

RA 029A School Opening COVID 19 v3 17th August	
2021	

RISK ASSESSMENT RECORDING FORM

Location or School	Date assessment	Assessment undertaken by: Jeanne Fairbrother
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Activity or situation:	Review	Signature:
School Opening COVID 19 v3 17th August 2021	date: Weekly review or as appropriate for the activity	Dogwood

Background information

School Opening

DfE guidance for schools during the coronavirus COVID 19 pandemic has been that schools are required to have a full school opening risk assessment which is regularly reviewed and updated, treating them as 'living documents', as the circumstances in our school and the public health advice changes. This includes having active arrangements in place to monitor whether the controls are effective and working as planned.

Please note that this risk assessment has been created in line with the current guidance. It contains sample control measures that fit with the DfE system of controls. One size does not fit all, and Dawpool has made this model risk assessment its own and reflects any local measures, particularly guidance from the local Health Protection Team.

Guidance

This risk assessment has regard to all relevant guidance and legislation including, but not limited to, the following:

- The Health Protection (Notification) Regulations 2010
- The Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR) 2013
- Public Health England (PHE) (2017) 'Health protection in schools and other childcare facilities'
- NEW DfE (2021) 'Schools COVID-19 operational guidance' July 2021
- UPDATED DfE (2021) 'Actions for early years and childcare settings during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak'
- DfE (2021) 'Face coverings in education'
- UPDATED 'Actions for out of school settings' July 2021

Control measures in **purple** indicate different measures are in place for different settings.

Legislation and guidance

Health and Safety at Work Act etc. 1974 Management of H&S at Work Regulations 1999 Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992 DfE Actions for schools plus associated COVID 19 Guidance Public Health England Guidance

N.B. All risk assessments referred to within this document have been revised and are available on our website www.jeannefairbrotherassociates.com

1) Hazard / Activity	2) Who can be harmed and how?	3) What controls exist to reduce the risk? Have you followed the hierarchy of controls (eliminate, substitute etc)?	Risk Score Consequence X Likelihood	4) Any further action. This should be included in the action plan (5), below
Failure to assess the risks of COVID 19 transmission in school. All settings unless indicated	Staff, pupils, visitors, contractors increased risk of transmission of COVID 19	 School has assessed the reasonably foreseeable risks of transmission of COVID 19 The risk assessment is regularly reviewed as circumstances in school and the public health advice changes. School monitors whether the controls in place are effective. 	3X2=6	
Failing to have adequate outbreak management/contingency plans to allow for stepping measures up and down. All settings unless indicated	Staff, pupils, visitors, contractors increased risk of transmission of COVID 19	 School has a Coronavirus (COVID-19) Contingency Plan risk assessment. See RA 029B Contingency plan latest version (also known as an outbreak management plan) if restrictions need to be implemented due to COVID 19. Remote education plans are in place for pupils who are self-isolating or shielding. School will call the DfE helpline on 0800 046 8687 selecting option 1 for advice on the action to take in response to a positive case who will escalate the issue to the local health protection team where necessary and advise if any additional action is required, such as implementing elements of the outbreak management plan. School will follow measures recommended by the Local Authority, Director of Public Health and local protection 	3X2=6	

Communication All settings unless indicated	Staff, pupils, visitors, contractors increased risk of transmission of COVID 19	teams (HPTs) as part of the outbreak management responsibilities. O Wirral schools contact Wirral LA Covid helpline 0151 666 3600 Email: covidschoolsupport@wirral.gov.uk All schools (except Early Years) From the date that school officially closes for summer, all MDS submissions will stop. From that point, Public Health and the Local Authority will be informed of any outbreaks via NHS T&T. School follows latest DfE, PHE & Gov.uk, Merseyside & Cheshire PH Team and LA guidance RA 029A School opening COVID 19 v2 Aug 17 2021 published to website & shared with unions, LA & governors. Clear communication sent to parents and pupils with a link on the school website covering all aspects of how school will function. Regular staff briefings held to cover any changes to arrangements. School has shared with all staff the measures in place and involved staff & the governing body in that process. A record is kept of all visitors and contractors that come to the school site.	3X2=6	
Wellbeing - staff & pupils	Staff & pupils exposed to		3X2=6	
All settings unless indicated	mental health issues due to COVID 19	 Staff are vigilant in discerning pupil mental health and report any concerns to senior leaders, SENCo or ELSA. Staff are vigilant to the health and wellbeing of colleagues and share any concerns immediately. Staff should refer to the schools' Mental Health & Wellbeing Policy The school provides opportunities for pupils to talk about their mental health and experiences during the pandemic. Pupils have access to pastoral support and activities, e.g. opportunities to renew and develop friendships. Surveys are used to assess how stakeholders feel about being on the school site, enabling us to act on any concerns they may have. 		

