

Risk Assessment Form (RA1)

| Department: Service: | | School: Hugh Joicey C of E First | School, Ford |
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| Activity: Schools remaining open/reopening during COVID19 pandemic | Site: | | |
| Date of assessment: 14 May 2020 Reviewed 2.6.20 | | | |
| | | ey C of E First School, Ford | |
| To be read in conjunction with Coronavirus (COVID-19): implementing | <u>a</u> | | |
| protective measures in education and childcare settings and | | | |
| Actions for education and childcare settings to prepare for wider | | | |
| opening from 1 June 2020 | | | |
| People at Risk: | Additional Information: guido | ınce on completion: risk assessı | ment form |
| Staff, pupils, visitors, volunteers, parents, contractors | | k assessments and guidance provid | |
| | government/Public Health Engla | • | , |
| This risk assessment must be amended to record the specific | | • | |
| arrangements in place within your school. Academies are welcome | Government/Public Health Engla | and Advice: <u>https://www.gov.uk/corc</u> | <u>onavirus</u> |
| to use this risk assessment, however, references to certain | HSE Advice: https://www.hse.go | | |
| arrangements/procedures may differ. | | munications/Coronavirus-information | |
| | | ://northumberlandeducation.co.uk/co | <u>oronavirus/</u> |
| | DFE Advice: <u>DfE.coronavirushel</u> | | |
| | NCC PPE Risk Assessment; NC | | |
| | NCC Health and Safety Team w | <u>евраде</u> rce for Covid-19 Infection, Protection | n and Control |
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| Name of Person Completing Form: Jacqueline Dalrymple Date: 22.5.20, 2.6.20 | Job Title: Head | Iteacher Review Date from 2.6.20 | e: Weekly |

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| Hazard | Risk | Initial Rating L, M, H | Existing Control Measures | Final Rating L, M, H | Additional Action Required (action by whom and completion date – use separate Action Plan if necessary) |
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| School re-opening following partial or full closure and lack of statutory testing/maintenance | Equipment / system failure leading to enhanced physical or biological risks to people | M | Statutory testing and maintenance, such as water hygiene testing/flushing, lifts, gas safety, fire safety, play/sporting equipment tests, has taken place during the school closure. Head/Caretaker has ensured all necessary checks/paperwork/maintenance is up to date prior to school opening. Zurich checklists completed 29.5.20 | L | See guidance on Managing school premises, which are partially open, during the coronavirus outbreak Where checks / paperwork /maintenance is lacking; steps taken to address this prior to reopening - items taken out of use (where possible), or guidance obtained from a competent person (manufacturer, service engineer, NCC Property Services). |
| Contact with others who may have Coronavirus Inadvertent transmission to others | Exposure to live virus resulting in contracting Coronavirus. Exacerbation of existing medical conditions. | Н | Staff on the clinically 'highly vulnerable' list requiring shielding are self isolating at home for a 12 week period. None Those staff on the clinically 'vulnerable list' are working from home/assigned alternative duties (such as supporting remote education, carrying out lesson planning etc). None Where this isn't possible a personalised risk assessment for each individual is in place recording the details of the medical condition and what reasonable adjustments have been made prior to the staff member returning to school. Advice is sought from Occupational Health where necessary. Where staff shortages are identified which impact on the operations of the school, Children's Services are contacted for additional support (Simon Baxter on 07870 365983). Not required | M | See: COVID-19: guidance on shielding and protecting people defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable See NCC generic risk assessments for vulnerable staff: General Vulnerable Conditions - COVID19 - Personalised Risk Assessment Template Staff with Mild Asthma - COVID19 Asthma RA completed for JD |

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Children

<u>Children in vulnerable and highly vulnerable health</u> <u>categories (as defined by PHE guidance)</u>

Pupils in "Clinically Extremely Vulnerable" category have been identified and are continuing with remote education. None Pupils classed as "Clinically Vulnerable" can attend school following an individual risk assessment carried out in consultation with the child's parents. 1 child potentially, parents keeping her at home. Advice from health professionals/GP involved in the child's care should also be sought and taken into account. Where a child's health condition changes, Individual Healthcare Plans are updated by school including up to date advice from the relevant health professional and must be in line with PHE guidance.

