

Great Bardfield Primary School



Business Continuity Plan

Detailing arrangements for:

- Incident Management
- Business Continuity
- Recovery and Resumption of Normal School Activities

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1.0 About this Plan

1. Document Control

Details of any revisions to this plan:

Date	Revision/Amendment Details & Reason	Author

2. Plan Purpose

To provide a flexible response so that Great Bardfield Primary School can:

- Respond to a disruptive incident (incident management)
- Maintain delivery of critical activities during an incident (business continuity)
- Return to 'business as usual' (resumption and recovery)

Examples of critical incidents impacting on schools include:

- Death or serious injury of a pupil/ member of staff in school or on a school trip
- Child protection incident
- Events which result in higher than normal absences
- Major fire
- Building collapse
- Natural disaster, such as flooding
- Missing person(s)/abductions
- Intense media interest

This plan is constructed using guidance from the DfE document 'Emergency planning and response for education, childcare, and children's social care settings' 1st April 2022

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/emergency-planning-and-response-for-education-childcare-and-childrens-social-care-settings/emergency-planning-and-response-for-education-childcare-and-childrens-social-care-settings>

3. Plan Scope

The following are covered by this Plan:

- teaching
- learning support
- pastoral care in the school environment
- midday supervision
- school administration
- catering
- out of hours clubs
- school trips
- lettings

- governance

The following premises are covered by this Plan:

- Great Bardfield Primary School building and play areas
- Great Bardfield Pre-School and Before and After School Club (Not owned or managed by Great Bardfield Primary School).

1. Revision amendments

Details of any revisions to this plan:

Version	Amendments	Date

1.5 Plan Owner

The Headteacher is this Plan's Owner and is responsible for ensuring that it is maintained, exercised and updated in accordance with School Policy for reviewing business continuity / emergency / critical incident / response plans.

1.6 Plan Distribution

Below are the names of the School Incident Management Team and the plan will be distributed to these members:

NAME	ROLE	ISSUE DATE	PLAN REF NO
Liz Crow	Headteacher/ Business Continuity Leader	01.06.22	One
Sara Harrison	Finance Officer/ ICT Recovery Co-Ordinator	01.06.22	Two
Jane Tillotson	Chair of Governors/ Recovery Co-Ordinator	01.06.22	Three
Emma White	Deputy Headteacher	01.06.22	Four
Dave Looker	Caretaker/ Facilities Manager	01.06.22	Five

1.7 Plan Storage

All parties on the distribution list above, are required to **safely** and **confidentially** store a copy of this plan at their regular place of work **and** off-site.

1.8 Plan Review Schedule

This plan will be updated annually and formally reviewed by Governors.

2.0 Plan Activation

2.1 Circumstances

This Plan will be activated in response to an incident causing significant disruption to the School, particularly the delivery of key/critical activities.

Examples of circumstances triggering activation of this Plan include:

- Loss of key staff or skills e.g. above normal levels of absenteeism due to illness or other scenarios such as severe weather, transport disruption
- Loss of critical systems e.g. ICT failure, power outage
- Denial of access, or damage to, facilities e.g. loss of a building through fire or flood, an external emergency with the School in the Emergency Service's cordon preventing access, School facilities in use for General/Local Elections, severe weather scenarios or utilities failure
- Loss of a key resource e.g. an external supplier/partner vital to the delivery of a critical school activity such as catering provider or providers of transport e.g. for SEN pupils

2.2 Responsibility for Plan Activation

The Head Teacher or a member of the nominated **School Incident Management Team**¹ will normally activate and stand down this Plan.