		 Dawpool subscribes to the SAS Wellbeing Service and all staff are encouraged to use the services available to support health & wellbeing: Counselling Service Nurse Support Service Physiotherapy Service Staff Wellbeing Service SAS wellbeing services can be contacted entirely free and confidentially, 01773 814400 or visit https://schooladvice.co.uk/staff-wellbeing/ Staff may also request referral to our occupational health provider. 		
Face coverings	Staff, pupils, visitors,	Face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and	3X2=6	
All settings unless indicated	contractors increased risk of transmission of COVID 19	 visitors either in classrooms or in communal areas. School will support any staff members, pupils or students that wish to continue to wear a face covering. Face coverings should be worn in enclosed and crowded places - this includes on school & public transport. Face coverings will be reintroduced if there is an outbreak in school or if the Director of Public Health advises that face coverings should temporarily be worn in communal areas or classrooms (by pupils, staff, and visitors, unless exempt). Face visors or shields are not worn as an equivalent alternative to face coverings; however, they can be worn by those exempt from wearing face coverings. School outbreak management plans cover the possibility of face coverings being reintroduced: transparent face coverings can also be worn. face visors or shields can be worn only after carrying out a risk assessment for the specific situation and should always be cleaned 		
		 appropriately. School will not prevent individuals from entering or attending school if they are not wearing a face covering, if exempt. 		

		 School has a supply of face coverings available Clear instructions are provided on how to put on, remove, store, and dispose of face coverings. 		
PPE All settings unless indicated	Staff, pupils, visitors, contractors increased risk of transmission of COVID 19	 Most staff in education, childcare and children's social care settings will not require PPE in response to COVID-19 beyond what they would normally need for their work. Additional PPE for COVID-19 is only required in a very limited number of scenarios: If a child, young person or student becomes ill with COVID 19 symptoms and only if close contact is necessary when performing aerosol generating procedures AGP's When working with pupils who cough, spit, vomit or require intimate care but do not have coronavirus symptoms, staff only wear PPE that would routinely be worn. 	3X2=6	Staff to receive additional training in correct use and disposal of PPE.
School fails to ensure good hygiene & cleaning standards in school to reduce risk of transmission. All settings unless indicated	Staff, pupils, visitors, contractors increased risk of transmission of COVID 19	 Hand hygiene - School will continue to ensure that staff & pupils maintain high standards of hand hygiene. Suitable facilities are provided for individuals to wash/sanitise their hands regularly. Pupils are supervised, where appropriate, to use hand sanitizer safely. Respiratory hygiene School emphasises the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach with bins & tissues available. Cleaning School will maintain appropriate cleaning regimes, using standard products such as detergents with a focus on frequently touched areas. Appropriate cleaning schedules are in place and include regular cleaning of areas and equipment. 	3X2=6	