Children (or staff) living in a household with someone who is 'clinically extremely vulnerable' should only attend school if stringent social distancing can be adhered to, and the child is able to understand and follow those instructions. This may not be possible for very young children and older children without the capacity to adhere to the instructions on social distancing. None Headteachers must be familiar with the document Coronavirus (COVID-19): implementing protective measures in education and childcare settings

Contractors

Contractors will not be allowed access without prior appointment. Contractors are to wear disposable

The potential health risks from COVID-19 to children and young people who have a EHC Plan must be assessed in light of any underlying health conditions. This must be on an individual basis with advice from an appropriate health professional where required.

Where children have an Individual Healthcare Plan, arrangements must be made to ensure that any adults supervising the child understand and are familiar with the plan and have received any training that is indicated to care for the child.

Where there are concerns about the health provision for a child or young person, urgent advice must be sought from a healthcare professional.

When making appointments, contractors are briefed of the requirements for social distancing and PPE and not to attend school if displaying symptoms of COVID19.

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| Unable to cabiava | Contracting | L | gloves on arrival and social distancing measures are clarified with them on arrival. General Parents / carers and other visitors are limited. Staff communicate to children regarding social distancing / personal hygiene etc. Government guidance on Coronavirus (COVID-19): implementing protective measures in education and childcare settings is followed. Key issues include: Anyone displaying any symptoms of coronavirus are not permitted on the premises. Social distancing of 2m is applied throughout the school where possible (specific school/task risk assessments should be amended as appropriate). Cleaning hands more often than usual and on arrival and before and after eating, sneezing, coughing - washing hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with soap and water and or use of alcohol hand rub or sanitiser. Ensuring good respiratory hygiene - promote the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach Cleaning frequently touched surfaces often using standard products, such as detergents and bleach Minimising contact and mixing by altering, as much as possible, the environment (such as classroom layout) and timetables. | | Notices and information displayed on school gates - no parents entering the school - met off bus by AM, met at gate by JD, supervised handwashing on arrival by TAs. Children have individual tables, resources and sterilised cups. Handwashing facilities in all classrooms. Separate toilets for each bubble. Lunches outdoors or at individual tables. TAs /Teachers, wipe down tables between sessions and before and after meals. Children wash hands as per guidance. Playground equipment wiped down after breaks. Bubbles separate on field and yard, daily rotation with cleaning in between. Corridors - walk on the left - no queueing or waiting if possible, keep flow to outdoors. Windows open in every classroom. |
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| Unable to achieve social distancing - All | Contracting coronavirus - staff and pupils, | Н | It has been accepted nationally that Early Years & Primary age children cannot be expected to be 2 | L | Review Guidance & Checklist: Opening Schools for more children |

