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CO₂ Monitors within Education Settings Policy (LLT)



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Implementation of CO₂ monitors within the Education Setting

AIM AND OBJECTIVES:

- The use of CO₂ monitors within Education settings has been developed by the Department for Education and currently applies to England only.
- CO₂ Monitors will be rolled out to state-funded education settings throughout the Autumn term 2021.
- Each provision will receive a number of CO₂ monitors (currently One monitor for every Two classrooms).
- The use of CO₂ monitors can help to identify areas of poor ventilation within the education settings.
- Good ventilation can reduce the risk of spreading coronavirus, a focus on air flow and the effectiveness of fresh air circulation / mechanical circulation can create safer environments for staff and students.

POLICY STATEMENT:

Lydiate Learning Trust recognises and accepts its responsibility as an employer and provider of services and will always work hard to provide a safe and healthy workplace and learning environment for all staff, pupils and such other persons as may be affected by its activities.

Good health and safety management will be an integral part of the way that the school operates and will be considered across all work activities and across the wide range of educational activities delivered.

LYDIATE LEARNING TRUST WILL:

- Implement the use of CO₂ Monitors throughout all of the education provisions within Lydiate Learning Trust
- Provide each provision with a communications and operational plan to support the roll out.
- Ensure each monitor is located in the appropriate locations
- Rotate monitors throughout the provisions to ensure all areas are measured. This will sync with the full operational plan
- Record the results from the monitors daily.
- Utilise the results to support the management of ventilation of the education setting.
- Amend the Risk Assessment where required.

HOW TO USE THE MONITORS

Monitors will be managed on site by each individual school. The document attached provided by the DfE (06 September 2021) serves as a guidance document for installation, implementation and usage.

- The Trust Director of Operations and Headteacher will work with the site team to install the monitors, siting them carefully.

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- The Headteacher and SLT will work with all staff to understand the CO₂ monitor readings.
- The site team will log readings daily and report to Headteacher and Director of Operations.

Advice on improving ventilation

- It is important to remember that high CO₂ levels in a room are not a direct proxy for infection risk. CO₂ monitors are intended to help you identify areas that are poorly ventilated, so that you can explore what steps you can take to improve ventilation. There is no need to stop using the room.
- Comprehensive advice on how to improve ventilation in your setting is available from PHE, HSE, and DfE. Please consult:
 - Public Health England's (PHE) guidance on ventilation of indoor spaces to stop the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19)
 - The Health and Safety Executive's (HSE) guidance on ventilation and air conditioning during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic
 - Operational guidance for your sector
 - The contingency framework for education and childcare settings.

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