**Risk Assessment**

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| **A** | **Date:** 04/09/2020 | **School: St Anthony’s Catholic Primary School** | **Team: Inclusion** | **Location: St Anthony’s Catholic primary School** |
|  | **Review Date:** Monday 14th September and fortnightly thereafter | **Ref: COVID – 19 & Asthma** | **Assessor: Mrs R Burden-Eastabrook** | **Head Teacher: Mrs L White** |

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| B | **Assessment of Risk for:** additional measures taken to ensure safety of pupils with asthma during COVID-19 pandemic  *There is little evidence to suggest that mild, well controlled asthma presents a significant risk for severe disease. It is important to note that severe COVID-19 infection is rare in children and young people, irrespective of underlying asthma. It is unclear if COVID-19 could be a trigger for asthma attacks. However, COVID-19 is a respiratory infection and other respiratory infections, such as colds and flu, can trigger an asthma attack.* |

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| C | **List Hazards Here** | **List Groups of**  **People at Risk** | **List Existing Controls** | **Risk Level** |
| Ser No |
| 1 | Asthma: General | Pupils with asthma | * Asthma action plan in place * Necessary medication and asthma card provided to school – inhaler available in classroom for children as needed * Necessary staff notified of children with asthma | L |
| 1 | Wearing of face coverings | Pupils with asthma | * Children in primary school do not need to wear a face covering – this is especially pertinent for those children who do have asthma as it could make it feel harder to breathe. The government has advised that people with respiratory conditions do not need to wear face coverings. | L |
| 5 | Classrooms | Pupils with asthma | * Since classroom windows will be open, pupils with asthma should not be placed close to the window to maintain thermal comfort, and reduce exposure to outdoor seasonal aeroallergens. * Parents reminded to dress children appropriately to maintain thermal comfort. | L |
| 7 | Exposure to cold environments | Pupils with asthma | * All PE lessons will take place outdoors. If the weather is particularly cold, pupils with asthma will be permitted to stay indoors. * At break and lunch times when playing outside, pupils should wear a suitable coat to maintain thermal comfort. | L |
| 9 | Additional cleaning | Pupils with asthma | * Since cleaning products have been associated with an increased risk of asthma and wheeze across all age groups, cleaning products used in school will have a COSHH risk assessment undertaken prior to use. * Rooms will be well ventilated during cleaning to prevent exposure. | L |
| 10 | Covid-19 virus; Pupils who become symptomatic during the school day | Pupils with asthma | * Asthma can be confused with COVID-19 respiratory symptoms – as staff will be aware of children with asthma, they will be aware these children will be more likely to cough and wheeze. * Staff to first administer normal medication, but should symptoms worsen, the school’s normal procedure for symptomatic pupils will be undertaken. | M |

**Risk** **Level**: **High**: Accident likely with possibility of serious injury or loss

**Medium**: Possibility of accident occurring causing minor injury or loss

**Low**: Accident unlikely with control measures in place

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| D | **Controls** | **E To be completed by the Manager** | | | |
|  | (Ser Nº to correspond with Hazard Ser Nº) |  | | | |
| Ser No | **Additional Controls Required** | **Action to be Taken** | **By Whom** | **Target Completion Date** | **Task Completed**  **(Signed & Dated)** |
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| **F** | **Once additional controls are implemented, what will the overall risk level be:**  **High Medium Low** | *Please note an electronic signature will suffice.* |
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