| teaching/classroom | passing onto | metres apart at all times. However the school has | and young people: initial planning |
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| activities; early | vulnerable | implemented the following to reduce risk: | framework for schools in England |
| years, primary and | persons | Pupils encouraged in a developmental/age | |
| secondary | | appropriate way to adopt good hand and | |
| | | respiratory hygiene, to maintain suitable distancing | We have 2 bubbles - KS1/2 Key- Big |
| | | and to report if they are unwell. | Bubbles workers and vulnerable |
| | | Staff informally monitor for presence of symptoms. | children (13 split between 2 groups) |
| | | Regular cleaning initiated (see below). | Desks are spaced as far apart as |
| | | The school has cohorted groups so that staff and | possible. |
| | | pupils only mix in 1 small consistent group and | Access reams directly from outside |
| | | keep away from other people/groups. Contact with other groups is brief and transitory only. | Access rooms directly from outside where possible (EYFS/ Y1 class - |
| | | Groups sizes and ratios are in line with | Little Bubbles) 10 children |
| | | Government Guidance: | Little Bubbles) To children |
| | | • EYFS/Y1: | |
| | | Primary; classes split in half with no more | See above - each of these is in place |
| | | than 15 per group and desks spaced as far | prace |
| | | apart as possible (ideally 2m) | |
| | | Where possible the same desks are used by the | |
| | | same pupils each day or they are cleaned | |
| | | between use. | |
| | | Where possible the same teaching staff work with | |
| | | the same groups. | |
| | | Timetabling has been reviewed to stagger school | |
| | | activities (PE, Outdoor Learning, assemblies, | |
| | | break times, lunch, pick up/drop off) to reduce | |
| | | movements and incidence of group mixing, | |
| | | including parents. | |
| | | Equipment use has been revised and measures to reduce simultaneous (so well as alconing helevy) | |
| | | reduce simultaneous (as well as cleaning, below) | Caratakar angurad windows that had |
| | | use have been introduced. Where possible areas will be well ventilated, doors | Caretaker ensured windows that had |
| | | propped open (where safe to do so, taking into | been painted shut now opened so all classes ventilated + doors left open. |
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| | | | account fire safety and safeguarding) to limit use of door handles. | | |
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| Outdoor education on-site and off-site visits | Contracting coronavirus - staff, pupils, public | Н | General control measures listed by this risk assessment are implemented as far as they are able to ensure that the risk of virus spread for both staff and children is as low as possible. The NCC Guidance for Outdoor Education - Schools & Establishments during COVID-19 for Planning Safe Activities is followed. Located within the Resources Section on the Evolve system under "Guidance". | L | On site activities: Submission of an Evolve form is not required, however where risks are significant or are not already covered with another risk assessment the activity must be subject to a written risk assessment. Off site activities: Submission of an Evolve form is required for all Off site visits. Note DfE and FCO advice and OEAP National Guidance. Outdoor and Forest schooling part of our normal curriculum - risk assessments in place |
| Play activities | Contracting coronavirus - staff and pupils | Н | Existing school play risk assessment has been reviewed against government advice and shared with staff. Break times are staggered (including lunch), so that children are not moving around the school at the same time. Multiple cohorted groups do not use play equipment simultaneously. It is only used by separate groups and appropriately cleaned between use of groups. For larger pieces of play equipment, where it is not possible to adequately clean this, this has been taken out of use. Soft furnishings, soft toys and toys that are hard to clean have been removed from classrooms. | L | Packed lunch paper bags distributed and children sit separately outdoors or at their own tables for lunches. Bags then binned and hands washed. |

| Use of communal | Contracting | Н | Class changeover/break times are staggered to reduce | M | When reviewing areas/spaces |
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| areas - toilets. | coronavirus - staff | | the level of circulation throughout school. (One-way | | consider: |
| corridors, sports | pupils, visitors, | | circulation routes should be considered, or place a | | |
| halls, dining hall, | parents/carers | | divider down the middle of the corridor if the width | | Widening routes where possible. |
| outdoor spaces, | | | allows). | | Removing unnecessary obstacles. |
| staff room, offices | | | | | Signing and communications: |
| | | | Halls, dining areas and internal and external sports | | - markings/signage at entrances |
| | | | facilities are used at half capacity for lunch/sporting | | - movement intersections. |
| | | | activities. These areas can be shared as long as | | - encouraging people to wait and |
| | | | different cohorted groups do not mix (and especially do | | allow others to pass |
| | | | not play sports or games together) and adequate | | One-way movement. |
| | | | cleaning between group use takes place. | | Separate entry and exit routes. |
| | | | | | Enlarge access and exits. |
| | | | Children wash their hands before eating packed lunch | | Accommodate extended queuing: |
| | | | either at their cleaned table or outdoors at a social | | - Defined queue areas |
| | | | distance. | | Closure of vehicle traffic routes to |
| | | | | | pedestrianise (permanently or |
| | | | Arrangements are in place to ensure that toilets do not | | temporarily). |
| | | | become crowded by limiting the number of children or | | Deliveries. |
| | | | young people who use the toilet facilities at one time | | People with additional needs. |
| | | | Big Bubbles use upstairs and/or 'girls' toilets. | | Use of stewards. |
| | | | Little bubbles use 'boys' toilets with more space to | | |
| | | | supervise and manoeuvre younger children. | | |
| | | | Practical lessons can go ahead if equipment can be | | |
| | | | cleaned thoroughly and the classroom or other | | |
| | | | learning environment is occupied by the same children | | |
| | | | or young people in one day, or properly cleaned | | |
| | | | between cohort groups. | | |
| | | | Some Some groups. | | |
| | | | Staff breaks are staggered to avoid congestion is staff | | |
| | | | rooms. Measures are applied within shared offices to | | |
| 1 | | | implement social distancing where possible. | | |

