

Additional Controls to be considered re the Infection Control COVID-19 General Risk Assessment Form

Name and Address of the School – Etherley Lane Primary School, Clarence Gardens, Bishop Auckland, Co Durham DL14 7RB		
Additional Controls considered on-18 th December 2020	Name of Person Reviewing the Additional Controls- Kelly-Ann Lee, Erin Coxon, Sarah Jeavons, Caroline Gill	Date of assessment – December 2020.

Change to isolation period for close contacts.

On the 11th December 2020 the [Department for Health & Social Care](#) released the [UK Chief Medical Officers' statement](#) regarding the reduction in the number of days people have to self-isolate from 14 days to 10 days. the change applies from 00:01am on Monday 14 December.

The change to the isolation period for close contacts will apply to all those who are currently self-isolating including those who commenced self-isolation before Monday the 14th December, their self-isolation can now end after 10 days.

Self-isolation is essential to reducing the spread of COVID as it breaks the chains of transmission.

People who return from countries which are not on the travel corridor list should also self-isolate for 10 days instead of 14 days.

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People who test positive should continue to self-isolate for 10 days from onset of symptoms or 10 days from point of taking a positive test if asymptomatic.

[The Guidance for full opening: schools](#) was updated on the 14th December 2020 to reflect the change in the isolation period.

Risk Assessment update-All references to 14-day isolation contained within the COVID-19 risk assessment are to be changed to 10-days isolation.

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Hazards / issue	Risk Rating H/M/L (before)	Controls already in place	Further Action required	Risk Rating H/M/L (after)	By Whom & When
3.Pupils and Staff working in identified bubbles/groups					
Isolation of close contacts	M	- The Guidance for full opening: schools is being followed to reflect the change in the isolation period from 14 days to 10 days for close contacts.	-Parents/Carers and Staff to be informed via the schools usual communication links that the guidance for close contact isolation has been updated from 14 days to 10 days as of the 14 th December 2020. -Where staff/pupils are currently isolating, their isolation period is to end after 10 days, in line with the new guidance.	L	Head teacher

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