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COVID-19: Outbreak Management Plan

Introduction

This plan is based on the contingency framework for managing local outbreaks of COVID-19 and the school's operational guidance from step 4, provided by the Department for Education (DfE).

We will only implement some, or all, of the measures in this plan in response to recommendations provided by our local authority (LA), director of public health (DsPH), Public Health England (PHE) health protection team or the national government.

It may be necessary to implement these measures in the following circumstances, for example:

- To help manage a COVID-19 outbreak within the school.
- If COVID-19 infection rates in the community are extremely high, and other measures have failed to reduce transmission.

Shielding

We will adhere to national guidance on the reintroduction of shielding, which would apply to those on the shielded patient list. We will speak to individuals required to shield about additional protective measures in school or arrangements for home working or learning.

Other measures

If recommended, we will limit:

- Educational visits
- Transition or taster days
- Meetings on site
- Parents coming into school
- Live performances

If recommended, we will reintroduce:

- Bubbles, to reduce mixing between groups
- Face coverings in communal areas and classrooms for staff and visitors (unless exempt)

Attendance restrictions

Attendance restrictions will only be recommended as a last resort. If recommended, we will implement the measures in this section.

Eligibility to remain in school

In the first instance, we will stay open for:

- Vulnerable pupils
- Children of critical workers

If further restrictions are recommended, we will stay open for:

- Vulnerable pupils
- Children of critical workers
- Additional year groups as dictated by National/ LA guidance

Education and support for pupils at home

All other pupils will be required to stay at home and will receive remote education. We will aim to deliver remote education that meets the same quality and quantity of education that pupils would receive in school.

Free School Meals

The school will continue to provide FSM vouchers or lunch parcels for pupils eligible for benefits related free school meals while they are not attending school because of COVID-19 isolation guidelines.

Safeguarding

We will review our child protection policy to make sure it reflects the local restrictions and remains effective. We will always have a trained DSL or deputy DSL on site wherever possible.

School Risk Assessment

The Covid Risk Assessment, last updated in September 2021, has been amended to reflect National Schools' guidance. We will review our risk assessment to reflect any changes regularly.

Our School Emergency Business Continuity Plan will be updated in line with normal procedures and regular practice.