| Parents/carers picking up/collecting pupils from school | Contracting coronavirus - staff, pupils, public | Н | Routes, layouts and congregation points have been reviewed and measures introduced to aid circulation so social distancing may be maintained. Drop off/collection times are staggered. Staff use top car park Parents park in village or on roadside Parent and child walk in via the lower entrance and wait at social distance at the gate for a member of staff. Parents not allowed beyond the gate. Bus children supervised from roadside. Children escorted to wash hands on arrival. Staff briefed on the arrangements to be applied. Children, young people, parents/carers are advised: Not to enter the building if displaying any symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19). Only to attend one at a time Of the designated pick up and drop off protocols (time, location, process) to minimise contact. Not to gather at entrances, gates or doors unless have pre-arranged appointments. School digital communications channels used to engage and advise parents on requirements. | L | Review Guidance & Checklist: Opening Schools for more children and young people: initial planning framework for schools in England |
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| Personal care activities | Contracting coronavirus or passing onto vulnerable or shielded children | Н | Social distancing is implemented where possible. Coronavirus (COVID-19): implementing social distancing in education and childcare settings In addition to standard infection prevention and control measures, staff undertaking personal care within 2m of a child also apply the general principles contained in table 4 of the COVID-19: infection prevention and control (IPC). Children who normally receive support from the special school nurse or children's community | L | PPE requests/shortages in PPE are raised with the Schools Organisation and Resources Team. |

| | | | nurse will require an individual risk assessment to determine if they are able to attend school. This assessment should include input from the parents/carers and healthcare professionals. Reference to any care tasks and specific PPE requirements for these tasks should be recorded and implemented. None Any queries are directed to the school nurse. Staff know how to safely put on and take off PPE. PHE guidance on Putting on PPE; and Taking off PPE is followed by all staff undertaking personal care. | | PPE equipment and instructions in office - First Aid trained staff in every bubble, on every shift and in Admin and supervisory positions. |
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| Flammable vapours from alcohol based hand sanitiser | Alcohol vapours ignited resulting in burns to hands | М | Wash hands with soap and water wherever possible. When using alcohol based hand sanitisers make sure all liquid is evaporated before smoking, touching any electrical equipment or metal surfaces which may result in a static shock, or any other source of ignition. | L | Handwash and paper towels in every class and toilet and alcohol gel outside + wipes for equipment. |
| Insufficient cleaning/exposure to virus on objects/surfaces | Contracting coronavirus | Н | Increased cleaning to take place using standard cleaning products. In particular, objects and surfaces that are touched regularly are frequently cleaned and disinfected. This will include toys, books, desks, chairs, doors, sinks, toilets, light switches, bannisters, play equipment etc. Poster on cleaning regimes produced by PHE is displayed for the benefit of staff and children. Cleaning staff are briefed on amended cleaning regimes. | L | A supply of antibacterial wipes/alcohol gel is made available in school (including classrooms) to encourage staff/pupils to help maintain cleanliness in personal work areas. Cleaning products used in teaching areas etc are those normally used by cleaning staff - a safety data sheet and COSHH risk assessment are in place for each product. In yellow file in office. |

