



## Lighthouse Schools Partnership Covid-19 Equality Impact Assessment

The aim of an equality impact assessment (EIA) is to consider the equality implications of your policy, practice, function or service on different groups of staff and students, and consider if there are ways to proactively advance equality.

The [Government has produced an EIA](#) for the arrangements that they have put in place through the Coronavirus Act 2020.

An example of the Government's consideration of any equality impact and mitigating measures is provided below:

To 'Limit the spread of coronavirus... in Schools, Further Education and Childcare Settings: The policy reflected in these provisions will not exclude any individual based on their protected characteristics. However, the impacts of these provisions will be principally felt by children and young people, and perhaps even disproportionately so more of the more vulnerable cohorts such as children with special education needs and disabilities. Where there are differential impacts, we believe the public health reasons justify the approach, and there is no alternative way of dealing with the public health risks as urgently and effectively.'

The LSP EIA is required to consider whether any of the measures within our risk assessments, beyond those determined by the Government, have any adverse impacts on groups or individuals with protected characteristics (Race, Religion or Belief, Disability, Sex, Gender Reassignment, Sexual Orientation, Age, Marriage or Civil Partnership, Pregnancy or Maternity).

1. Project Details	
Name of the policy, practice, service or function being assessed, and a brief overview of its aims and objectives	Attending school during the COVID-19 pandemic
Is it new or existing?	Existing
Department or Division responsible	Lighthouse Schools Partnership Executive team
Who has been involved in completing the EIA	Executive Team
Date of completion	17 <sup>th</sup> May 2021



## 2. Evidence Gathering and Engagement

a. What evidence has been used for this assessment?

- SAGE publications
- DfE guidance
- Guidance from the Local Authority Director of Public Health

b. Who have you **engaged and consulted with** as part of your assessment?

Ongoing consultation is taking place with the following:

- The Trust's competent Health and Safety Advisor
- Board of Trustees
- School Leaders
- Unions in conjunction with risk assessment



3. Impact on different groups of staff and students			
Protected Characteristic	Policy, practice, service or function (where different to Government requirements)		
	Additional control measures, such as the use of face coverings, are used to mitigate the risk of staff moving between settings or 'bubbles' when 2 metres distance cannot be maintained	In order to balance the quality and appropriateness of provision with the risk of COVID-19 we will enable children in KS1 to be seated in groups rather than in rows	
Race	No adverse impact	No adverse impact	
Religion or Belief	No adverse impact	No adverse impact	
Disability	No adverse impact as using control measures e.g. face covering in line with Government guidance	No adverse impact as risk assessments are in place for any CEV or CV pupils and staff	
Sex	No adverse impact	No adverse impact	
Gender Reassignment	No adverse impact	No adverse impact	
Sexual Orientation	No adverse impact	No adverse impact	
Age	No adverse impact	This slightly reduces our control measures for children in KS1 but is a reasonable change to support the quality and appropriateness of their provision given the current low transmission rates	
Marriage or Civil Partnership	No adverse impact	No adverse impact	
Pregnancy or Maternity	No adverse impact	No adverse impact	
Carers / People with caring responsibilities	No adverse impact as using control measures e.g. face	No adverse impact - risk assessments are, or can be put,	



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	covering in line with Government guidance	in place for any pupils with CEV or CV family members on a case by case basis	
Disadvantaged Students	No adverse impact as using control measures e.g. face covering in line with Government guidance	No adverse impact	
Mitigating actions	Face coverings only to be used in line with Government guidance.	Individual risk assessments	
	Face coverings or other PPE for staff provided by the school. Further purchases of face coverings for staff will be 3 layer face masks		



<b>5. Monitoring and Review</b>		
How will you monitor the impact of your project once it has been put into effect?	Regular reviews by Headteacher and LGB	As required but at least termly
External review	Executive Team to monitor changes in risk assessments and share good/emerging practice with schools	Executive Team weekly
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Next Review Date:	At end of Stage 4 of roadmap	15 <sup>th</sup> June 2021