2.3 Escalating a Serious/Critical Incident

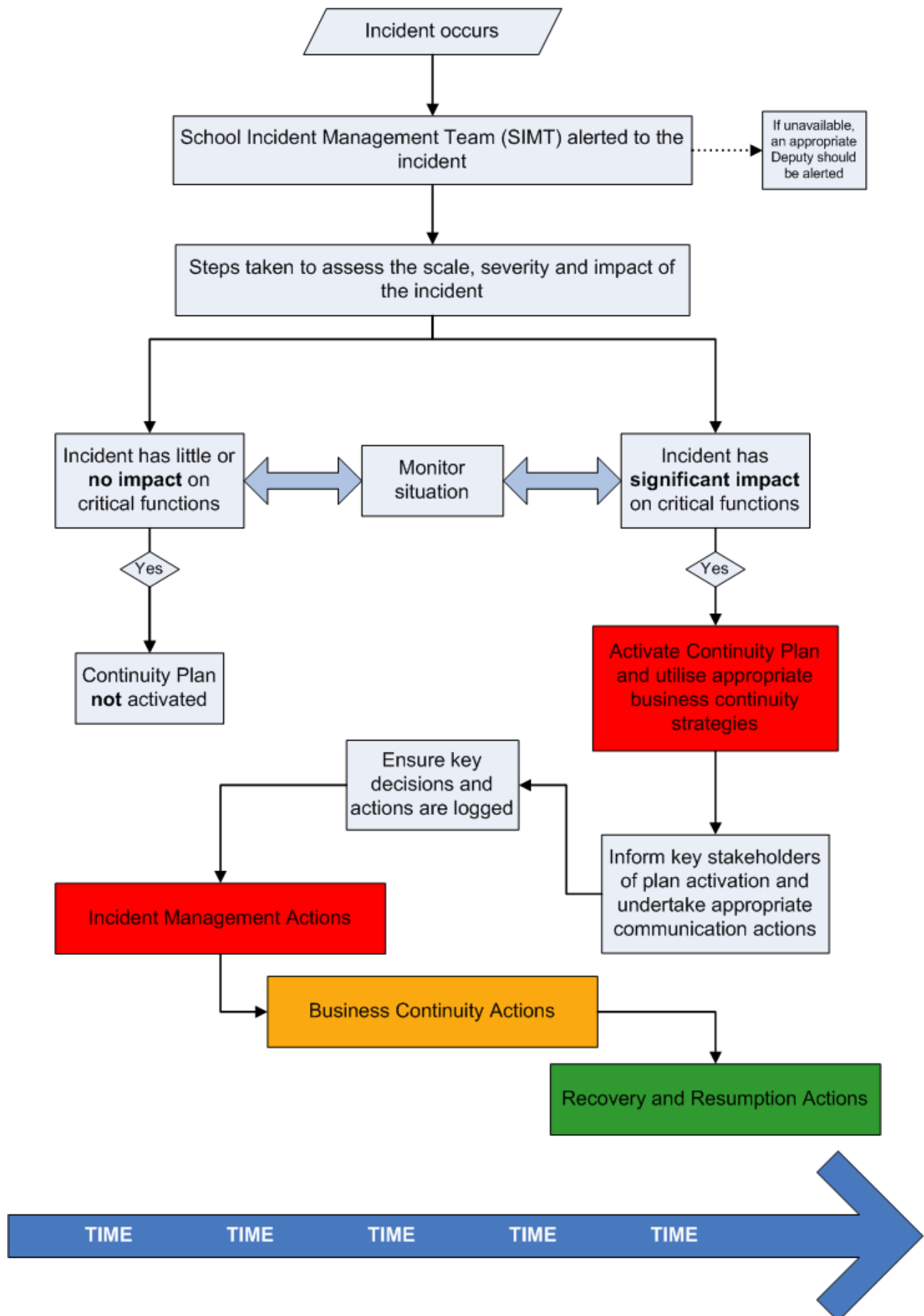
All serious incidents or incidents affecting the physical infrastructure of the school should be reported to Essex County Council via the two numbers listed below

Schools Communications Team Email: schools.communication@essex.gov.uk	01245 434745	Office Hours (9am – 5pm)
Emergency Duty Service (EDS)	0345 6061212	Out of Hours (5pm – 9am) and at weekends and Bank Holidays

If the incident is deemed to be of a 'critical' nature, the Incident Management Plan will be activated and other Council Services as well as the Department of Education should be notified to respond as appropriate.

