



# PLYMOUTH SCHOOL SPORTS PARTNERSHIP (PSSP)

## HEALTH AND SAFETY RISK ASSESSMENT FORM COVID-19

Assessment Version Number:	V1.2	Area or Activity assessed:	Implementation of COVID-19 compliant curriculum arrangements for practical based subjects.
Assessment Date:	March 2021		
Persons who may be affected by the activity and are at risk:	Staff, Students		

### SECTION 1: Overview

We are firmly committed to ensuring pupils can participate in purposeful physical education and physical activity at this time. Schools have the flexibility to decide how physical education, sport and physical activity will be provided whilst following the measures in their system of controls. The Government guidance for full opening states that schools are able to work with external coaches, clubs and organisations for curricular and extra-curricular activities where they are satisfied that it is safe to do so. We are dedicated to ensuring that all staff and students are protected, feel safe and have access to the most up to date guidance.

Teaching physical education in the current environment will be adaptable and imaginative and will take place in accordance to the latest Government guidance and advice. COVID-19 is a virus that puts the physically vulnerable at risk and attacks the airway and respiratory system, which is why the upkeep and maintenance of activity that promotes respiratory health, weight management and physical health is essential. Through adaptation we believe meaningful work and high quality teaching and learning can take place.

Sports whose national governing bodies have developed guidance under the principles of the Government's guidance on team sport and been approved by the Government are permitted. The PSSP will only provide team sports on the list available at return to recreational team sport framework. Pupils should be kept in consistent groups, sports equipment thoroughly cleaned between each use by different individual groups, and contact sports avoided.

Outdoor sports should be prioritised where possible, and large indoor spaces used where it is not, maximising natural ventilation flows (through opening windows and doors or using air conditioning systems wherever possible) distancing between pupils and paying scrupulous attention to cleaning and hygiene. This is particularly important in a sports setting because of the way in which people breathe during exercise. External facilities can also be used in line with Government guidance for the use of, and travel to and from, those facilities.

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**PSSP Staff Deployment** - PSSP staff will comply with the school's arrangements for managing and minimising risk, including taking particular care to maintain distance from other staff and pupils when delivering in PSSP schools. The PSSP ask that all schools share any written material they have for their Covid-19 protocols so that PSSP staff can work in accordance with these and in addition the following controls have been put in place:

### SECTION 2: Risk Controls

Hazard Number	Hazard Description	Controls in place to reduce risk	RISK RATING		
			S	P	R
1	Cross infection of COVID-19 between child/PSSP Staff	<p>PSSP staff must not deliver training if they have COVID-19 symptoms, or have someone in their household who does.</p> <p><i>In line with Government guidance to school staff, PSSP staff are required to undertake lateral flow testing, twice each week. Evidence of the most recent test result can be made available to schools as required.</i></p> <p>Students to be briefed of COVID-19 protocol prior to session.</p> <p>PSSP staff and students will follow the school policy for toilet use and handwashing.</p> <p>PSSP staff must supervise alcohol hand rub or sanitiser use by children in line with the school risk assessment/policy.</p> <p>PSSP staff must practice good respiratory hygiene (i.e. cough into a tissue, elbow if not possible, sanitise hands afterwards, safe disposal of tissues).</p> <p>PSSP staff to be aware of and follow up to date Government guidance.</p> <p>Social distancing to be maintained during activity and discussion.</p> <p>Any extra- curricular activities taking place will adhere to the latest Government and sport advisories recommendations and will take place in accordance with school COVID-19 policies.</p> <p>PSSP staff will be required to adhere to the schools COVID-19 policy and risk assessments. Staff delivery will be monitored to ensure Government, school and sport guidelines are being met.</p> <p>The use of PPA by staff and students will adhere to the whole school policy.</p>	4	2	8

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		<p>First-aid issues will be referred to the Duty First Aider who will be appropriately prepared to minimise risk.</p> <p>All shared equipment to be cleaned by PSSP Staff or School prior and after use or placed into 72-hour quarantine</p>			
2	Cross infection of COVID-19 between students	<p>Students will be taught in their bubble teaching groups (bubbles will be set by the school).</p> <p>All activities in PE lessons and sessions will be non-contact and planned to ensure that distance is maximised as far as possible.</p> <p>Sessions will be revised or adapted to include activities allowing the current advised social distancing wherever possible.</p> <p>Close attention will be paid to cleaning and hygiene.</p> <p>Students will follow the school policy for toilet use and handwashing.</p> <p>PSSP staff will support students to practice good respiratory hygiene (i.e. cough into a tissue, elbow if not possible, sanitise hands afterwards, safe disposal of tissues).</p> <p>The sharing of equipment during PE lessons will be kept to a minimum and where the sharing of equipment is required, pupils will wash/sanitise their hands before and after use.</p> <p>Resources that are shared between classes or bubbles, will be cleaned frequently and always between bubbles/classes, or rotated to allow them to be left unused and out of reach for a period of 48 hours (72 hours for plastics) between use by different bubbles/classes)</p> <p>Whistles, drink bottles, bibs and bands will not be shared.</p> <p>Outdoor PE and physical activity will take place as much as possible.</p> <p>Entrance and exit procedures will be put into place taking into account the latest Government guidelines.</p> <p>Floor marking or markers may be used if necessary to support the distancing of students.</p>	4	2	8

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3	Student becoming ill with COVID-19 symptoms during session	<p>Schools to inform PSSP staff what they should do if a pupil becomes unwell with the symptoms of COVID-19 during lesson/club including the use of PPE (e.g. face masks, gloves, aprons and eye protection), should direct personal care for unwell pupils be required.</p> <p>PSSP staff must stop teaching/delivery, if a child becomes unwell during lesson/club. Notify the school and the PSSP immediately, ensure they and the other pupils maintain at least two metres distance from the unwell pupil (or put on PPE if the pupil requires direct assistance from PSSP staff), and continue teaching the other pupils after someone at the school has removed the child who is unwell.</p> <p>The PSSP will provide PSSP staff contact details to schools if requested for contact tracing should a member of the school community test positive for COVID-19.</p>	4	1	4
4	PSSP staff becoming ill with COVID-19	<p>PSSP staff must stop sessions if they become unwell, notify the school and the PSSP immediately, maintain at least two metres distance from the pupils they have been teaching and return home after the students have returned to a member of staff at the school.</p> <p>Schools must inform the PSSP if someone at the school tests positive for COVID-19.</p> <p>Schools must confirm that no one at the school has tested positive for COVID-19 before PSSP staff are sent to the school.</p>	4	1	4
5	Cross infection of COVID-19 within the school community	<p>PSSP staff must keep training cohorts together, ensure pupils are in the same groups at all times and not mix pupils from different groups.</p> <p>PSSP staff must adhere to each individual school's risk assessment for moving around the school and accessing rooms/equipment.</p> <p>PSSP Staff Deployment - PSSP staff will comply with the school's arrangements for managing and minimising risk, including taking particular care to maintain distance from other staff and pupils when delivering in PSSP schools. PE Specialist Teachers will work solely within their Cluster of schools and will not visit other Partnership schools without prior consultation with the host school.</p>	4	1	4

**Name of Assessor(s)**

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**Signed**



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*This risk assessment has been prepared, based on the DfE Guidance on the Full Opening of Schools published in September 2020, to support Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity (PESSPA). The PSSP will regularly check the Government website (GOV.UK) for updates and adjust this risk assessment accordingly.*

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