Covid Outbreak Management Plan

Implementation date: September 2021

1. Introduction

This plan is based on the [contingency framework for managing local outbreaks](#) of COVID-19 and the [schools 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
- As part of a package of measures responding to a 'variant of concern' (VoC)

2. Shielding

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

3. Other measures

If recommended, we will limit:

- Parents coming into school
- Transition days / new starter groups
- Educational visits / visitors
- Open days

If recommended, we will reintroduce:

- Bubbles, to reduce mixing between groups
- Face coverings in communal areas and classrooms for staff and visitors (unless exempt)
- Staggered drop off and pick up times including Sunshine Club before and after school provision
- A one-way system in and out of the grounds of the building
- Parents / carers dropping off outside the building rather than entering through Reception
- A reversion back to our risk assessment and system of controls that was last reviewed April 2021 before Moving to Step 4 of the roadmap that was implemented from 19th July 2021

4. Attendance restrictions

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

4.1 Eligibility to remain in school

In the first instance, we will stay open for:

- Vulnerable pupils
- Children of critical workers

4.2 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, as outlined in our Teaching and Learning Policy that includes our arrangements for remote learning.

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

4.3 Wraparound care

It may be necessary to restrict attendance to ensure that sufficient provision is available to those who need it most. Staff availability permitting, if the wraparound care is to continue we will, in the first instance, stay open for:

- Vulnerable pupils
- Children of critical workers
- For all other children, parents and carers should only be allowed to access this service for a set of essential purposes (to go to work / attend a medical appointment / undertake training or education)

4.4 Safeguarding

We will review our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy to make sure it reflects the local restrictions and remains effective to ensure that all children are kept safe. We will aim to have a trained DSL or deputy DSL on site wherever possible. If someone is unavailable to be on site, they will be able to contactable by mobile phone.