¹ See Section 3.1 for the responsibilities for your School Incident Management Team

2.4 Activation Process



3.0 Roles and Responsibilities

3.1 School Incident Management Team

Role	Responsibilities	Accountability / Authority
Headteacher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Senior responsible owner of Business Continuity Management in the School ▪ Ensuring the School has capacity within it's structure to respond to incidents ▪ Determining the School's overall response and recovery strategy ▪ Business Continuity Plan development ▪ Developing continuity arrangements and strategies e.g. alternative relocation site, use of temporary staff etc ▪ Involving the School community in the planning process as appropriate ▪ Plan testing and exercise ▪ Conducting 'debriefs' following an incident, test or exercise to identify lessons and ways in which the plan can be improved ▪ Training staff within the School on Business Continuity ▪ Embedding a culture of resilience within the School, involving all staff and pupils 	The Headteacher has overall responsibility for day-to-management of the School, including lead decision-maker in times of crisis.
School Incident Management Team <i>(including Headteacher, Finance Officer, COG and Caretaker)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Leading the School's initial and ongoing response to an incident ▪ Declaring that an 'incident' is taking place ▪ Activating the Business Continuity Plan ▪ Notifying relevant stakeholders of the incident, plan activation and ongoing response actions ▪ Providing direction and leadership for the whole School community ▪ Undertaking response and communication actions as agreed in the plan ▪ Prioritising the recovery of key activities disrupted by the incident ▪ Managing resource deployment ▪ Welfare of Pupils 	The School Incident Management Team has the delegated authority to authorise all decisions and actions required to respond and recover from the incident.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Staff welfare and employment issues	
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The following Staff have been identified as the School's Incident Management Team:

<i>Role / Organisation</i>	<i>Name</i>	Telephone No.
Liz Crow	Headteacher/ Business Continuity Leader	07946406073
Sara Harrison	Finance Officer/ ICT Recovery Co-Ordinator	07702100477
Jane Tillotson	Chair of Governors/ Recovery Co-Ordinator	07966273146
Emma White	Deputy Headteacher	07738224597
Dave Looker	Caretaker/ Facilities Manager	07984290468

3.2 Additional Response and Recovery Roles

Depending on the circumstances of the incident, it may be necessary to activate one or all of the roles described below.

Role	Responsibilities	Accountability / Authority
Incident Loggist (record keeper) Carol Andrews LSA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring that all key decisions and actions taken in relation to the incident are recorded accurately 	Reporting directly to the Headteacher or School Incident Management Team.
Media Coordinator Ellen Steward SLT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collating information about the incident for dissemination in Press Statements Liaison with Essex County Council's Press Office to inform media strategy 	The Media Co-ordinator should assist with providing information to the Press Office but should not undertake direct contact with Media.

Stakeholder Liaison Emma White Deputy Head	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Co-ordinating communication with key stakeholders as necessary. This includes (but does not cover all): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Governors ○ Parents/carers ○ Key Essex County Council Services ○ School Crossing Patrol ○ School Transport Providers ○ External agencies e.g. Emergency Services, Health and Safety Executive (HSE) etc 	All communications activities should be agreed by the School Incident Management Team. Information sharing should be approved by the Headteacher (or School Incident Management Team if the Headteacher is unavailable).
Facilities Manager Dave Looker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Undertaking duties as necessary to ensure site security and safety in an incident ▪ Liaison with the School Incident Management to advise on any issues relating to the school physical infrastructure ▪ Lead point of contact for any Contractors who may be involved in incident response 	Reporting directly to the Headteacher or School Incident Management Team.
ICT Coordinator Sara Harrison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensuring the resilience of the School's ICT infrastructure ▪ Liaison with Essex County council ICT support or external providers (if applicable) ▪ Work with the Business Continuity Leader to develop proportionate risk responses 	ICT Coordinator reports directly to the Business Continuity Leader for plan development issues. In response to an incident, reporting to the School Incident Management Team.
Recovery Coordinator Jane Tillotson COG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Leading and reporting on the School's recovery process ▪ Identifying lessons as a result of the incident ▪ Liaison with Business Continuity Leader to ensure lessons are incorporated into the plan development 	Is likely to already be a member of the School Incident Management Team, however will remain focused on leading the recovery and resumption phase. Reports directly to Headteacher.

