

School Re-Opening Checklist

Academy Name:			
Re-Opening Checks: Administrative	Yes	No	NA
Notify local police / fire service (include access arrangements / contact details).			
Notify insurers / RPA & implement any specific requirements.			
Notify fire alarm monitoring centre.			
Notify intruder alarm monitoring centre.			
Notify planned / term maintenance contractors & reinstate services where appropriate.			
Reinstate and carry out all daily checks in Parago Compliance Module.			
Reinstate and carry out all weekly checks in Parago Compliance Module.			
Carry out all due and overdue monthly checks in Parago Compliance Module.			
Cancel any post re-direction and unseal letterboxes.			
Re issue keys to appropriate staff.			
Re-Opening Checks: Utilities & Services	Yes	No	NA
Reinstate any electrical services / circuits previously isolated.			
Ensure fire alarm is fully operational.			
Ensure intruder alarm is fully operational.			
Ensure CCTV is fully operational.			
Ensure external lighting / security lighting is fully operational.			
Water - recommission / refill any previously drained systems.			
Water - reinstate any previously isolated systems.			
Refill and / or reinstate any oil storage tanks.			
Boilers / heating - re-fill any boilers previously drained down.			
Boilers / heating - reinstate any isolated gas supplies and recommission boilers.			
Boilers / heating - adjust plant to correct seasonal settings.			
Reinstate any passenger lifts / platforms previously taken out of service.			
Reinstate utilities and services supplies to (and recommission) catering equipment.			
Flush through taps / outlets as a conclusion to the weekly flushing regime (see notes below).			
Air-Con units are working and operated as per Trust guidance and manufacturer's instructions.			
Mechanical ventilation; recirculatory systems should be set to full fresh air - if this is not possible systems should be operated as normal.			
Check drainage traps have not dried out - ensure water seals are in place to prevent smells within the building.		\square	

Re-Opening: Practical & Security Measures		Yes	No	NA
Implement all practical measures resultant from the Schools Risk Manageme	nt Plan.			
Ensure all gates, doors & windows can be unlocked / opened - reinstate any access / egress points taken out of se	ervice.*			
Ensure all emergency escape routes / doors are fully operational.*				
Reinstate the building/s / site to resume "normal" teaching, learning and associated	activities.*			
Natural ventilation should be used as far as possible / where available - occupied room windows / vents to be open.				
Arrange trade waste collection prior to opening (if required) and reinstate service.				
Arrange for any remedial works resultant from recommissioning buildings and services.				
Arrange for school-wide / ongoing cleaning in line with latest Estates Guidance	ce.			
Formally sign-off & record all actions below.				
Signed:	Date:			
Actions Resultant from Re-Opening Process:				
Description	Action Owner		Deadline	
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
Signed:	Date:			

Additional Notes on Re-Opening:

General Recommissioning: Once a date for re-opening the school has been established / confirmed; recommissioning will, in many ways, be a reverse of all the actions undertaken in the Pre-Closure Checks, previously issued. All utilities, services and heating plant should be recommissioned and fully operational no later than 48 hours before re-opening. All other provisions should be reinstated no later than 24 hours before re-opening.

Security: Schools that are only partially open should ensure that rooms / areas / buildings not required to be used are kept locked and secure (or at least access restricted) until required.

Water Supplies: Before resuming normal operation, consider whether it is necessary to engage a water treatment specialist to chlorinate and flush the complete hot and cold water system/s (including drinking water) and to certify all water systems are safe before the buildings are reoccupied. This is likely to be required where there has not been a suitable or sufficient weekly flushing regime in place during school closure. Where deemed necessary; allow sufficient time for this activity (approximately 1 week) before opening if possible. The weekly flushing regime should continue in rooms / areas / buildings that are not required to be used during partial opening. Where any doubt exists over the potability of drinking water; bottled water should be provided until a thorough flushing and chlorination can be undertaken by a water treatment specialist.

Cleaning: Clean and disinfect all accessible areas and surfaces prior to reopening and if necessary, utilise pest control for any infestations, particularly in the kitchen and / or food preparation areas. Deep clean the kitchen and servery area prior to reopening and before food preparation resumes.

Items marked * are subject to the requirements of the Schools Risk Management Plan.

Please contact the Estates Team for any advice and guidance in respect of this document.