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Social distancing - failing to	Staff, pupils, visitors,		Staff and pupils are informed they no longer need to adhere	3X2=6	
manage mixing and	contractors increased risk		to social distancing measures in school unless directed.		
'bubbles.' All settings unless indicated	of transmission of COVID 19		Pupils are informed they no longer need to be separated into bubbles in school.		
An settings unless maleated		•	In the event of a school or local outbreak, the school		
		;	adheres to the advice of a director of public health, which		
			may include returning to social distancing measures,		
			including pupil bubbles.		
			School has planned carefully following the latest DfE/PHE		
			guidance and will follow all measures at a steady pace.		
			Collective Worship can be reintroduced again, but school		
			will re-introduce this gradually, by limiting the number of		
			whole-school assemblies to two each week and increasing		
			only when appropriate.		
			Staggered starts, lunch and breaks to limit numbers do not		
			need to take place.		
			Staff do not need to work with only one group/bubble, but		
			school will aim to work this way as far as possible.		
		• !	Staff meetings will take place in larger well-ventilated spaces		
		,	and the number of attendees will be reduced where		
		ı	possible.		
		•	Information/briefings will be provided for staff in writing		
			rather than face-to-face where possible.		
		•	The staffroom may be used by staff for breaks, although		
		,	where possible staff should be vigilant to overcrowding and		
		(open windows for ventilation.		
		•	Meetings, including with parents, teams, Zoom etc. may		
			continue.		
			Parents' meetings / functions will take place according to		
		1	the latest advice from the local Health Protection Team.		
			Teaching or holding meetings in well-ventilated areas		
			wherever possible, such as outdoors or indoors with		
			windows open.		
			School has outbreak management plans in place to		
			reintroduce bubbles temporarily if it becomes necessary due		

		to local outbreaks or increases in cases at the instruction of PHE Teams. See RA 029B Contingency Plan v3 Aug 2021	
Ventilation - failure to ensure all occupied spaces are well ventilated. All settings unless indicated	Staff, pupils, visitors, contractors increased risk of transmission of COVID 19	 When school is in operation, it is well ventilated with comfortable teaching environments. When holding events where visitors are on site e.g. school plays, ventilation is increased. School opens external windows, doors & internal doors (if they are not fire doors and where safe to do so) to increase ventilation. The school does not have mechanical ventilation systems installed. During colder weather, the need for increased ventilation while maintaining a comfortable temperature is balanced; opening higher vents and arranging seating away from draughts. In cooler weather to reduce thermal discomfort caused by increased ventilation, pupils can wear additional, suitable indoor items of clothing in addition to their usual uniform. Purging or airing rooms as frequently as possible to improve ventilation usually when the room is unoccupied. Outside space will be used, where practical. 	
NHS Test & Trace - School failing to manage tracing close contacts All settings unless indicated	Staff, pupils, visitors, contractors increased risk of transmission of COVID 19	 School makes staff aware that it is not responsible for Test and Trace contacting. This will be taken over by the NHS Test and Trace service NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case and/or parent to identify close contacts. Contacts from a school setting will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case specifically identifies the individual as being a close contact. School may be contacted in exceptional cases to help with identifying close contacts (as currently happens in managing other infectious diseases). 	

		School will continue to work with the local director of Public		
		Health & local HP Teams in the case of a local outbreak and		
		if the area becomes an Enhanced Support Area.		
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		Anyone in school who displays symptoms is encouraged to got a RCR test.		
		get a PCR test.		
		Staff, pupils and parents are made aware that they are not assumed to self-include if they live in the same household as		
		required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as		
		someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone		
		with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:		
		o they are fully vaccinated		
		o they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months		
		o they have taken part in or are currently part of an		
		approved COVID-19 vaccine trial		
		 they are not able to get vaccinated for medical 		
		reasons Staff who do not need to isolate, and children and		
		young people aged under 18 years 6 months who		
		usually attend school, and have been identified as a		
		close contact, should continue to attend school as		
		normal.		
		 Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, 		
		informed they have been in close contact with a positive		
		case and advised to take a PCR test. School will encourage		
		all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.		
		Whilst awaiting the result of a PCR test		
		 Staff who do not need to isolate, and children and 		
		young people aged under 18 years 6 months who		
		usually attend school, and have been identified as a		
		close contact, continue to attend school as normal.		
		They do not need to wear a face covering within the school,		
		but it is expected and recommended that these are worn		
		when travelling on public or dedicated transport.		
NHS Test & Trace app	Staff, pupils, visitors,	Staff are encouraged to download the NHS Test and Trace	3X2=6	
Staff, Secondary Schools &	contractors increased risk	-	3/2-0	
post 16 settings.	of transmission of COVID 19	app.		
post to settings.	or transmission or covid 19	Individuals are informed that, if they receive notification via		
		the NHS Test and Trace app that they have been in close		