The following School staff have been identified as people who may be able to undertake additional roles in your response to an incident:

Name	Role	Contact Details
Carol Andrews	Incident Logger	07751308870
Ellen Steward	ICT Coordinator	07875515116
Emma White	Media Coordinator	07738224597
Dave Looker	Facilities Manager	07984290468
Sara Harrison	ICT Co-ordinator	07702100477
Jane Tillotson	Chair of Governors	07966273146

3.3 The Role of Governors

Role	Responsibilities	Accountability / Authority
Board of Governors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working in partnership with the Headteacher to provide strategic direction in planning for and responding to disruptive incidents Undertaking actions as required to support the School's response to a disruptive incident and subsequent recovery Acting as a 'critical friend' to ensure that the School Business Continuity Plan is fit-for-purpose and continuity arrangements are robust and reliable Monitoring and evaluating overall performance in developing School Resilience and reporting to Parents/Carers 	<p>Liaison with the Headteacher or School Incident Management Team in response to a crisis.</p> <p>Reporting progress in developing Business Continuity Plans to Parents/Carers</p>

4.0 Incident Management

Turn immediately to Section 5.0 for pre-planned incidents or slowly developing scenarios that are not 'no notice' emergencies but have the potential to disrupt School activities e.g. computer virus, flu pandemics, a pre - planned strike, forecast for heavy snow or a power outage etc

4.1 Purpose of the Incident Management Phase

The purpose and priorities for this phase are to:

- Protect the safety and welfare of pupils, staff, visitors and the wider community
- Protect vital assets e.g. equipment, data, reputation
- Ensure urgent and necessary communication takes place
- Support the Business Continuity phase
- Support the Recovery and Resumption phase

4.2 Incident Management Actions

	ACTION	FURTHER INFO/DETAILS	ACTIONED? (tick/cross as appropriate)
	Make a <i>quick</i> initial assessment: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Survey the scene▪ Assess (i.e. scale/severity, duration & impact)▪ Disseminate information (to others)	Gather and share information to facilitate decision-making and enhance the response <i>A full impact assessment form can be found in Appendix A</i>	
	Call the Emergency Services (as appropriate)	TEL: 999 Provide as much information about the incident as possible	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Evacuate the School building, if necessary.▪ Consider whether it may be safer or better for the welfare of pupils to stay within the School premises and congregate at a place of relative safety indoors.▪ If there is time and it is safe to do so, consider the recovery of vital assets/equipment to enable delivery of critical School activities▪ Notify relevant stakeholders of site evacuation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Use normal fire evacuation procedures for the School▪ Consider arrangements for staff/pupils with special needs▪ If the decision is to stay within the School, ensure the assembly point is safe and take advice from Emergency Services as appropriate	

