

Ellesmere Port Catholic High School Practical COVID-19 Risk Assessment Plan Updated November 2020

Department: Science

Risk factor	Risk mitigation	Staff consideration
Arriving and departing	As per whole school policy	
Hygiene	As per whole school policy	
Changing rooms/kit	N/A	
Toilets	As per whole school policy	
Space	As per whole school policy	

<p>Equipment</p>	<p>Science equipment to be ordered from Technicians.</p>	<p>Teachers to order equipment from the technicians with the required notice. Technicians to communicate to staff with at least 1 working days notice if equipment requested will not be available. Equipment to be quarantined for 72 hours if it is to be used by different year groups. The Science Office is to be used for this quarantining. Technicians will manage the rotation of equipment using a labelling/rotating system as outlined by CLEAPPS. Equipment needs to be issued in multiple trays to minimise movement by pupils around the room. Teachers need to be specific with their tech requests to ensure that social distancing can be maintained where possible throughout the lesson.</p>
<p>Activities</p>	<p>No class practicals that require the use of safety glasses for Years 7 to 11. No hazardous chemicals or Bunsen burners etc can be used as safety whilst social distancing cannot be guaranteed. Demonstrations to be performed using a visualiser or virtual programmes. 6th form practicals can be done, where possible individually, providing the safety can be managed whilst staff are distancing. Lab coats and safety glasses have been issued to 6th form students. All equipment to be washed thoroughly after practicals/demonstrations where possible using the dishwasher. Electrical equipment to be cleaned with antibacterial wipes and only used within a year group or left for 72 hours before being used by a different year group.</p>	<p>Technicians to leave equipment in an area of the classroom or associated prep room as per agreement prior to lesson. Staff to replace all equipment to said place upon completion. Technicians to collect and clean. Staff to hand sanitise before and after using equipment or use gloves during. If a demo is required the teacher must use a separate tray of equipment which must then be quarantined. If any additional equipment from the lab is used by pupils or staff it must be given to the technicians at the end of the lesson for quarantining; it must not be returned to the lab. The teacher must only plan to do a practical if safety can be maintained whilst social distancing is maintained including pupils staying in their seats.</p>

Unsafe practice Activities	No class practicals that require the use of safety glasses for Years 7 to 11 as the safety of students cannot be maintained with staff distancing and with the turn around of equipment that would be required.	
Learning	Y7-11 Topics that are heavy with practical can be left until later in the year. Practicals fundamental to learning to be demonstrated.	Adapt order of SOL and lesson planning to ensure that students make appropriate progress.
Wet Weather	N/A	
Staff safety	To ensure limit of spread through contact staff need to wash hands with soap or hand sanitiser before and after using equipment or wear gloves and keep their distance during 6 th form practical sessions.	Soap, sanitiser and gloves provided for all staff.

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