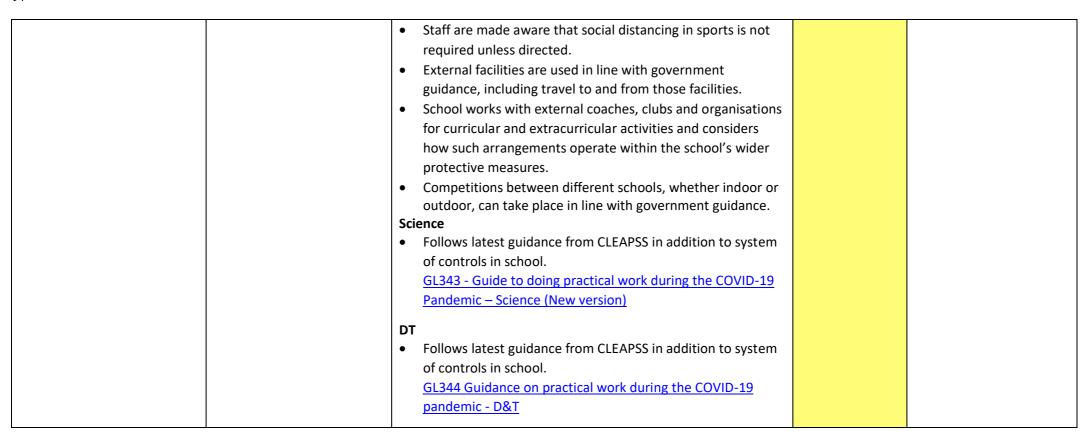
Asymptomatic testing All settings unless indicated	Staff, pupils, visitors, contractors increased risk of transmission of COVID 19	contact with a positive case, they must inform the school immediately. Individuals who test positive are encouraged to report the result on the NHS Test and Trace app. NB. Testing guidance is under review. School makes clear that testing is voluntary. Staff in all education settings are encouraged to test twice weekly at home until the testing guidance is reviewed in September. Testing kits are stored securely in school at the correct temperature. Confirmatory PCR tests Staff and pupils with a positive LFD test result should self-isolate in line with the stay at home guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection. They will also need to get a free PCR test to check if they have COVID-19 & self-isolate until they get the result.	3X2=6	
		 have COVID-19 & self-isolate until they get the result. If the PCR test is taken within 2 days of the positive lateral flow test, and is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD test and the individual can return to school if they do not have COVID-19 symptoms. 		
School fails to follow public health advice on managing confirmed cases of COVID-19. All settings unless indicated	Staff, pupils, visitors, contractors increased risk of transmission of COVID 19	 Parents are informed via the school website of how the school responds to confirmed cases of coronavirus School follows local public health advice and the headteacher contacts the DFE Helpline/local HP Team advice on 0800 046 8687 immediately in the event of a positive test to carry out a rapid risk assessment and identify appropriate next steps. If the school has two or more confirmed cases within 14 days, or an overall rise in sickness absence where coronavirus is suspected, the school continues to work with the DfE's dedicated coronavirus advice service (or local HPT if the case is escalated). 	3X2=6	