	ACTION	FURTHER INFO/DETAILS	ACTIONED? (tick/cross as appropriate)
	Ensure all Pupils, Staff and any School Visitors report to the identified Assembly Point.	<p>The normal Assembly point for the School is: the front school playground for Years 4/5/6/ Office and back playground for Years R/1/2/3 and kitchen staff</p> <p>The alternative Assembly Point for the school is: The School Green.</p>	
	<p>Check that all Pupils, Staff, Contractors and any Visitors have been evacuated from the building and are present.</p> <p>Consider the safety of all pupils, staff, contractors and Visitors as a priority</p>	<p>Use all the sign in books for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff • Governors • Visitors • Staff in/out board • Pupil contact folders for each year group. 	
	Ensure appropriate access to site for Emergency Service vehicles	Ensure all staff using the premises for parking know to keep the access points clear.	
	Establish a contact point for all supporting personnel	Consider the availability of staff and who may be best placed to communicate information	
	Identify School Incident Management Team to undertake specific emergency response roles	<i>Information on roles and responsibilities can be found in Section 3.0</i>	
	Ensure a log of key decisions and actions is started and maintained throughout the incident	<i>The Log template can be found in Appendix A</i>	
	Where appropriate, record names and details of any staff, contractors or visitors who may have been injured or affected by the incident as part of your incident record keeping	This information should be held securely as it may be required by Emergency Services or other agencies either during or following the incident	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Take further steps to assess the impact of the incident ▪ Agree response / next steps 	<p>Continue to record key decisions and actions in the incident log</p> <p><i>The impact assessment form can be found in Appendix B.</i></p>	

	ACTION	FURTHER INFO/DETAILS	ACTIONED? (tick/cross as appropriate)
	Log details of all items lost by Pupils, Staff, Visitors etc as a result of the incident, if appropriate	<i>A form for recording this information is in Appendix C</i>	
	Consider the involvement of other Teams, Services or Organisations who may be required to support the management of the incident in terms of providing additional resource, advice and guidance	<p>Depending on the incident, the following Teams in ECC may be approached to assist with incident management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Essex HR – if a counselling service is required for anyone within the school's community ▪ Health and Safety Advisory service ▪ Emergency Planning Officer ▪ Executive Director ▪ Cabinet member 	
	If appropriate, arrange contact with the Council Press Office via Management Support for Schools.	Establish a media area if necessary.	
	Assess the key priorities for the remainder of the working day and take relevant action	<p>Consider actions to ensure the health, safety and well-being of the School community at all times.</p> <p>Consider your business continuity strategies i.e. alternative ways of working, re-location to your recovery site etc to ensure the impact of the disruption is minimised.</p> <p><i>Business Continuity Strategies are documented in Section 5.3</i></p> <p>Consider the School's legal duty to provide free school meals and how this will be facilitated, even in the event of emergency school closure.</p>	

	ACTION	FURTHER INFO/DETAILS	ACTIONED? (tick/cross as appropriate)
	Ensure Staff are kept informed about what is required of them	Consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ what actions are required ▪ where staff will be located ▪ Notifying Staff who are not currently in work with details of the incident and actions undertaken in response 	
	Ensure Pupils are kept informed as appropriate to the circumstances of the incident	Consider communication strategies and additional support for pupils with special needs. Consider the notification of pupils not currently in school i.e. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ update website ▪ send text message to all parents ▪ email parents who have supplied an email address. 	
	Ensure Parents/Carers are kept informed as appropriate to the circumstances of the incident. Parents/carers of those immediately affected by the incident will require additional considerations to ensure information is accurate and up-to-date.	Agree arrangements for parents/carers collecting pupils at an appropriate time. Consider how emergency communication needs will be established: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ update answerphone ▪ update website daily ▪ send text message to alert parents to crucial up-to-date information ▪ email parents (who have supplied an email address) to alert them to crucial information. 	
	Ensure Governors are kept informed as appropriate to the circumstances of the incident	Send out a daily email to staff and Governors.	
	Consider the wider notification process and the key messages to communicate	Inform Essex radio and speak to the local Newspaper e.g. the Evening Echo. Depending on the nature of the incident inform local television (speak to Communications team at Essex County Council beforehand).	

