

Waltham Forest recommended revision to Risk Assessment – 1 December 2021

Please see below recommended amendment to the schools template RA, changes highlighted in yellow

3	Poor respiratory hygiene spread Covid-19, including not wearing face coverings	Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘Catch it, Bin it, Kill it’ approach is essential, so the school has enough tissues and bins available in the school to support pupils and staff to follow this routine. • Staff will support younger children and those with complex needs are helped to get this right, and all pupils understand that this is now part of how school operates. • Face coverings are now recommended to be used because of the Omicron Variant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Primary Schools: staff to wear face coverings in communal indoor areas ○ Secondary Schools: staff and pupils to wear face coverings in communal indoor areas • Special Schools and Alternative Provision will consider what arrangements work best for their wider school community The Government guidance on face coverings in Special schools and other specialist settings: coronavirus (Covid-19) will be followed, generally in communal areas. • Staff and students have been reminded wearing a face covering is in addition to the controls already in place. There are several exemptions to wearing face coverings, so not all staff and secondary school pupils may be wearing them. There is a downloadable exemption card that anyone exempt can use, some may wear badges or lanyards to indicate exemption. <p>The BBC has a good video for how to wear a face covering.</p>	Low
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There is also a new hazard

28	Person is identified as a close contact of a confirmed Omicron Variant case	Everyone	Where advised by Test and Trace, the London Coronavirus Response Centre or Public Health, the person must self-isolate for ten days and get a PCR test even if fully vaccinated.	Low
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