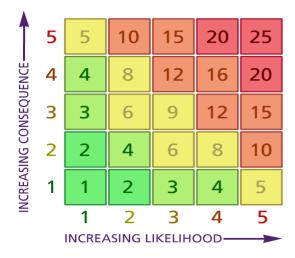
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Contact with potential or	Staff, pupils, visitors,	If anyone in the school develops coronavirus symptoms while	3X2=6	
confirmed coronavirus cases	contractors increased risk	at school, this is managed in line with local and national		
in school	of transmission of COVID 19	guidance. They are:		
All settings unless indicated		o sent home to isolate for 10 days (includes the day		
		symptoms started).		
		 advised to follow the guidance for <u>households with</u> 		
		possible or confirmed coronavirus infection.		
		 advised to arrange a PCR test as soon as possible. 		
		 If a pupil is awaiting collection, they will be left in a well- 		
		ventilated room on their own if possible and, if safe to do		
		SO.		
		 Appropriate PPE will used if close contact is necessary. 		
		 Anyone with symptoms is advised not to use public 		
		transport and, wherever possible, be collected by a member		
		of their family or household.		
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		Any rooms used are cleaned thoroughly after they have left.		
		Anyone who comes into contact with a symptomatic		
		individual washes their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds		
		with soap and warm running water or hand sanitiser.		
		• Staff members or pupils who have been in close contact with		
		someone with symptoms do not need to self-isolate unless		
		they develop symptoms.		
		School can take the decision if a parent or carer insists		
		on a pupil attending, to refuse the pupil, if in its		
		reasonable judgement the pupil poses a risk of infection to		
		the school community.		
Pregnant staff inadequate	Staff, pupils, visitors,	An individual risk assessment is carried out for pregnant	3X2=6	
measures in place	contractors increased risk	staff with appropriate risk mitigation in line with the latest		
All settings unless indicated	of transmission of COVID 19	recommendations from DHSC, PHE & RCOG. See RA 026		
7.11 Sectings amess maleated		New & Expectant member of staff.		
		Pregnant staff of any gestation are not required to continue		
		working on site if this is not supported by the separate risk		
		assessment.		
		• Staff who are 28 weeks pregnant and beyond, or are pregnant		
		and have an underlying health condition that puts them at a		
		greater risk of severe illness from coronavirus at any		

CEV staff inadequate measures in place. All settings unless indicated	Staff, pupils, visitors, contractors increased risk of transmission of COVID 19	gestation, are supported to take a more precautionary approach. The school ensures pregnant staff are able to adhere to any active national guidance on social distancing and/or advice for pregnant women considered to be clinically extremely vulnerable. Pregnant staff are encouraged to get vaccinated if possible. Clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) staff are no longer advised to shield but are encouraged to take extra precautions to protect themselves, and to follow the practical steps set out in the CEV guidance to minimise their risk of exposure to the virus. CEV currently encouraged & supported to attend work if they cannot work from home.	
		 An individual risk assessment is in place for all CEV staff. Staff who live with those who are CEV attend the workplace but should ensure they follow the system of controls in place. 	
CEV pupil's school has inadequate measures in place.	Staff, pupils, visitors, contractors increased risk of transmission of COVID 19	All CEV pupils and students attend unless they are one of the very small number of pupils under paediatric or other specialist care and their GP or clinician has advised them not to attend.	
All settings unless indicated		 Pupils and students who live with someone who is CEV continue to attend school as normal. School liaises with the parents of CEV pupils, if identified, an individual risk assessment is completed. The school collaborates with the LA to ensure that alternative arrangements for CEV pupils are in place to prepare for the event that the school site is required to close. 	
Transport All settings unless indicated	Staff, pupils, visitors, contractors increased risk of transmission of COVID 19	 School may use public or private transport arrangements for the purpose of educational visits. School liaises with the LA and other transport providers to ensure they are adopting COVID-secure protocols, and requests a copy of their risk assessment, where relevant. 	

