Teaching Mental Wellbeing' module from the DfE about mental health and training from the National College has been shared with staff. Assemblies via MST are also delivered to pupils.	Principal SMT	Daily	4	3	12

3.6 Behaviour expectations	Feb. 2021	The new rules need to be reflected in the behaviour policies	3	3	9	All behaviour and related policies have been updated to reflect the new rules. The application of some aspects of the policy will be implemented sensitively, because we recognise returning to school for a small group may be challenging.	Principal SMT N Lamb B Read S Milne	Daily	2	2	4
4. Assessment and accountability											
4.1 Inspection	Jan. 2021	Ofsted Inspections will be suspended for the Autumn Term, but visits from HMI are possible to evaluate how we have handled Covid 19	4	4	16	We have detailed records of what we have done and we have put together our Ofsted preparation file.	Principal SMT	Weekly	3	3	9
4.2 Assessment/ Examinations	Sept 2021	We are aware of the assessment position in 2020 and have further details regarding Teacher Assessed Grades, which may be a risk to our performance.	4	4	16	Staff have undertaken training at a whole school and department level to ensure a full understanding of the process for exams 2022.	Principal Vice Principal	Monthly	3	3	9
5. Contingency planning											
5.1 Local outbreak process	Sept. 2021	This could have a severe impact on our pupils.	5	4	20	Any full closure will be based on Government/ PHE advice. The Trust will follow the external	Principal	Daily	4	3	12
						professional advice. Plan is in place. See Protocol A for further detail.					
5.2 Contingency plans for outbreak	Sept 2021	Every institution must have contingency plans for individual, groups/bubbles/ year groups or whole school closure for learning to continue.	4	3	12	A comprehensive set of education and support programmes are in place based on our experience in the pandemic so far. The school will continue to use the VLE and stream lessons where appropriate. These will be reviewed on a monthly basis.	Principal SMT	Monthly	3	2	6

5.3 Continuation of remote learning	Sept. 2021	There is a requirement to maintain remote learning and to have available packages of appropriate remote learning if there is a lockdown.	3	3	9	<p>The academy has in place the relevant remote learning materials and support packages in the event of school based learning being suspended. In addition we have learnt a great deal about remote learning and we are seeking over time to enhance our offer to pupils to enhance or reinforce their learning.</p> <p>The use of Microsoft Teams has allowed pupils to access learning with their specified teachers. This has proven to be successful with safeguarding measures put in place. The school will continue to use this platform in the event of a lockdown.</p>	Principal Vice- Principal SMT	Weekly	2	2	4
6. Governance											
6.1 Maintaining governance and leadership at all levels	Aug. 2020	Governance and leadership is crucial at this time and it is vital clear delegated authority is made, with good communication and the Trust Board and Governors maintain monitoring of the academy.	3	3	9	<p>The Chair has delegated the management of the academies to the CEO and his staff during this challenging period. The CEO intends all scheduled meetings in the handbook will run as set out, but some may be on line. Initially we are seeking to minimise visits to our academies so Governors should not visit unless specifically requested by the Principal.</p>	A Breckon Ex. Principal Principal	Weekly	2	2	4
7. Finance and Compliance											
7.1 Financial Implications	Aug. 2020	DfE have indicated that all additional costs must be met from existing resources, additional cost surround	4	3	12	We will seek to adjust our budgets to meet these costs, most of our Academies have reasonable reserves and these will need to be	Ex. Principal Principal	Weekly	3	3	9