	ACTION	FURTHER INFO/DETAILS	ACTIONED? (tick/cross as appropriate)
	Communicate the interim arrangements for delivery of critical School activities	Ensure all stakeholders are kept informed of contingency arrangements as appropriate Send out a daily email to staff and Governors. Update the school website daily.	
	Log all expenditure incurred as a result of the incident	Record all costs incurred as a result of responding to the incident <i>The Financial Expenditure Log can be found in Appendix D</i>	
	Seek specific advice/ inform your Insurance Company as appropriate	Insurance Policy details can be found filed in the Insurance documents file in the filing cabinet in the office.	
	Ensure recording process in place for staff/pupils leaving the site	Ensure the safety of staff and pupils before they leave site and identify suitable support and risk control measures as required	

5.0 Business Continuity

5.1 Purpose of the Business Continuity Phase

The purpose of the business continuity phase of your response is to ensure that critical activities are resumed as quickly as possible and/or continue to be delivered during the disruption. This may involve activation of one or more of your business continuity strategies to enable alternative ways of working. During an incident it is unlikely that you will have all of your resources available to you, it is therefore likely that some 'non critical' activities may need to be suspended at this time.

5.2 Business Continuity Actions

	ACTION	FURTHER INFO/DETAILS	ACTIONED? (tick/cross as appropriate)
	Identify any other stakeholders required to be involved in the Business Continuity response	Depending on the incident, you may need additional/specific input in order to drive the recovery of critical activities, this may require the involvement of external partners	
	Evaluate the impact of the incident	<p>Take time to understand the impact of the incident on 'business as usual' School activities by communicating with key stakeholders to gather information.</p> <p>Consider the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Which School activities are disrupted?▪ What is the impact over time if these activities do not continue?▪ Would the impact be:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Manageable?○ Disruptive?○ Critical?○ Disastrous?▪ What are current staffing levels?▪ Are there any key deadlines approaching?▪ What are your urgent recovery objectives?▪ What resources are required to recover your critical activities?	

	ACTION	FURTHER INFO/DETAILS	ACTIONED? (tick/cross as appropriate)
	Plan how critical activities will be maintained, utilising pre-identified or new business continuity strategies (See Section 5.3)	<p>Consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Immediate priorities ▪ Communication strategies ▪ Deployment of resources ▪ Finance ▪ Monitoring the situation ▪ Reporting ▪ Stakeholder engagement <p>Produce an action plan for this phase of response.</p>	
	Log all decisions and actions, including what you decide not to do and include your decision making rationale	<p>Use the Decision and Action Log to do this.</p> <p><i>The log template can be found in Appendix A</i></p>	
	Log all financial expenditure incurred	<i>The Financial Expenditure Log can be found in Appendix D</i>	
	Allocate specific roles as necessary	Roles allocated will depend on the nature of the incident and availability of staff	
	Secure resources to enable critical activities to continue/be recovered	Consider requirements such as staffing, premises, equipment, ICT, welfare issues etc	
	Deliver appropriate communication actions as required	Ensure methods of communication and key messages are developed as appropriate to the needs of your key stakeholders e.g. Staff, Parents/Carers, Governors, Suppliers, Local Authority, Central Government Agencies etc.	

5.3 Business Continuity Strategies

	Arrangements to manage a loss or shortage of Staff or skills	Further Information as required:
	Use of temporary staff e.g. Supply Teachers, Office Staff etc	4MySchools 01245 353808

	Multi-skilling and cross-training to ensure staff are capable of undertaking different roles and responsibilities, this may involve identifying deputies, job shadowing, succession planning and handover periods for planned (already known) staff absence e.g. maternity leave	SLT in place, HLTAs can be used for cover
	Using different ways of working to allow for reduced workforce, this may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Larger class sizes (subject to adult to child ratios) • Use of Teaching Assistants, Student Teachers, Learning Mentors etc • Virtual Learning Environment opportunities • Pre-prepared educational materials that allow for independent learning • Team activities and sports to accommodate larger numbers of pupils at once 	<i>See above and below</i>
	Suspending 'non critical' activities and focusing on your priorities	
	Using mutual support agreements with other Schools	
	Ensuring Staff management issues are considered i.e. managing attendance policies, job description flexibility and contractual requirements etc.	

