

# **Schools Reopening Information – School Risk Assessments**

## **Background – National Context**

In line with the Scottish Governments guidance for the reopening of schools which was published on 30 July 2020, all schools when they return on Monday 10 August will carry out locally based risk assessments which are required and designed to:

- Ensure all children, young people and staff are protected from Covid-19 when in school
- Reflect the updated guidance and planning assumptions of a full return to schools

## **Aims of School Risk Assessments**

- Support schools with the implementation of pragmatic and proportionate control measures and any mitigating actions that have been adopted to reduce risk.

## **Areas Covered By Risk Assessments**

All Falkirk schools will be required undertake risk assessments on 38 separately identifiable risks which extend over 8 key risk areas:

1. Reopening of school building and site
2. Access to grounds and school building
3. Risks to pupils
4. Risks to staff
5. Cleaning and waste disposal
6. Suspected cases of Covid-19
7. Communications
8. Additional site specific issues

## **Development of Risk Assessments**

It is expected that schools will develop and prepare their local risk assessments in consultation with trade unions and Parent Councils (if established) and should also be shared with staff.

Risk assessments should also be reviewed and updated (if required) should the Scottish Government update the national guidance.

## **Communication with Parents, Pupils and Staff**

The risk assessments should help and support schools with communication to their key stakeholders including Parent Councils (if established) regarding health and safety matters.

## **Standards and Quality**

All schools individual risk assessments will be reviewed by Children's Services to ensure a consistent, appropriate and proportionate approach has been adopted across all schools.