

## Longridge Towers School - Covid-19 Risk Assessment for Sport

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To be read in conjunction with:

Guidance for full opening: schools:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

Return to recreational team sport framework:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-phased-return-of-sport-and-recreation/return-to-recreational-team-sport-framework#team-sport-guidance>

Additional information

Basketball: <https://www.basketballengland.co.uk/safeguarding/return-to-play-guidance/>

Football: <https://schoolsfootball.org/covid-19-guidance/>

Hockey: <https://www.englandhockey.co.uk/deliver/covid-19-guidance>

Netball: <https://www.englandnetball.co.uk/about/covid-19-support/>

Rugby: <https://www.englandrugby.com/participation/running-your-club/coronavirus>

Risk	Consequence	Risk Likelihood	Risk Rating (before controls)	Controls	Control effectiveness	Risk Rating (after controls)	Further actions (inc; by whom and when)
1. Choice of sports/activities	Increased risk of virus transmission and possible health consequences for pupils, staff and wider community;	Possible	Medium	Sports now offered in conjunction with National Governing Body guidelines are Basketball, Netball, Hockey, Football, Rugby  All NGB restrictions have been lifted, but school has some safety precautions in place such as handwashing, ventilated spaces	Effective	Low	DMA to monitor any changes issues by NGBs

	injury due to too rapid a return to sport						
2. Handling equipment	Increased risk of virus transmission and possible health consequences for pupils, staff and wider community	Possible	High	Equipment cleaned at end of each lesson;	Effective	Medium	Staff to ensure that supplies of cleaning equipment are available and can be requested via VB/SF
3. Location of lessons (indoors/ outdoors)	Increased risk of virus transmission and possible health consequences for pupils, staff and wider community	Possible	High	Sports activities to be located outside whenever possible; indoor facilities to be appropriately ventilated; check CO2 monitor testing is completed	Effective	Medium	SF to complete CO2 testing in sports hall
4. Individual or small group tuition/ advice	Increased risk of virus transmission and possible health consequences for pupils, staff and wider community	Possible	High	increased hand washing, school guidance on use of hand sanitizer, good respiratory hygiene and frequent cleaning of high contact surfaces to be followed	Effective	Medium	DMA to monitor any changes issues by NGBs
5. Specific activities	Increased risk of virus transmission and possible health consequences for pupils, staff and wider community	Possible	High	All restrictions have been lifted, however school safety precautions remain, stay prudent, more handwashing, stay in ventilated spaces, play outdoors where possible etc. Also good respiratory hygiene, use of hand sanitizer and regular disinfection of heavily used areas to be followed;	Effective	Medium	DMA to monitor any changes issues by NGBs

**Table 2: Likelihood Criteria:** This guide provides the indicative terms against which the probability of a risk event occurrence is evaluated.

Descriptor	Description	Indicative %	Indicative Frequency	<p>Note:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The <b>Likelihood Criteria</b> refers to the likelihood of the consequence descriptor you have selected i.e. the likelihood of a 'major' consequence.</li> <li>2. The <b>Indicative Frequency</b> may not be relevant when assessing risks related to repeated activities, or when objectives are to be delivered over discrete periods of time. It should not be the sole basis for assessment.</li> </ol>
Almost Certain	Expected to occur	>95%	Multiple times in the next year	
Likely	Probably will occur (no surprise)	66-95%	At least once in the next year	
Possible	May occur at some stage	26-65%	Once in the next 3 years	
Unlikely	Would be surprising if it occurred	5-25%	Once in the next 5 years	
Rare	May never occur	<5%	Once in the next 10 years	

**Table 3: Risk Rating Matrix (Before Controls):** Used to combine consequence with likelihood to determine the overall level of risk.

Risk Rating Matrix		Consequence				
		Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Severe
Likelihood	Almost Certain	Medium	High	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme
	Likely	Medium	Medium	High	Extreme	Extreme
	Possible	Low	Medium	Medium	High	Extreme
	Unlikely	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	High
	Rare	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium

**Table 4: Control Effectiveness:** Indicates the self-assessment of control effectiveness.

Controls Effectiveness Rating and Criteria	
<b>Effective</b>	<p>§ The design of controls is adequate and effective in addressing the key causes and/or consequences.</p> <p>§ The controls (e.g. policies, procedures, etc.) have been formally documented and proactively communicated to relevant stakeholders.</p> <p>§ The controls overall, are operating effectively so as to manage the risk.</p>
<b>Acceptable</b>	<p>§ The design of controls is largely adequate and effective in addressing key causes and/or consequences.</p> <p>§ The controls (e.g. policies, procedures, etc.) have been formally documented but not proactively communicated to relevant stakeholders.</p> <p>§ The controls are largely operating in a satisfactory manner and are providing some level of assurance.</p>
<b>Needs Improvement</b>	<p>§ The design of controls only partially addresses key causes and/or consequences.</p> <p>§ Documentation and/or communication of the controls (e.g. policies, procedures, etc.) are incomplete, unclear or inconsistent.</p> <p>§ The controls are not operating consistently and/or effectively and have not been implemented in full.</p>
<b>Ineffective</b>	<p>§ The design of controls overall, is ineffective in addressing key causes and/or consequences.</p> <p>§ Documentation and/or communication of the controls does not exist (e.g. policies, procedures, etc.).</p> <p>§ The controls are not in operation or have not yet been implemented.</p>

**Table 5: Risk Rating (after Controls):** Used to decide whether the risk is acceptable, based on the rating calculated.

<p><b>Low = Acceptable</b> (with periodic review)</p>	<p>Exposure to this risk is acceptable, but is subject to periodic review to ensure it does not increase and current control effectiveness does not vary.</p>
<p><b>Medium = Tolerable</b> (with frequent risk owner review)</p>	<p>Exposure to the risk may continue, provided it has been appropriately assessed and has been managed to as low as reasonably practicable. It should be subject to frequent review to ensure the risk analysis remains valid and the controls effective. Treatments to reduce the risk can be considered.</p>
<p><b>High = Tolerable</b> (with ongoing delegated senior leader/ manager review)</p>	<p>Risk should be reduced by developing treatments. It should be subject to on-going review to ensure controls remain effective, and the benefits balance against the risk. Escalation of this level of risk to delegated senior leader or manager should occur.</p>
<p><b>Extreme = Unacceptable</b> (must have Headmaster / Governor oversight)</p>	<p>Immediately consider whether the activity associated with this risk should cease. Any decision to continue exposure to this level of risk should be made at Headmaster / Governor level, be subject to the development of detailed treatments, on-going oversight and high level review.</p>