	Arrangements to manage denial of access to your premises or loss of utilities	Further Information as required:
	Localising the incident e.g. isolating the problem and utilising different sites or areas within the School premises portfolio	Classes can be merged, hall used as classroom
	Using mutual support agreements with other Schools	DEEP will support
	Pre-agreed arrangements with other premises in the community i.e. Libraries, Leisure Centres, Colleges, University premises	Village Hall
	Virtual Learning Environment opportunities	All staff familiar with Tapestry/Seesaw for learning
	Off-site activities e.g. swimming, physical activities, school trips	

	Arrangements to manage loss of technology / telephony / data / power	Further Information (e.g. Key contacts, details of arrangements, checklists)
	Back-ups of key school data e.g. CD or Memory Stick back-ups, photocopies stored on and off site, mirrored servers etc	SIMS and Finance Data is backed up to a Data Cloud. Teacher Laptops backed up to the server
	Reverting to paper-based systems e.g. paper registers, whiteboards etc	Registers still paper, all classes have whiteboards
	Flexible lesson plans	
	Emergency power e.g. Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS), generator	UKPN will supply generator
	Emergency lighting	

	Arrangements to mitigate the loss of key suppliers, third parties or partners	Further Information as required:
	Pre-identified alternative suppliers	
	Ensuring all external providers have business continuity plans in place as part of contract terms	
	Insurance cover	ECC
	Using mutual support agreements with other Schools	
	Using alternative ways of working to mitigate the loss e.g. suspending activities, adapting to the situation and working around it	

6.0 Recovery and Resumption

6.1 Purpose of the Recovery and Resumption Phase

The purpose of the recovery and resumption phase is to resume 'business as usual' [and](#) working practises for the School, as quickly as possible. Where the impact of the incident is prolonged, 'normal' operations may need to be delivered under new circumstances e.g. from a different location.

6.2 Recovery and Resumption Actions

	ACTION	FURTHER INFO/DETAILS	ACTIONED? (tick/cross as appropriate)
	Agree and plan the actions required to enable recovery and resumption of normal working practises	Agreed actions will be detailed in an action plan and set against timescales with responsibility for completion clearly indicated.	
	Respond to any ongoing and long term support needs of Staff and Pupils	Depending on the nature of the incident, the School Incident Management Team may need to consider the use of Counselling Services	
	Once recovery and resumption actions are complete, communicate the return to 'business as usual'.	Ensure all staff are aware that the business continuity plan is no longer in effect. Ring staff using staff contact list. Text and email parents – update the website.	
	Carry out a 'debrief' of the incident with Staff (and possibly with Pupils). Complete a report to document opportunities for improvement and any lessons identified	The incident de-brief report should be reviewed by all members of the School Incident Management Team and in particular by the Business Continuity Leader to ensure key actions resulting from the incident are implemented within designated timescales. Governors may also have a role in monitoring progress in completing agreed actions to further develop the resilience of the School.	
	Review this Continuity Plan in light of lessons learned from incident and the response to it	Implement recommendations for improvement and update this Plan. Ensure any revised versions of the Plan is read by all members of the Business Continuity Team	

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Log of Events, Decisions and Actions**Completed
by****Sheet Number****Incident****Date****Time****Log Details****24hr clock**

Appendix B

Impact Assessment Form

Completed By		Incident	
Date		Time	

Question	Logged Response	
How were you made aware of the incident?		
What is the nature of the incident? (e.g. type, location & severity)		
Are there any staff or pupil casualties or fatalities? (Complete casualty / fatality sheets if needed)		
Have the Emergency Services been called?		
Is the incident currently affecting School activities? If so, which areas?		
What is the estimated duration of the incident?		
What is the actual or threatened loss of workforce?	Over 50%	
	20 – 50%	
	1 – 20%	

