

## St. Margaret Clitherow RC Primary School

### Outbreak Management and Supplementary Risk assessment



#### What is an outbreak?

For most education and childcare settings an outbreak is likely to be identified, whichever one of these thresholds is reached first:

**5 children, pupils, students or staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period;**

Or

**10% of children, pupils, students or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period**

**Settings may also contact the LA for advice and support if they have concerns about the operational running of the setting or the impact on education and learning or impact on vulnerable pupils as a result of case numbers**

NB- The LA will also be monitoring cases in settings through the surveillance data and will contact the setting if information suggests there is an outbreak.

### Supplementary Risk assessment - additional controls in the event of an Outbreak

Review existing risk assessment controls for effectiveness (E.g. hand hygiene, cleaning regimes and ventilation) ensure these are robust, reinforced to staff and students and enhanced if / where required.

#### Additional control measures

In the event of an outbreak the school's COVID-19 risk assessment will be reviewed and updated. There may be a need to introduce additional measures to mitigate the risk of transmission. ***Any restrictions on attendance would only be considered in extreme circumstances and as a last resort.***

Additional Outbreak controls	Action by who?	Action by when?	Done
<p><b>Face Coverings</b></p> <p>Temporary re-introduction of face coverings for the whole school.</p> <p>Those wearing face coverings should clean hands before and after touching – including to remove or put them on – and store them in individual, sealable plastic bags between use.</p> <p><b>Primary schools</b> re-introduction of face coverings would apply for visitors and staff in communal areas, including staffrooms (where close contact cannot be avoided). Re-introduction of face coverings for parents at drop off and collection.</p>			

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<p><b>Enhanced cleaning</b></p> <p>School's cleaning schedule reviewed and enhanced during the duration of the outbreak.</p>	Paul Ryan		
<p>Resources that are shared between different groups/classes such as sports, art, and science equipment, should be cleaned frequently and between use by different classes.</p>	All staff		
<p><b>Limiting activities</b></p> <p>Planned events / activities (e.g. open days, transition, or taster days) reviewed and specific risk assessments conducted to determine if these can proceed in line with an agreed system of additional controls ( limitation on numbers attending, wearing of face coverings, one way systems, enhanced cleaning regime etc.) or should be postponed. Consider a move to remote delivery.</p> <p>Assemblies postponed during the outbreak and switched to remote.</p> <p>All planned offsite visits reviewed and are to include COVID-19 controls, residential visits in-particular may need to be postponed.</p> <p><b>Sports fixtures with other schools</b> will be reviewed and potentially postponed.</p>	Carmela Puccio		
<p><b>Reduction in interaction / close contact situations</b></p> <p>Re-introduction of space at the front of the class to enable staff to maintain distance from students.</p> <p>Layouts and capacities for shared spaces such as office, staff room etc. will be reviewed to limit numbers.</p> <p>Face to face meetings to be restricted to those which are essential, all such meetings held in larger spaces with good ventilation.</p> <p>Staff briefings to be undertaken online to reduce contact between staff.</p>	All staff		
<p><b>Visitors / parental attendance</b></p> <p>Access to school will be limited, parents/ carers and visitors to attend by appointment only. Wherever possible will take place via telephone or other virtual methods.</p> <p>Any additional controls required of visitors in response to an outbreak will be communicated to them.</p>	Carmela Puccio		

Additional Outbreak controls	Action by who?	Action by when?	Done
<p><b>Hire / lettings</b></p> <p>In the event of an outbreak these will be reviewed and potentially postponed.</p> <p>Times of hire should ensure any unnecessary mixing with members of the school community is minimised and access is arranged to avoid such contact.</p> <p>Areas used by hirers to be subject to cleaning before / after use.</p> <p>School equipment should ideally not be used by hirers, if it is it must be thoroughly cleaned after use -or left in 'quarantine' for 72 hours before being used by the school / other users.</p>	Carmela Puccio		
<p><b>Re-introduction of year group bubbles.</b> Year groups to remain clear and consistent and separated from other groups.</p> <p>Limiting interaction between groups by:  Staggering breaks and lunch;  Lunch to take place in classrooms;  Minimise rooms / spaces being shared across groups;  No groups are coming together for assemblies, events / school fairs, school trips etc.</p> <p>The reintroduction of bubbles for a temporary period, may be required to reduce mixing between groups. In line with the DfE guidance any decision to recommend the reintroduction of 'bubbles' would not be taken lightly and would need to take account of the detrimental impact they can have on the delivery of education.</p> <p>Should a move to bubbles be made then enhanced cleaning and/or quarantining of shared equipment would be required alongside the introduction of bubbles.</p>	Carmela Puccio  All staff		
<p><b>Testing</b></p> <p><b>Home testing</b> Continue to provide LFD testing kits to staff and encourage 2x week testing. Increased use of home testing for staff may be required and will be encouraged.</p>	Staff		

**Restrictions on attendance**

Restrictions on attendance would only be considered in extreme circumstances and as a last resort.

Additional measures would be implemented based on advice from the Local Authority, Director of Public Health (DsPH), Public Health England or Central Government.

If advised to limit attendance due to COVID cases the school's remote learning plans will be reintroduced.

### **Self-isolation**

NHS test and Trace will not advise adults who have been double vaccinated or children under 18 identified as close contacts to self-isolate from the 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021. However the LA may identify close contacts and advise they do not attend the setting in an outbreak situation.

### **Prioritising certain year groups**

DfE has stated in their contingency framework that Early years and primary settings should be prioritised to continue to operate as normal. The DfE may advise that other groups should be prioritised.

### **Primary Schools**

If some attendance restrictions are needed, all vulnerable children, children of critical workers, children in reception, year 1 and year 2 should still be allowed to attend. If, by exception, attendance is restricted further, vulnerable children and children of critical workers should still be allowed to attend.

### **Limits on Attendance**

If attendance needs to be restricted further then in all circumstances, priority should continue to be given to vulnerable children and young people and children of critical workers to attend to their normal timetables.

If attendance restrictions are required across an area the Government will publish detailed operational guidance for schools.

Should restrictions on site be needed the school will determine the workforce required on site and if it is appropriate for some staff to work remotely.

### **School meals**

The school will continue to provide meal options for all pupils in school.

Free school meals support in the form of meals or lunch parcels for those eligible for free school meals and not attending school.