| | | | A review has been undertaken to remove soft | | PPE requests/shortages in PPE are |
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| | | | furnishings, soft toys and toys/equipment that are hard to clean (such as those with intricate parts). | | raised with the Schools Organisation and Resources Team. |
| | | | Classrooms are cleaned daily. Where classrooms are shared (practical lessons), the room and equipment is cleaned between different group use. Bins for tissues are emptied throughout the day. Rooms are well ventilated with windows being kept open where possible. Where doors are propped open to aid ventilation, these are in line with fire safety and safeguarding requirements. | | Bleach should be avoided and an suitable alternative product(s) used. MP10 diluted by caretaker and |
| | | | Where there is a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school, PHE guidance on 'cleaning and waste' in these circumstances is followed (ensure cleaning products used comply with this guidance). Staff wear disposable gloves and aprons as a minimum. Hands are washed with soap and water for 20 seconds when all PPE is removed. NCC PPE Risk Assessment | | labelled. USed with disposable blue paper towels. If schools are advised to use a bleach based product, only bleach sprays should be used. It's use must be strictly controlled and it must not be mixed with other cleaning products due to the risk of chlorine gas being liberated. The safety data sheet and COSHH risk |
| | | | Staff know how to put on and take off PPE correctly: PHE - <u>Putting on PPE</u> ; PHE - <u>Taking off PPE</u> | | assessment must be in place prior to use and shared with staff. See sample COSHH risk |
| | | | See also sections on Pupils and staff displaying symptoms of coronavirus whilst at school. | | <u>assessment</u> |
| Staff displaying symptoms of coronavirus whilst at | Others contracting virus. | Н | Head Teacher / School Lead is notified immediately and the staff member is sent home. PHE guidance on self isolation is followed - <u>Stay at Home</u> (advised to | М | Ensure home and emergency contacts are up to date. |
| school | | | self-isolate for 7 days - household members should self-isolate for 14 days from when the date the staff member became symptomatic). If they are seriously ill contact 999. | | Staff should apply for testing via the National Scheme https://www.gov.uk/apply-coronavirus -test |

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| | | | Cleaning the affected area with disinfectant after someone with symptoms has left will reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people. Where the staff member tests negative, they can return to their setting and the fellow household members can end their self-isolation. Where the staff member tests positive, the rest of their class should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days from the date the staff member became symptomatic. The other household members of that wider class or group do not need to self-isolate unless the child, young person or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms. Confirmed cases of Covid-19 should be recorded via ANVIL, as they may be RIDDOR reportable. You should seek further advice via NCC's Corporate Health and Safety team. PHE quidance on action to be taken in these circumstances is adhered, along with the PHE guidance on 'cleaning and waste'. Poster on cleaning regimes produced by PHE is displayed for the benefit of staff. | | The Government is developing a national test and trace programme. Once this is functional it may involve direct discussion with parents and schools or colleges on recent contacts. |
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| Pupils displaying symptoms of coronavirus whilst at school | Others contracting virus. | Н | Head Teacher / School Lead and parent/ carer is notified immediately and the pupil is sent home and PHE guidance on self isolation is followed - <u>Stay at Home</u> (advised to self-isolate for 7 days - household members should self-isolate for 14 days from when the child became symptomatic). If they are seriously ill contact 999. | М | Ensure emergency contacts are up to date. |

