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Visiting and meeting report.

Leicester High School for Girls have been partially open since 23 March for children of key workers and children who are classified as vulnerable and will be welcoming pupils back in the autumn term.

In compliance with health and safety legislation and by following the Governments guidance a system of controls have been implemented to effectively minimise risk. An initial COVID-19 risk assessment was undertaken on 29 May, a revised risk assessment on reopening has been based on the Governments guidance for all pupils and staff.

The assessment is very comprehensive and is to be shared with all staff members and the control measures implemented. Whilst an assessment will not ensure a totally risk-free environment it will create a safer environment where the risk of transmission of infection is substantially reduced.

It is also inevitable that the risk assessment will need to be revisited and updated and consider the revised controls. All elements of the system of controls are essential and must be monitored. As with any risk assessment it should follow the HSE hierarchy of controls to reduce the risk to as low as reasonably practicable.

The school is working closely with parents, staff and governors. FAQ's have also been provided. Staff members who are at higher risk have been contacted and listened to their concerns. The school will work to ensure the workplace meets governments guidelines.

Measures for cleaning have been assessed with a further appointed cleaner for the Senior School and three for the Junior school. A cleaning plan has been set up with a system of monitoring checks being undertaken by the Site Manager. Upon this regular meetings with the Bursar will be undertaken.

Sufficient hand washing and sanitiser facilities have been provided throughout the buildings, moveable stations have also been provided in areas where required.

Contractors will be contacted prior to arrival on site, a separate questionnaire will also be completed in compliance with GDPR.

Communication with staff is vital and interim meetings will be undertaken with a process procedure.

All pupils as part of form time will cover a COVID-19 presentation.

Following the COVID-19 signage throughout the school is considered acceptable.

Pupils and staff health and wellbeing is being well managed with access to health provider.

Managing the partial opening buildings have been a priority with all building increased risks related sufficiently managed.

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