Question	Logged Response
Has access to the whole site been denied? If so, for how long? (provide estimate if not known)	
Which work areas have been destroyed, damaged or made unusable?	
Is there evidence of structural damage?	
Which work areas are inaccessible but intact?	
Are systems and other resources unavailable? (include computer systems, telecoms, other assets)	
If so, which staff are affected by the ICT disruption and how?	
Have any utilities (gas, electricity or water) been affected?	
Is there media interest in the incident? (likely or actual)	
Does the incident have the potential to damage the School's reputation?	
Other Relevant Information	

Appendix C

Lost Property Form

Completed By		Incident	
Date		Time	

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CONTENTS OF EMERGENCY BOX / 'GRAB BAG'

Section	Details
Business Continuity	Business Continuity Plan (plus spare copies of forms in Appendices)
	Key contact details, including: Governors, Parents/Carers, Local Authority, Suppliers etc
Organisational Information	Staff Handbook (policies and procedures)
	School branding material and stationery
	School logo
	Other key documents
Financial Information	Bank, insurance details, Payroll etc
	Invoices, purchase orders, etc
	Financial procedures
	Assets Register and Insurance Policy
Staff Information	Staff contact details
	Staff emergency contact details
IT / Equipment Information	Software licence agreement and key codes
	Office telephone list (for phone divert)
	Back-up rota and data restoration routine
Equipment and other item	First Aid Kit
	Hi-vis jacket
	Back-up tapes
	Laptop with wireless connection
	Stationery including permanent markers, clipboards, pens, blue-tack, pins, pencils and notebook paper
	Hazard barrier tape
	Spare credit card
	Contact details for transport providers
	School Floor Plans
	Spare keys



IDENTIFYING, EVALUATING AND MANAGING RISKS

GUIDANCE FOR COMPLETING THE RISK MATRIX:

LEGEND	
I	Impact
P	Probability
I x P	Risk Rating

To establish your risk rating, it is necessary to multiply the perceived consequence (or impact) of the risk (score 1 - 5) with the perceived likelihood (or probability) of that risk occurring (score 1-5). Please see tables below for guidance on risk rating scores.

Example School Risk Assessment (partially complete)

Risk Description	I	P	Risk Rating	Risk Control(s)	Additional Controls Required (if any)	Lead for Risk Control Activities
Pandemic or epidemic e.g. influenza virus, meningitis	4	3	12	Staff absenteeism policy Use of Supply Teachers Move to remote learning if necessary		<i>Mrs L Crow</i>

Risk Description	I	P	Risk Rating	Risk Control(s)	Additional Controls Required (if any)	Lead for Risk Control Activities
Severe weather events e.g. high winds, snow, heat wave, drought	4	3	12	Children taught in th hall/ merging classes together in one room. School to close		<i>Mrs L Crow</i>
Power outage	4	3	12	Move to paper lessons. Prepare sandwiches for lunch School to close if prolonged outage.		<i>Mrs L Crow</i>
Utilities disruption e.g. electricity or water supply	3	3	9	Children not to use toilets in immediate instance. School to close if prolonged outage. Office staff to use mobile phones if electricity fails		<i>Mrs L Crow</i>

Risk Description	I	P	Risk Rating	Risk Control(s)	Additional Controls Required (if any)	Lead for Risk Control Activities
Telephone failure	1	2	2	Office to use email or school message system (TeacherstoParents) to communicate with parents		<i>Mrs L Crow</i>
Fire affecting the School premises	5	3	15	School would temporarily close. Children would be relocated for learning at other schools/ Townhall.		<i>Mrs L Crow</i>
Mass staff absence e.g. industrial strikes, lottery syndicate	3	1	3	Remaining staff to teach the children by merging classes where possible Use of supply agency (not in the event of industrial action) Move to remote learning as necessary		<i>Mrs L Crow</i>

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Violent extremist activity on school premises	1	1	1	Children kept in classrooms Police called		<i>Mrs L Crow</i>

Critical Incident Decision-Making Tool

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