This risk assessment follows the guidance that was current at the time of writing.

Official guidance will be monitored closely.

The Wood Centre for Innovation has its own risk assessment that the Science Oxford Centre procedures comply with. There is a separate risk assessment for school visits to the Science Oxford Centre and for public visits to the Science Oxford Centre. Each of our school activities also have their own risk assessment which can be found on our [website](https://scienceoxford.com/schools/risk-assessments/).

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| **Science Oxford Risk Assessment** |  | **Severity** | **Likelihood** | **Risk Rating\*** |
| For the purposes of school visits to the Science Oxford Centre, we are considered an ‘Out of school setting’ and are following DfE [guidance](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/protective-measures-for-holiday-or-after-school-clubs-and-other-out-of-school-settings-for-children-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/protective-measures-for-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak) closely. Please see the next page for details of the precautions we are taking. |
| **Hazard** | **Risk** | **Control Measures** |
| Exposure to COVID-19 (coronavirus) | **High risk individuals (**[**clinically** [**extremely**](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/people-at-higher-risk/whos-at-higher-risk-from-coronavirus/#:~:text=People%20at%20moderate%20risk%20(,(such%20as%20hepatitis)) **vulnerable**](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/people-at-higher-risk/whos-at-higher-risk-from-coronavirus/#:~:text=People%20at%20moderate%20risk%20(,(such%20as%20hepatitis))**)** across all regional tiers contracting COVID-19 | * High risk individuals should not come to the Science Oxford Centre while an epidemic/pandemic has been declared (likelihood >= 2)
 | 5 | >=2 | **>=10** |
| **Medium risk individuals** [**(clinically vulnerable**](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/people-at-higher-risk/whos-at-higher-risk-from-coronavirus/#:~:text=People%20at%20moderate%20risk%20(,(such%20as%20hepatitis))**)**  across all regional tiers contracting COVID-19 | * While all the precautions listed below will reduce the risks to these individuals, it should be borne in mind that the overall risk rating for them is higher.
 | 4 | 2 | **8** |
| * High risk individuals three weeks after a first vaccination have a reduced risk
 | 5 | <2 | **<10** |
| **General population/lower risk individuals** across all regional tiers contracting COVID-19 | Severity of symptoms in lower risk individuals is potentially more severe for adults than children. * While all the precautions listed below will reduce the risks to these individuals, the severity of symptoms for adults is higher (3) than for children (2).
 | **Adults** | 3 | 2 | **6** |
| **Children** | 2 | 2 | **4** |
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|  | **Precautions taken to stop the transmission of Coronavirus** |
| The Risk Ratings below assume lower risk individuals. For these individuals, severity is different for children and adults.Medium risk individuals should assume Severity is 4, and high risk individuals should assume Severity is 5. |
| Exposure to COVID-19 (coronavirus) | **All**Transmission of disease from touching objects  | * Up to three classes from the same school only will be permitted in the Science Oxford Centre each day. Public open days are at weekends and school holidays only.
* Class bubbles/separation can be maintained during your visit. Schools must inform the Science Oxford team if class bubbles/separations are still in place for their school/visit, via the online booking form or email to socschools@scienceoxford.com.
* Children, teachers, and staff are recommended to sanitize their hands at the stations provided upon each entry into the Science Oxford Centre. Hand sanitizing stations are placed at regular intervals around the building and signs are displayed to remind everyone to wash their hands and how to do so properly.
* A mandatory break time and lunch time between sessions allows for cleaning of the Exploration Zone and classroom as required.
* Multiple toilets are available for teachers to assign to different groups or bubbles, as required.
* Each group can be provided with a new set of all ‘loose/portable’ equipment for shows, workshops, woodland walks and in the Exploration Zone.
* All equipment is sanitized or quarantined between school visits.
* Some ‘high touch’ exhibits which are harder to clean have been removed.
* Coat racks are provided instead of lockers and these are cleaned before and after use.
* The Science Oxford Centre and Wood Centre for Innovation daily cleaning specification has been enhanced and the frequency increased.
 | **Adults** | 3 | 2 | **6** |
| **Children** | 2 | 2 | **4** |
| **Teachers, school staff, parents and children**Person to person transmission of disease | * Visitors should not come to the Science Oxford Centre if they have any [Coronavirus symptoms.](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/)
* We can accommodate and maintain separation of up to 3 classes of 35 children from the same school per day. Only one school can visit the Science Oxford Centre each day.
* It is the school’s responsibility to establish their own bubble arrangements and to communicate this to their parent helpers and the Science Oxford Centre team.
* Good ventilation will be maintained in all indoor areas.
* As per [DfE guidance](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-in-education/face-coverings-in-education), in primary schools and early years settings, it is no longer recommended to wear precautionary face coverings, however staff and adults can still feel free to do so, if it is their personal preference and/or school policy.
* Children in primary school and early years settings should not wear face coverings.
 | **Adults** | 3 | 2 | **6** |
| **Children** | 2 | 2 | **4** |
| **Science Oxford Staff**Person to person transmission of disease | * Our staff members have taken a questionnaire to assess their ‘[COVID age](https://alama.org.uk/covid-19-medical-risk-assessment/)’. No staff member will work in any scenario where the overall Risk Rating for them is ‘High’.
* As per [DfE guidance](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/protective-measures-for-holiday-or-after-school-clubs-and-other-out-of-school-settings-for-children-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/protective-measures-for-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak#face-coverings), our staff are no longer advised to wear face coverings, however they may still choose to wear them as personal preference, and they can be asked to wear a covering by visiting schools.
* All staff have been administered with two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.
* PPE including masks, face shields, gloves, aprons, and hand sanitizer are available to our staff at all times, should they wish to use it.
* Good ventilation will be maintained in all indoor areas.
 | **Adults** | 3 | 2 | **6** |