		 Face coverings are recommended and expected to be worn in enclosed and crowded places - this includes public and dedicated school transport. 		
		Pupils are advised to clean their hands before boarding		
		transport and again on disembarking.		
		Fresh air through ventilation is maximised by opening		
		windows and ceiling vents.		
Educational visits	Staff, pupils, visitors,	Educational visits will be conducted in line with the	3X2=6	
All settings unless indicated	contractors increased risk	government's <u>roadmap</u> . This includes system of controls and		
	of transmission of COVID 19	the COVID-19 secure measures in place at the destination.		
		A thorough risk benefit assessment is made via Evolve for all		
		educational visits to ensure they can be undertaken safely		
		including adventurous activities, local visits, day trips &		
		sports fixtures.		
		 School will ensure it is prepared to carry out 		
		domestic day trips and residential trips.		
		 School can resume international trips from the start 		
		of the Autumn term 2021.		
		Pupils are allowed on trips to outdoor public places and do		
		not need to be restricted to limits on gatherings, provided it		
		is for the purpose of childcare.		
Extracurricular activities &	Staff, pupils, visitors,	School works to provide all before and after-school	3X2=6	
Out-of-school settings and	contractors increased risk	educational activities and wraparound childcare for all		
wraparound provision -	of transmission of COVID 19	pupils		
inadequate measures in		Wraparound childcare providers can offer provision to all		
place.		children.		
		Wraparound childcare and other organised activities for		
All settings unless indicated		children may take place in groups of any number.		
		Wraparound provisions are run in line with the current		
		government guidance & system of controls.		
		Parents are advised of the provision available and that they		
		should limit the use of multiple out-of-school settings		
		providers where appropriate.		
		School ensures third parties who use the school premises		
		have considered the relevant government guidance for their		

		sector and have put in place the appropriate protective		
		measures.		
		School requests a copy of their COVID 19 risk assessment		
Curriculum - Music, drama,	Staff, pupils, visitors,	Some activities can increase the risk of catching or passing on	3X2=6	
science & DT, and sporting	contractors increased risk	COVID-19. This happens where people are doing activities which		
activities	of transmission of COVID 19	generate more droplets as they breathe heavily, such as singing,		
All cottings upless indicated		dancing, exercising, or raising their voices. The risk is greatest		
All settings unless indicated		where these factors overlap, for example in crowded indoor		
		spaces where people are raising their voices. In situations where there is a higher risk of catching or passing on COVID-19, schools		
		should be particularly careful to follow the general guidance on		
		keeping safe.		
		Music		
		School & staff are aware that there is evidence to suggest that		
		singing and playing wind and brass instruments increases the		
		risk of coronavirus transmission due to the cumulative		
		aerosol transmission.		
		School has completed RA 023 Music in schools COVID 19 and		
		ensures the relevant protective measures are in place.		
		Dance & Drama		
		School completes risk assessments for Drama & Dance and		
		ensures the relevant protective measures are in place.		
		Sports		
		The school only permits team sports on the list in the		
		Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport's (DCMS)		
		team sport guidance.		
		Sports equipment is thoroughly cleaned between each use.		
		School swimming and water safety lessons are conducted in		
		line with Swim England's guidance.		
		Outdoor sports are prioritised where possible.		
		Large indoor spaces with maximised natural ventilation		
		flows, e.g. through opening windows and doors, are used		
		where outdoor sports are not possible.		
		Staff overseeing indoor sports follow the system of controls		
		in this risk assessment e.g. cleaning and hygiene.		
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Risk Rating	Action Required	
20 - 25	Unacceptable – stop activity and make immediate improvements	
10 - 16	Urgent action – take immediate action and stop activity, if necessary, maintain existing controls vigorously	
5 - 9	Action – Improve within specific timescales	
3 - 4	Monitor – but look to improve at review or if there is a significant change	
1 - 2	Acceptable – no further action but ensure controls are maintained & reviewed	

Likelihood:

Consequence:

5 – Very likely

4 – Major

4 – Likely 3 – Fairly likely

3 – Moderate

5 – Catastrophic

2 – Unlikely

2 - Minor

1 – Very unlikely

1 - Insignificant

- (1) List hazards something with the potential to cause harm here
- (2) List groups of people who are especially at risk from the significant hazards which you have identified
- (3) List existing controls here or note where the information may be found. Then try to quantify the level of risk the likelihood of harm arising that remains when the existing controls are in place based on the number of persons affected, how often they are exposed to the hazard and the severity of any consequence. Use this column to list the controls that you might take and develop all or some of that list into a workable action plan. Have regard for the level of risk, the cost of any action and the benefit you expect to gain. Agree the action plan with your team leader and make a note of it overleaf. If it is agreed that no further action is to be taken this too should be noted.

(5) **ACTION PLAN**

	5. Action plan		Completed
1	Staff to receive additional training in correct use and disposal of PPE.		
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	Action plan agreed by (NAME & DATE)		