If a child is awaiting collection, they should be moved, Test and trace procedures - 1.6.20 if possible, to a room where they can be isolated behind a closed door, depending on the age of the child and with appropriate adult supervision if required. Ideally, a window should be opened for ventilation. If it is not possible to isolate them, move them to an area which is at least 2 metres away from other people. PPE should be worn by staff caring for the child while they await collection if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained If a member of staff has helped someone who was unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, they do not need to go home unless they develop symptoms themselves or the pupil subsequently tests positive. They should wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds after any contact with someone who is unwell. Cleaning the affected area with disinfectant after someone with symptoms has left will reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people. Where the pupil tests negative, they can return to their setting and the fellow household members can end their self-isolation. Where the pupil tests positive, the rest of their class should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days from the date the child became symptomatic. The other household members of that wider class or group do not need

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| | | | to self-isolate unless the child, young person or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms. PHE guidance on action to be taken in these circumstances is adhered, along with the PHE guidance on 'cleaning and waste'. Poster on cleaning regimes produced by PHE is displayed for the benefit of staff. | | Updated cleaning procedures provided to Caretaker and talked through. Copy available in Yellow Office file. |
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| Inadequate first aid provision | Serious injury or death First aider contracting coronavirus or spreading virus to others. | Н | A review of the first aid needs assessment has taken place to decide if sufficient appropriate cover can be provided for the activities which are being undertaken. This will include a review of any higher risk activities which may be planned. Such activities may need to be suspended if an appropriate level of cover cannot be maintained. Fewer staff, pupils and visitors attending school means it is/may be safe to operate with reduced first aid cover. There should be an appointed person as a minimum to check 1st aid kits and summon the emergency services - LW/ AM First aiders providing routine first aid treatments within 2m of a person should wear a fluid resistant face mask and, if appropriate and available, disposable plastic apron and disposable eye protection which should be kept in or next to first aid kits. CPR In respect of more serious cases where CPR may be required, the specific advice contained in the | L | Where First Aid at Work and Emergency First Aid at Work certificates expired on or after 16 March 2020 and staff cannot access requalification training because of coronavirus, staff may qualify for a 3-month extension. Staff must be able to explain why they haven't been able to requalify and demonstrate what steps they have taken to access the training, if asked to do so. See HSE guidance https://www.hse.gov.uk/news/first-aid-certificate-coronavirus.htm Schools with early years and nursery facilities should apply the Government guidance in relation to paediatric first aid cover: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-framework2/early-years-foundation-stage-coronavirus-disapplications |

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| | | | Resuscitation Council UK guidance should be followed particularly in relation to rescue breaths. As chest compressions could produce aerosol spray, appropriate PPE should be worn i.e. fluid resistant surgical mask, gloves and eye protection (goggles or visor). If PPE is not available, use a towel or cloth such as the sling from the first aid kit to cover the person's nose and mouth while performing chest compressions A first aider should conduct a dynamic risk assessment of the situation they are faced with and apply appropriate precautions for infection control. Further information is also contained in the Government publication: Guidance for first responders and others in close contact with symptomatic people with potential COVID-19 | | |
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| Increased staff home working & use of Display Screen Equipment (DSE) | Musculoskeletal problems arising from incorrect postures | М | NCC <u>bulletin</u> on homeworking and DSE use is made available to staff. This follows HSE <u>guidance on homeworking</u> , including the principles of good DSE use is followed. NCC <u>DSE policy</u> is available to staff. | L | |

| Uncertainty due to the unprecedented nature of the pandemic uncertainty, law of control and reduced contain wellbeing | | Regular information sharing and communication. Use of IT software for virtual meetings, e.g. Google Hangouts. Shared distribution of workload, e.g. rota for staff in school and those homeworking. Regular communications are in place between staff and Managers. Staff also have access to all shared information/documentation. Governing Body are involved with decision making in relation to measures in place where appropriate. | L | Well being policy developed. Regular check ins with staff. Google meetings. Emails Staff on site exchange updates and ideas. Attendance rota for staff and children in blue file in office and also on googledrive. |
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