**Swain House Primary School**

**COVID-19 Risk Assessment**

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| Purpose of risk assessment:  Living with COVID-19 | Who might it effect;  Pupils, staff and Visitors | Date of risk assessment:  October 2022 |

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| Vaccination | Getting a COVID-19 vaccine remains the most important isolated measure to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory infections such as flu in schools and communities. Children aged 5 or over are eligible to two doses of a COVID vaccine and those aged 16 or over and some between 12-15 can also receive a booster dose. |
| Ventilation | Opening a door or a window, even for a few minutes at a time, reduces the risk of catching respiratory infections. Trickle vents (small vents usually on the top of a window) or grilles can also be useful for bringing a little fresh air constantly.  See further guidance on ventilation [here](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-ventilation-of-indoor-spaces-to-stop-the-spread-of-coronavirus/ventilation-of-indoor-spaces-to-stop-the-spread-of-coronavirus-covid-19). |
| Hygiene | Following these basic rules of good hygiene will help to protect people from COVID-19 and other infections:   * cover your nose and mouth when you cough and sneeze, with a tissue or your elbow. The ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ approach continues to be promoted throughout the school * wash your hands with soap and water or, if not available, use a hand sanitizer * clean surfaces that are touched frequently   Pedal bins continue to be available for tissue disposal, along with sanitiser in all classrooms  Additional cleaner working 10 hours per week – 2 hours per day over the lunchtime period (11.45am to 1.45pm):   * Little Acorns Nursery and Great Oak Nursery after morning children go home * Throughout school targeting touch points in corridors and toilets * Staffrooms |
| Face Covering | Wearing a face covering significantly reduces the risk of spreading or catching respiratory infections, including COVID-19. You should consider wearing a face covering:   * if you are meeting people that you don’t usually meet in a crowded or enclosed space * if you have symptoms of a respiratory disease and is not able to stay at home * when you are coming into close contact with someone at higher risk of severe COVID-19   Face coverings are no longer recommended to those attending education or childcare settings. |