		potential staff absence, PPE and additional cleaning costs.				used to ensure we provide a safe environment for pupils returning to school. Catch-up learning programmes will be a major project moving forward; we have Government funding but may need additional funds once our returning pupils are assessed. The school is engaged with the National Tutoring Programme.					
7.2 Compliance issues	Aug. 2020	The Academy and the Trust has a vast range of compliance issues to deal with, plus the extensive range of Covid -19 full opening of schools guidance and regulations.	3	3	9	A very detail analysis of all our compliance issues is being carried out. In term for the Covid specific the guidance have been analysed in detail and risk assessed through this document.	Ex. Principal Principal	Weekly	2	2	4
8. Reputational											
8.1 Communications with parents/carers and pupils	Sept. 2021	Failure to communicate effectively with parent/carers and pupils will limit pupils returning to school and therefore exacerbate enabling our provision of good education for those young people.	3	3	9	Through communication with parent/carers using a range of media we will seek to demonstrate how school is safe and why pupils should return. UAH will communicate via post, email and/or text. Specific information and documents will be uploaded to the school website.	Principal Vice-Principal	Weekly	2	2	4
8.2 Managing the Press and social media	Sept. 2021	Negative material in the press or on social media could impact on attendance.	3	3	9	We need to prepare press release or follow up letters regarding attendance. A follow up letter from March will be sent to homes detailing procedures and guidance for the return of all pupils: transport, arrival and departure points, timetable and curriculum, uniform and expectations.	Ex. Principal Principal Vice-Principal	Daily	2	2	4

Reference Staff responsible
 CEO: Andy Breckon
 Deputy CEO/ Ex. Principal: Steve Baragwanath
 Principal: Sheila Paige
 Vice-Principal: Donna Allen

SMT: Stephen Milne, Ben Read, Sher Alam, Jane Moody, Natalie Lamb, Garry Raven, Lynda Oddie

Guidance for completing the Risk Register

This is a specific risk assessment covering Covid 19 and the full opening of the academy. It will be reviewed by the Trust committees, but is the operational responsibility of the CEO and his staff.

Column 1 - **Risk** This has been divided into five key headings for risk to be classified and in the risk column a simple heading is required. The template as the basic headings and Principals may add others they consider as a risk; for example GHA not retaining it NAS accreditation.

Column 2 - The **date raised**, however some risks such as ‘pupils making progress’ will be annual so simply insert A in this column.

Column 3 - The **Risk Description** should be concise, but capable of being understood by all staff, governors and Trustees.

Column 4 - The **Impact** of this occurring on the Academy or the Trust; for example being judged inadequate by Ofsted could lead to the academy being removed from the Trust, thus very high impact possible 5. *[1 - insignificant, 2 - minor, 3 - moderate, 4 - serious and 5 - very serious.]*

Column 5 – The **Likelihood** is the chances of that risk occurring; for example if our performance in terms of standards and progress is good the likelihood of the risk is very low 1. *[1 – very low, 2 - low, 3 – medium, 4 – high and 5 very high.]*

Column 6 - **Risk Factor** is a combination of the impact and likelihood, which are multiplied to create this factor. *[1 to 6 is low risk, 8 to 15 medium risk and 16 to 25 is high risk and must be considered on a regular basis to prevent failure].* The risk tolerance matrix illustrates high, medium and low.

Risk Tolerance Matrix						
Likelihood	5 Very High	LOW			HIGH	
	4 High					
	3 Medium					
	2 Low					
	1 Very Low					
Lincolnshire Educational Trust		1 Insignificant	2 Minor	3 Moderate	4 Serious	5 Very Serious
		Impact				

Column 7 – The **Actions and Mitigation** should be short and concise describing what is been done to address the risk.

Column 8 - The CEO/Principal should appoint a **responsible person or team** to take the lead on each risk. If the risk factor is above 6 that person must be a senior member of staff.

Column 9 – This should indicate the **review frequency**, which is required to monitor the actions and mitigation.

Column 10 - The **Impact** of this occurring on the Academy or the Trust **after** the Actions and Mitigations in column 7 have been taken into account. This is scored on the same basis as column 4.

Column 11 - The **Likelihood** is the chances of that risk occurring **after** the Actions and Mitigations in column 7 have been taken into account. This is scored on the same basis as column 5.

Column 12 – This is the **current risk** assessment after actions and mitigations, which will hopefully show a reduction. **Current Risk** is a combination of the impact (column 10) and likelihood (column 11), which are multiplied to create this factor.